

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, May 18, 2020****6:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time via a virtual meeting, by means of zoom, due to COVID-19, for the purpose of conducting the regularly scheduled meeting on May 18, 2020, it being the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Trent Burroughs
 Ricky Bullard
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
 Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:**MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the May 18, 2020 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian.

Agenda Item #4: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie delivered the following Monthly Administrative Update.

During the month of April, we have been participating in daily Covid-19 planning calls. We have also been in contact with the health department to get direction on employee safety measures.

In an effort to comply with the Governors Executive Order and to protect the citizens and agency employees, DSS began a staggered work schedule to reduce the number of employees in our building at one time. The front foyer area is open for citizens to pick up applications for our various programs. We continue to encourage individuals to apply on-line. We have seen a massive increase in the number of Food & Nutrition Applications during the month of April. In fact, we have received 566 applications compared to 144 in March. Therefore, staff have been pulled from Medicaid and Work First to assist with phone interviews in an effort to get them processed as timely as possible. Employees are staying after hours to try and get the work done.

Our Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services Workers are only making required initial face-to-face contacts by the state. All other visits are conducted by phone, facetime, of skype.

The Department of Health and Human Services, (DHHS) has held several webinars and statewide calls this past month to provide directors and staff information on program changes due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Some of the changes are listed below;

-Recertification for Medicaid and Food & Nutrition benefits have been extended for 6 months to 12 months.

-Food & Nutrition recipients were approved to receive additional benefits if they are not currently receiving the maximum allotment for their household size. The benefits will automatically be loaded on their EBT cards.

-DHHS received approval from USDA to provide a Pandemic EBT Card to families not currently receiving Food & Nutrition in NC, whose children receive or are eligible to receive free or reduced lunch. Families who are currently receiving Food & Nutrition Benefits will also receive additional Pandemic Benefits for each child in their household under 18 years old. The amount received will be based on the number of children and the cards mailed out by the state card vendor.

We received some mask, gloves, wipes, gowns, and hand sanitizer from our local Emergency

Management, and Maintenance Department. DHHS also sent us one gallon of liquid hand sanitizer, these PPE's are being used as needed to keep staff as safe as possible, as they continue to serve the citizens of our county.

Lastly, I have been fortunate to be employed with the Columbus County Department of Social Services for 29 years as of April 1, 2020.

**April 2020
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 10 County Wards: 24 Number of Payee Cases: 14 Adults Served APS: 3 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,945 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$33,733.80
Children's Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 18 Reports Screened out: 11 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 67 Children Served: 126 Contacts with Families Monthly: 456 Assessments: 14
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 67 Children Placed Outside County: 15 Agency Adoptions: 0 Pending Adoptions: 2 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 6 Total Children in Foster Care: 69
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 11 Applications Approved: 7 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 223 Entered Employments: 0 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 0
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$9,584.00 New Referrals: 6 Cases Established: 5
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 437 Children on the Waiting List: 345 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$198,615.83

**April 2020
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 566 Applications Approved: 303 Active Cases: 5,528 Benefits Issued: \$2,567,233.00 Participants Served: 11,359
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 78 Cases Terminated: 13 Redeterminations: 56 Applications Processed: 139
Family & Children's Medicaid	Applications Taken: 149 Applications Processed: 124 Redeterminations: 216 Total Medicaid Cases: 13,630 Total Individuals Receiving: 20,344

Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 68 Orders Enforced: 932 Active Cases: 3,760 Collections: \$428,398.50
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Economic Services Program Narrative

Child Support/Paralegal and Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Maintenance and Housekeeping

Food and Nutrition and Family and Children's Medicaid

Adult Medicaid//Rest Home and Nursing Home/Community Alternatives Program (CAP)

Submitted by Cyndi Hammonds, Income Maintenance Administrator

Reporting Month: **April 2020**

News/Updates/Vacancies

Adult and Family & Children's Medicaid:

The State has extended certification periods that are due for May again during this pandemic emergency time. The only cases the review workers are having to work are the Family Planning Program cases that could have a change and be eligible for full Medicaid. During this time, the Stimulus payments and the Pandemic unemployment benefits are excluded from the client's income and reserves for Medicaid. Medicaid workers are helping key applications in NCFAST and call for questions with the overflow of applications from the Food and Nutrition Team. The majority of Food and Nutrition applications we are receiving are coming through the mail or the drop box outside of DSS and these must be keyed into NCFAST within 3 days. The State also sent out letters to all clients providing information about getting care during the COVID-19 emergency and to let them know their Medicaid will continue during this time and that 90-day supplies are available for most prescriptions. The letter also encouraged clients to use telehealth as a way to receive services and the letter gave them a Triage Plus Helpline and the Medicaid Contact Center line for them to call with questions.

Food and Nutrition:

This Team has been "swamped" with applications. We received 566 applications for the month of April and the average number of applications in a month's time for 2019 was 167. With other Teams helping and with some of the waivers received from the State during the pandemic, we have managed to keep these applications reasonably timely. North Carolina also received approval for the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program to help more families purchase food during the COVID-19 pandemic. This program provides a benefit on an EBT card to families whose children have access to free and reduced lunches at school not only to those families receiving Food and Nutrition benefits but also to those that do not receive benefits. Columbus County has 8,391 children that will receive these benefits. Stimulus payments are not counted as income for FNS but will be looked at as a resource 12 months following receipt of the payment. The Pandemic Unemployment assistance is countable income to FNS households.

Child Support and Paralegal:

Child Support is still not having any court days due to COVID-19. Workers are having to work reports that show when a client has been laid off/lost their job and receive unemployment benefits. They get a report of cases that have wage withholding and the absent parent is no longer working. These cases are recoded once that a/p files for unemployment so the case will then start collecting the Child Support from their unemployment benefits which will only be 25% of their check. Income tax refunds and Stimulus Payments are being intercepted for child support cases that are delinquent. In order to be intercepted the absent parent must be at least \$500.00 delinquent in all their child support cases. If an absent parent is married again and filed jointly the whole stimulus check could be intercepted however, the spouse that is not responsible can file an "injured spouse form" with the IRS in order to get their money released. The custodial parent will not receive that intercepted stimulus check until approximately 6 months later due to allowing for any appeals or filing of injured spouse forms.

Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Interpreter/Maintenance and Housekeeping/Deputy:

- Work First Cash has not had an increase in applications yet. Current Work First participants will automatically get benefits during the crisis beginning March 2020. Cases are not being terminated for several mandated requirements during the COVID-19 emergency even if their time limit to receive these benefits are up. Stimulus payments are not countable income in Work First but will be counted as a resource 12 months following receipt of the payment. Pandemic unemployment is not counted as income however their regular unemployment will be countable income.
- Our Interpreter has been helping with the Energy Program and with the Food and Nutrition applications while not interpreting.
- Our Deputy remains in the lobby where all applications for programs are on a table for clients to enter in the foyer and pick up.

- Housekeeping and Maintenance are on a staggered schedule to keep the building clean.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT
Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager
Vacancies/Updates/News for April 2020

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit now has one vacancy due to a social worker leaving at the end of April. Although COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies, child welfare services are mandated services and continue to be delivered while maintaining the safety for the children, families, resource parents, and staff. Regular updates are being provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Staff are having to continue to make home visits and contacts with families and children while at the same time utilizing safety precautions at all times. Referrals have greatly decreased as it appears they have across the state. Hopefully this is a positive thing and not due to any other consequences.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit continues to have one vacancy. This position will have to be re-advertised when hiring is allowed. Although COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies, child welfare services are mandated services and continue to be delivered while maintaining the safety for the children, families, resource parents, and staff. Regular updates are being provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Staff are having to continue to make home visits and contacts with families and children while at the same time utilizing safety precautions at all times.

Foster Care:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues to be fully staffed. Although COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies, child welfare services are mandated services and continue to be delivered while maintaining the safety for the children, families, resource parents, and staff. Regular updates are being provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Staff are having to continue to make home visits and contacts with families and children while at the same time utilizing safety precautions at all times. However, the state has made some allowances regarding utilizing Facetime, video chats, etc. with those cases that are stable and with parent visitation.

Transitional Unit:

The Transitional unit continues to be fully staffed. Staff are working caseloads while completing as much mandatory first year training as they can with what has been made available on-line by the state. Although COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies, child welfare services are mandated services and continue to be delivered while maintaining the safety for the children, families, resource parents, and staff. Regular updates are being provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Staff are having to continue to make home visits and contacts with families and children while at the same time utilizing safety precautions at all times.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to be short-staffed due a social worker being on medical leave. The time of this worker's return is unsure at this time. Although COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies, adult services, particularly adult protective services, are mandated and continue to be delivered while maintaining the safety of the elderly and disabled, along with their families and staff. Regular updates are being provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. Staff are having to continue to make home visits and contacts with clients and their families, but are utilizing safety precautions at all times.

Work First Employment:

This Unit now continues to be fully staffed. COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies. The state has updated the TANF State Plan to allow telephone interviews for Work First applications, recertification's, short-term services and benefits. Certain necessary application documentation can be mailed to individuals that wish to apply and when received back the worker can conduct telephone interviews to complete that application. Some application information is also being provided for pick-up in the foyer area of the agency.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. COVID-19 has made a huge impact on public agencies. Day Care services are continuing to be provided and the state is working with county agencies and day cares to help them stay open as much as possible while providing a safe environment for children. DSS staff continue to work with families to ensure their services stay in place while limiting contact to the telephone as much as possible.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity continues to work hard to get caught up with program integrity duties and cases. COVID-19 has affected this unit by limiting office visits and encouraging telephone contact. Repayment agreements are being relaxed to help clients during this time.

Although electric companies have relaxed disconnections and the Governor has now ordered that public utilities not be disconnected, we continue to assist families, when they are eligible, with their cooling needs when they have received a late notice. This will help prevent many families from getting into a situation that is worse over time as charges accumulate. We are providing applications and information for pick-up in the foyer area of the agency and conducting telephone interviews to help determine eligibility.

The state has recently notified counties that there may be some additional funding for Low Income Energy Assistance Program clients due to money still being available in some counties. The state is looking at how this will be distributed and processed.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to accept the Social Services Monthly Administrative Update, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

Agenda Item #5: HUMAN RESOURCES - AMEND POLICY #710, TRAVEL and TRAINING:

Virginia Taylor, Human Resources Director, requested Board approval to amend Policy #710, to include County Manager have the authority to change any parts of this policy when deemed necessary, of the Columbus County Personnel Manual. The existing SCOPE reads as follows:

SCOPE: This policy includes procedures for determining the circumstances under which employees may incur travel and training expenses, the type and class or transportation to be used, travel rules to follow and procedures for obtaining advances and reimbursements.

**Amendment
Policy #710 Travel and Training**

SCOPE: This policy includes procedures for determining the circumstances under which employees **and Commissioners** may incur travel and training expenses, the type and class or transportation to be used, travel rules to follow and procedures for obtaining advances and reimbursements. **The County Manager have the authority to change any parts of this policy when deemed necessary.**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Amendment to Policy #710 Travel and Training, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

Agenda Item #6: ADMINISTRATION - GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE - HMGP FLORENCE 4393 EXPEDITED ACQUISITIONS:

Mike Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Grant Project Ordinance, Columbus County HMGP Hurricane Florence Expedited 4393 Acquisition Program.

**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
COLUMBUS COUNTY HMGP HURRICANE FLORENCE EXPEDITED 4393
ACQUISITION PROGRAM**

Be it ordained by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Section 13.2 OF Chapter 159, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Columbus County Hurricane Florence Expedited Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP Florence 4393 Expedited Acquisitions).

Section 2. The project manager is hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the funding agencies and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

ACCOUNT NUMBERS	TITLE	AMOUNT
16-3316-430068	HMGP Grant Funds	\$1,172,808
16-3316-430069	FEMA PA	\$211,688
TOTAL REVENUES:		\$1,384,496

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

ACCOUNT NUMBERS	TITLE	AMOUNT
16-4152-598026	Adjusted Property Values	\$1,052,760
16-4152-519903	Appraisals	\$12,000
16-4152-519010	Third Appraisals	\$12,000
16-4152-440195	Legal/Closing Costs	\$18,000
16-4152-440198	Recording Fees	\$600
16-4152-512711	Title Work	\$7,200
16-4152-512902	Pre-Mitigation Surveys	\$14,400
16-4152-529907	Project Management	\$55,848
16-4152-519066	Demolition	\$211,688
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		\$1,384,496

Section 5. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be made available to the project manager, budget officer and the finance officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 /s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

Attested By:
 /s/ **JUNE B. HALL**
Clerk to the Board

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Grant Project Ordinance, Columbus County HMGP Hurricane Florence Expedited 4393 Acquisition Program, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

Agenda Item #7: PARKS and RECREATION - UPDATED and CONDENSED FACILITY RENTAL AGREEMENTS and REQUIREMENTS:

Julie M. Strickland, Parks and Recreation Director, requested Board approval of the updated and condensed Facility Rental Agreements and Requirements of the Columbus County Parks and Recreation Information Packet.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the updated and condensed Facility Rental Agreements and Requirements for the Columbus County Parks and Recreation, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor. A copy of this information will be recorded in the Clerk to the Board's Office, in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, and in the Parks and Recreation Office, for review.

Agenda Item #8: BUDGET - PROPOSED COLUMBUS COUNTY FY 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET:

Mike Stephens, County Manager, requested the establishment of a Public Hearing date for June 01, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., for the Proposed Columbus County FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to establish June 01, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Columbus County FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

Agenda Item #9: PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL EMS WEEK:

Mike Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following 46th Annual National EMS Week Proclamation, May 17-23, 2020.

**46TH ANNUAL NATIONAL EMS WEEK
PROCLAMATION
MAY 17-23, 2020**

WHEREAS, in 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized **EMS Week** to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation’s communities; **and**

WHEREAS, EMS practitioners work to ensure safe practices are performed in safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of their communities; **and**

WHEREAS, **EMS Week** brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine’s “front line”; **and**

WHEREAS, **EMS Week** is the perfect time to recognize EMS and all that its practitioners do for our county, state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do proclaim May 17-23, 2020 as **NATIONAL EMS WEEK** and encourage all of our citizens to recognize EMS and all that its practitioners do for our county and our citizens.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 18th day of May, 2020.

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**, Chairman
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**
/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**
/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN**, Vice Chairman
/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**
/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS**, County Manager

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**, Clerk to the Board
/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the 46th Annual National EMS Week Proclamation, May 17-23, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

Agenda Item #10: PUBLIC INPUT (by telephone, e-mail or letter):

Chairman Russ opened the floor for Public Input by telephone, e-mail or letter. No Public Input was received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #11: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-5302-519945	LIEAP Expenditures	11,651.28
Revenues	10-3530-432515	LIEAP Expenditures	11,651.28
Expenditures	10-9950-512600	Salaries and Wages - Part Time	(55,000)

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
	10-9950-519001	Contracted Services	\$50,000
Revenues	10-3580-489001	CAP Case Management	(\$105,000)

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Proeprty Value</i>		Amount:	\$47.26
Nobles, Gary Belton	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$53.13
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 12-00751	Bill#: 99999
Release value. Sold vehicles 2 years ago. Release Evergreen Fire(4.69) release Columbus Rescue(1.18)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$697.36
Brown, Jennie	PROPERTY: 23657	Total:	\$977.88
Value: \$31,700.00	Year: 10-18	Account: 13-04480	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. Home burned several years ago. Sold at tax sale for legal fees. Release Columbus Rescue(16.52)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$598.92
Burney, G O & Grace	PROPERTY: 26309	Total:	\$617.52
Value: \$18,600.00	Year: 16-19	Account: 14-02660	Bill#: 99999
Release portion of value in deferred that was double billed. Release Welches Creek(14.88) release Whiteville Rescue(3.72)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$37,630.72
Carolina Telephone	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$37,962.27
Value: \$133,549.00	Year: 2019	Account: 90-00300	Bill#: 49266
Release total value. Dbilled. Release Brunswick Fire(198.00) release Cerro Gordo Fire(133.55)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$924.16
Carter, Oscar C ETAL	PROPERTY: 23803	Total:	\$1,211.00
Value: \$9,400.00	Year: 10-19	Account: 13-07465	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. Home unliveable. Sold at tax sale for legal fees. Release Columbus Rescue(22.84)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$487.51
Cartrette, Kevin	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$2,710.32
Value: \$7,760.00	Year: 10-19	Account: 09-02231	Bill#: 99999
Release 10 years billed in error. Rebilled to Act#09-02408.			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$44.52
Faulk, William Christopher	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$50.07
Value: \$2,305.00	Year: 17-19	Account: 07-00755	Bill#: 99999
Release value for 3 years. Doesn't have a motor. Release Nakina Fire(4.44) release Columbus Rescue(1.11)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,704.99
Fields, Keith	PROPERTY: 100181	Total:	\$2,321.04
Value: \$70,600.00	Year: 17-19	Account: 12-00727	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. Overbilled and dboule listed Act#12-02146 Prop#96455 Release Evergreen Fire(169.45) release Columbus Rescue(43.60)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$271.69
Hinson, James Frederick	PROPERTY: 4020	Total:	\$278.44
Value: \$69,600.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-04555	Bill#: 5532
Release value. Should have been in the exemption program for 2019. Release Whiteville Rescue(6.75)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$663.32
Long, Ernest Ray & Phyllis	PROPERTY: 9931	Total:	\$683.92
Value: \$20,600.00	Year: 16-19	Account: 05-04047	Bill#: 99999
Release total deffered. Attorney Walter Palmer did not complete affidavit to continue in land use. Release Welches Creek(16.48) release Columbus Rescue(4.12)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$328.44
Long, Ernest Ray & Phyllis	PROPERTY: 9937	Total:	\$338.64
Value: \$10,200.00	Year: 16-19	Account: 05-04047	Bill#: 99999
Release total deffered. Attorney Walter Palmer did not complete affidavit to continue in land use. Release Welches Creek(8.16) release Columbus Rescue(2.04)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$996.59
Reeves, Christopher Lee	PROPERTY: 83077	Total:	\$1,373.01

Value: \$123,800.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 15-01822	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value due to overpayment of D/W. Release Acme Delco(148.56) release Columbus Rescue(27.86)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$446.61
Singletary, Maudie L ETAL		PROPERTY: 24728	Total: \$812.45
Value: \$26,400.00	Year: 16-18	Account: 13-22760	Bill#: 99999
Release value. Sold at tax sale for legal fees. Release Columbus Rescue(15.84)			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$283.47
Whiteville Eye Associates PA		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$477.14
Value: \$35,214.00	Year: 2019	Account: 02-00720	Bill#: 33674
Refund portion of value. Amended Listing for 2019. Refund Whiteville Rescue(7.04)refund Whiteville City(186.63)			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bellamy, Geneva(Heirs)		PROPERTY: 23510	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 13-01800	Bill#: 86470
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Blackwell, Janice Louise		PROPERTY: 29861	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 16-00840	Bill#: 87351
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Brown, Adrianna		PROPERTY: 75935	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 15-01011	Bill#: 88655
Release user fee. Home burned 2016.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Brown, Lucille		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 12-03790	Bill#: 89025
Release user fee. Unliveable			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Campbell, Nathaniel & Melissa B		PROPERTY: 87740	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 05-00716	Bill#: 90825
Release user fees. Home burned 2018.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Clewis, Gary Lewis & Lavonda		PROPERTY: 8012	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 03-03200	Bill#: 92371
Release user fee. Vacant land			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Daniels, Betty(Heirs)		PROPERTY: 15667	Total: \$403.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 17/19	Account: 09-06537	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. House abandoned and condemned.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Davis, Charles Wayne II		PROPERTY: 5268	Total: \$800.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 01-08103	Bill#: 94521
Release user fee. 4 homes unliveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Davis, Jarry B Sr & Sandy		PROPERTY: 77140	Total: \$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 10-02229	Bill#: 94605
Release user fee. Unliveable			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Floyd, William Page		PROPERTY: 17658	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 10-05658	Bill#: 98317
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Fowler, Charlie Philip & Dorothy		PROPERTY: 80223	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 15-14360	Bill#: 98644
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Fowler, David Jeremy		PROPERTY: 77067	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 06-10867	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Vacant			

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<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:\$0.00	Frink, Jennie
PROPERTY:		96881	Total:	\$200.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	03-03665	Bill#:	99447
Release user fee. Vacant					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
General Labor Services, LLC		PROPERTY: 87402	Total:	\$200.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	03-01343	Bill#:	38
Release user fee. Vacant land					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Grady, Marcella S		PROPERTY: 85881	Total:	\$200.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	09-03717	Bill#:	1649
Release user fee.					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Graham, Cathy H		PROPERTY: 5114	Total:	\$400.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	01-02665	Bill#:	1713
Release user fee. Dbilled					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Graham, Mabelene		PROPERTY: 63147	Total:	\$200.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	06-15825	Bill#:	1949
Release user fee. Vacant					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
HI TANE Oil Company		PROPERTY: 97446	Total:	\$811.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 16-19	Account:	15-05337	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. No power and bldg leaking.					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Huggins, Ricky Wayne & Jennifer		PROPERTY: 81783	Total:	\$400.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	01-44641	Bill#:	6453
Release user fee. Vacant					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
James, Josephine		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$400.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account:	06-00561	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Dbilled act#06-01327					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Johnson, Seth		PROPERTY: 81734	Total:	\$13.22	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	03-05367	Bill#:	8299
Release discount didn't register.					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Lewis, James Martin		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$600.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	15-23960	Bill#:	10902
Release user fee. Vacant					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Limber Dean W & Patricia		PROPERTY: 17501	Total:	\$113.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	10-01342	Bill#:	11059
Release user fee. Unliveable					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Little Earl Douglas & cynthia		PROPERTY: 26760	Total:	\$200.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	14-09360	Bill#:	11109
Release user fee. Vacant					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
MCDuffie, Gloria Ann		PROPERTY: 23462	Total:	\$392.53	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account:	13-25577	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees.					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
McPherson, Willie Paul		PROPERTY: 87540	Total:	\$200.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	02-00619	Bill#:	14557
Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.					
<i>User Fee</i>				Amount:	\$0.00
Moore, John Mark		PROPERTY: 63166	Total:	\$200.00	
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account:	12-19175	Bill#:	15896

Release user fee. Dbilled.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Mt Pleasant AME Zion Church	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 15-50250		Bill#:	16227

Release user fee. Dbilled

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Nealey, Christie B	PROPERTY: 14683		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 08-00234		Bill#:	16782

Release user fee. Vacant land

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Norris, Charles T	PROPERTY: 90898		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 09-22520		Bill#:	17406

Release user fee. Vacant

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Norton, Roy D	PROPERTY: 25234		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 13-31440		Bill#:	17712

Release user fee. Unliveable

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Powell, Robert Lee Jr	PROPERTY: 81376		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 15-30620		Bill#:	19868

Release user fee.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Powers, Geraldine & Delores	PROPERTY: 20739		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 12-22398		Bill#:	19945

Release user fee. Billed to singlewide.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Pridgen, Paul H	PROPERTY: 18123		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 10-13884		Bill#:	20326

Release user fee. Dbilled

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Thompson, Sabrina & Shironda	PROPERTY: 759		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 01-01697		Bill#:	29727

Release user fee. Vacant

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Todd, Larry Dean	PROPERTY: 23111		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 12-00413		Bill#:	30009

Release user fee. Billed to Singlewide.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Wallace, Sabrina Ellen	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 13-04310		Bill#:	31471

Release user fee. Vacant

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Watts, Jessie Daniel	PROPERTY: 00000		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 04-05833		Bill#:	32824

Release user fee. Vacant

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Wilson, Rodney Eugene Sr	PROPERTY: 20477		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 11-00417		Bill#:	34999

Release user fee. No power.

Agenda Item #12: COMMENTS:

Chairman Russ opened the floor for comments. The following spoke.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - I would like to remind everyone about the water signups for the extensions we are trying to do;
 - I encourage everyone to be safe this holiday weekend; **and**

-A lot of folks are testing positive for the corona virus.

2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - I wish everyone a very safe and good Memorial Day; **and**
 - We had a very bad wreck on Macedonia Road and Highway 76 with one (1) death.
 3. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - I wish everyone a very safe Memorial Day weekend;
 - Remember our fallen heroes; **and**
 - Please have good practices for your health and others.
 4. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - I concur with what has been stated by the Board members;
 - From the scenes I witnessed this past weekend, there are many people who are not practicing social distancing; **and**
 - We had some meetings scheduled in Water District IV, but since this virus started, we had to cancel these meetings, but will schedule them for other times when it is safe.
 5. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - No NCACC Conference in August, 2020, it has been cancelled;
 - I am proud of Columbus County because there are high numbers of cases in Robeson County, Sampson County and Dublin County have more cases than we do; **and**
 - The Governor has lifted the right to enter church, but if we do, we need to do it cautiously.
 6. **Vice Chairman McMillian:** stated the following:
 - I want to thank our Heavenly Father for our many blessings;
 - Practice your social distancing; **and**
 - I would like to say thank you to all of our First Responders and let you know that we appreciate all that you do.
 7. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
 - The Annual NCACC Conference has been cancelled this year;
 - I would like to say thank you to East Columbus High School for having their graduation this past weekend at Lake Waccamaw;
 - I would like to thank all the law enforcement for their help with the graduation; **and**
 - Please bring your personal calendars with you at the next meeting to schedule the budget workshops.
- C. **County Manager (Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:
1. With the CARES Act, the Federal Government has sent out money to all of the states, and the states are to share this money with the counties;
 2. The counties are to share their money with the municipalities;
 3. The amount of money we have received is \$1,153,133;
 4. Bobbie has been working hard figuring out what each municipality will receive, and this money is based on population and census count;
 5. The plan of the expenditures has to be sent back to the State by June 01, 2020;
 6. These funds have to be spent by the end of December, 2020; **and**
 7. I will need approval from the Board.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve Michael H. Stephens, County Manager, to dispense the \$1,153,133 funds received from the Federal Government as part of the CARES Act to the municipalities, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

Agenda Item #13: ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:57 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. A roll-call vote was taken with a seven (7) to zero (0) vote in favor.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman