

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, December 07, 2020****6:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting the regularly scheduled meeting, it being the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman / Interim County Manager**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
 Chris Smith
 Giles E. Byrd
 Lavern Coleman
 Brent Watts
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

OATHS of OFFICE:

The following Oaths of Office were delivered to the following three (3) newly elected County Commissioners, and one (1) re-elected County Commissioner, at 5:00 P.M., on the doorsteps of the Historical Columbus County Courthouse, previous to the meeting..

December 07, 2020

**NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

OATH OF OFFICE

“I, CHRIS SMITH, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.”

“I, CHRIS SMITH, do swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law, so help me God.”

**/s/ CHRIS SMITH, District II
 COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Sworn to before me this 7th day of December, 2020.

**/s/ BRENDEN H. JONES
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE
 NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

ATTESTED BY:

**/s/ JUNE B. HALL
 Clerk to the Board**

December 07, 2020

**NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

OATH OF OFFICE

“I, LAVERN COLEMAN, do solemnly and sincerely affirm that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.”

“I, LAVERN COLEMAN, do affirm that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law, so help me God.”

/s/ LAVERN COLEMAN, District IV
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Affirmed before me this 7th day of December, 2020.

/s/ BRENDEN H. JONES
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL
Clerk to the Board

December 07, 2020

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

OATH OF OFFICE

“I, BRENT WATTS, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.”

“I, BRENT WATTS, do swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law, so help me God.”

/s/ BRENT WATTS, District V
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to before me this 7th day of December, 2020.

/s/ BRENDEN H. JONES
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL
Clerk to the Board

December 07, 2020

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

OATH OF OFFICE

“I, GILES E. BYRD, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.”

“I, GILES E. BYRD, do swear that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law, so help me God.”

/s/ GILES E. BYRD, District III
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to before me this 7th day of December, 2020.

/s/ W. FRED GORE
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL
Clerk to the Board

Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian called the December 07, 2020 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: RE-ORGANIZATION of BOARD - ELECTION of CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN for 2021:

Amanda B. Prince, Columbus County Attorney, will preside as Acting Chairman for the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Prince stated the following:

1. At this time, we will proceed with the election of officers for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a term of one (1) year;
2. We will proceed with the election of the officers pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-39 and also the Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, as adopted on February 04, 2008;
3. Rule Number 6 states in part, of which I will read, "...the present Chairman shall relinquish the chairmanship of the meeting to the County Attorney who shall preside over the Board only for the election of officers. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve for a one (1) year term. The Board shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among its members, who, at the conclusion of the election of officers, shall then immediately assume those positions for the ensuing year. The Board shall take nominations and vote for or against persons nominated for Chairman and Vice-Chairman separately and for each individual office.";
4. In order to do that, if we have more than one (1) person nominated for either of the offices, then the election will take the manner of going in reverse order, until we get a majority vote; **and**
5. At this time, I will open the floor for the nomination for the position of Chairman.

Nominations for Chairman:

Commissioner Lavern Coleman nominated Commissioner Ricky Bullard as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Chris Smith. No other nominations were stated.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED:

Ms. Prince stated the nominations are now closed for Chairman. Those in favor for Commissioner Ricky Bullard to serve as Chairman, vote aye, and those opposed vote nay. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Ricky Bullard will serve as Chairman for the ensuing year. I will now open the floor for the nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Commissioner McDowell nominated Vice Chairman McMillian to remain as Vice Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Brent Watts. No other nominations were stated.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED:

Ms. Prince stated the nominations are now closed for Vice Chairman. Those in favor for Vice Chairman McMillian to remain as Vice Chairman, vote aye and those opposed vote nay. The motion unanimously passed.

Vice Chairman McMillian will remain as Vice Chairman for the ensuing one (1) year.

NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN:

Ms Prince stated that Commissioner Ricky Bullard will serve in the position of Chairman to the Board for the ensuing one (1) year term. Vice Chairman McMillian will remain as Vice Chairman for the ensuing one (1) year term. Congratulations to both gentlemen, and I will now turn the meeting over to Chairman Ricky Bullard.

NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN PRESIDES

Agenda Item #3: SURETY BONDS:

Examination and Approval:

NAME	TITLE	BOND \$	EXPIR DATE
Bobbie Faircloth	Finance Officer (Columbus County)	\$50,000	Indefinite
Bobbie Faircloth	Travel and Tourism Board	\$50,000	Indefinite
Steadman Jody Greene	Sheriff	\$25,000	11/14/2021
Needom G. Hughes, IV	Tax Administrator	\$25,000	11/25/2021
Douglas E. Ward	Deputy Tax Administrator	\$25,000	Indefinite
Rachel H. Tyson	Public Housing Director	\$25,000	10/22/2021
Kandance Bullock	Columbus County Registrar	\$10,000	12/04/2021

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the above listed Surety Bonds, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #1 and #2: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell.

Agenda Item #6: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - PROJECT COMMITMENT LETTER for US EDA GRANT APPLICATION:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of an updated Project Commitment Letter to be included with the grant application to EDA.

December 07, 2020

Ms. Hillary Sherman
NC Economic Development Representative
Economic Development Administration
US Department of Commerce

RE: Match Commitment Letter
EDA Infrastructure Grant
International Logistics Park

Dear Ms. Sherman:

Columbus County is applying for a \$1,800,000 EDA application for water infrastructure to serve the International Logistics Park, and the county is providing a match in the amount of \$1,351,360. The local matching funds are available, committed, and unencumbered, and the project activities in the EDA application would not start until a grant is made, if awarded.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Economic Development Director, Dr. Gary Lanier, at (910) 640-6608.

Sincerely,
/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Project Commitment Letter for US EDA Grant Application, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

PUBLIC INPUT LOCATION on AGENDA:

Chairman Bullard stated the Public Input Agenda Item needed to be relocated on the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to relocate the Public Input Agenda Item to the beginning of the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

AGENDA ADD-ONS (2):

Chairman Bullard stated there were two (2) Agenda Add-ons that needed to be added to the December 07, 2020 Agenda, as follows.

Agenda Add-on #1: FINANCE - COVID-19 CARES ACT FUNDING REQUESTS:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, is requesting Board approval of staff's recommendation for appropriation of these funds.

Agenda Add-on #2: EMERGENCY SERVICES - CONTRACT FOR STORAGE BUILDING - ADDITIONAL ELEVATION-:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, is requesting Board approval of Contract with E-D Caines Construction Company, to build a storage building at Emergency Services for sixty-two thousand, three hundred eighty and 00/100 (\$62,380.00) dollars, or the same building raised an additional sixteen (16") inches, not to exceed five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the two (2) Agenda Add-ons, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian, as Agenda Items #7A and #7B. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7A: Add-on #1: FINANCE - COVID-19 CARES ACT FUNDING REQUESTS:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of staff's recommendation for appropriation of the following CARES Act funds.

**CARES ACT FUNDING
POSSIBLE PURCHASE OPTIONS
Estimated Amount: \$1,159,778.90**

Contracted Services - custodial workers at Courthouse (\$30,000.00)

Departmental Supplies:

Triple AAA Portable Toilets - Hallsboro Court System	(\$640.00)
PPE, ex: hand sanitizers, masks, cleaning supplies, etc.	(\$57,577.90)
Defibtech lifeline CPR devices-9 for Rescue Units	(\$153,240.00)
Additional computer equipment for teleworking	(\$25,000.00)

Allocated to other governments:

Columbus County Schools - First allocation	(\$255,500.00)
Additional needed funds for Whiteville City School System	(\$56,645.00)
Additional funds for County Schools	(\$153,151.00)

Payroll for essential workers (\$165,215.00)

Hallsboro Court Facilities - rent for remaining months of November and December (\$12,810.00)

SCC (\$100,000.00)

Small Business Grants

(\$150,000.00)

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Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the CARES Act Funding, Possible Purchase Options, as presented, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION for SMALL GRANTS COMMITTEE:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion for Commissioner McDowell and Bobbie Faircloth to serve on a Small Grant Committee, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7B: Agenda Add-on #2: EMERGENCY SERVICES - CONTRACT FOR STORAGE BUILDING - ADDITIONAL ELEVATION-:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval of Contract with E-D Caines Construction Company, to build a storage building at Emergency Services for sixty-two thousand, three hundred eighty and 00/100 (\$62,380.00) dollars, or the same building raised an additional sixteen (16") inches, not to exceed five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Construction Agreement with E-D Caines Construction Company, to build a storage building at Emergency Services for sixty-two thousand, three hundred eighty and 00/100 (\$62,380.00) dollars, or the same building raised an additional sixteen (16") inches, not to exceed five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this contract will be on file in the County Attorney's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #8: SHERIFF - CREATION and IMPLEMENTATION of NEW UPDATED POLICES:

The Honorable Sheriff Jody Greene requested Board approval of \$49,961.00 for creation and implementation of new updated polices for both the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center to decrease risk and liability. **(This Agenda item was tabled at the November 16, 2020 Board Meeting.)**

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion to approve forty-nine thousand, nine hundred sixty-one and 00/100 (\$49,961.00) dollars for creation and implementation of new updated polices for both the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center to decrease risk and liability, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION - INCREASE the BEAVER BOUNTY to \$60.00:

Edward E. Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director, requested the Board to allow the increase of the beaver bounty to sixty and 00/100 (\$60.00) dollars. **(This Agenda item was tabled at the November 02 and 16, 2020 Meetings.)**

After discussion was conducted, Commissioner Byrd made a motion to increase the beaver bounty to fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars. The motion dies for a lack of a second.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to increase the beaver bounty to sixty and 00/100 (\$60.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Watts. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Bullard, Vice Chairman McMillian, Commissioners McDowell, Smith, Coleman and Watts; **and**
NAYS: Commissioner Byrd.

The motion passes on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

Agenda Item #10: SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION - WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT COORDINATOR:

Edward E. Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director, requested Board approval of hiring a Watershed Restoration Project Coordinator.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve a Watershed Restoration Project Coordinator, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following November 2020 Administrative Update.

Columbus County DSS continues to participate on Covid-19 Planning Team Calls three times each week. We receive updates on the County's and State's Covid-19 status. We also share and receive information about resources to assist staff and citizens.

We are continuing interviews to fill positions that have become vacant due to staff retiring or accepting other employment.

We are happy to report, we have been able to order some laptops and personal protective equipment with the Covid-19 relief funds from DHHS. These funds are restricted in their use and must be expended by December 31, 2020. We will also be exploring other possible uses with the remaining funds. These funds will assist our Adult Protective Services and Child Protective Services Staff to continue to provide mandated services in a safe and protected manner.

We are now in our Energy Program season. We are receiving applications daily for the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP), which assists eligible individuals with heating costs. Applications are available in our lobby, by phone or can be printed from the State website.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will begin on December 1, 2020 for those households with a person age 60 or older. This is a one-time payment to assist individuals with heating costs. Payments are sent directly to the individuals heating provider. In an effort to keep individuals safe and promote social distancing due to Covid-19, the State will be doing automatic payments to those individuals who received LIEAP last year (2019). Notices have been sent to those individuals explaining the process. Individuals who did not receive in 2019 will be able to complete an application for assistance. Staff have participated in several webinars and training sessions to prepare for this new process. Outreach will be done via flyers, webpage and radio to inform citizens about these programs.

Due to the timing of this report, the various program numbers are not available, however, they will be provided with the next update in January, as usual.

Lastly, we are continuing to provide needed services and benefits to our citizens during this difficult pandemic. Staff have worked hard to get the work done as timely as possible. We continue to provide personal protective equipment and clean common areas throughout the day. Washing hands, wearing masks and social distancing continue to be stressed during work hours.

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: **November 2020**

News/Updates/Vacancies

Food and Nutrition:

We continue to receive a steady amount of applications for this program however workers are meeting monthly compliance timeframes with getting applications processed. Recertifications continue to be automatically extended for those that are on which means caseloads are climbing due to not terminating clients. We continue to have virtual conference calls with our FNS Representative quarterly who goes over COVID policies and any other changes that may be happening. We have one in training and 1 vacancy that has just recently been filled by an inside employee who has not started in the unit yet.

Adult and Family & Children's Medicaid:

Both Medicaid Teams continue to be busy processing and recertifying. Waivers continue to be in

place for no terminations unless for death, voluntary request or moved out of state. Open enrollment has begun for Medicare recipients to change their prescription drug plans and we are seeing an increase in applications. The Medicare for Qualified Beneficiaries Program ends each year so all that are on this program has to be recertified by the end of the year so this doubles the amount of recertifications that have to be completed on the Adult Team. We had our Medicaid quarterly conference call with our Medicaid Representative in November. Our local auditor also reviewed cases during the month of November and we are awaiting the final results. Supervisors continue to carry caseloads on the Adult Team because of the staff shortage on the Long-term Care Team. The Medicaid Teams have 2 new employees and 4 vacancies. We are in the process of interviewing for these positions.

Child Support and Paralegal:

Child Support continues to go smoothly in Hallsboro. They will be preparing 410 cases for the month of November and continue to use phone interviews to establish new cases. Two court days had to be cancelled and rescheduled due to a majority of our Child Support Staff being quarantined from a positive employee in that department.

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

- WorkFirst continues to complete applications and recertification timely.
- The Help Desk ticket with Medicaid Transportation still has not been resolved and vendors that we are contracted with are getting frustrated however our hands are “tied” until it can be resolved at the Help Desk level. It has also been escalated thru our Medicaid Representative so all will know there are issues with the billing/payment process.
- Our Interpreter continues to help with transportation and the Energy Programs when not interpreting.
- Maintenance and Housekeeping continue to clean and sanitize the building throughout the day.

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

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to only have one vacancy and one worker on maternity leave. Applications have been received and interviews are being scheduled. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. Regular updates continue to be provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) is making monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit continues to have two vacancies. Positions have been re-advertised with no applicants thus far. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts, although short-staffed, to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. Regular updates continue to be provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. The amount of cases is, thankfully, leveled off at this time. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) is making monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework.

Foster Care/Permanency Planning:

The Foster Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. DHHS does continue to make some allowances for cases that are stable and with parent visitation by allowing the use of FaceTime, video chats, etc., although more face-to-face visits are now being conducted. Regular updates continue to be provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. This Unit continues to participate in some “virtual court,” but more in-court cases are beginning to be conducted. The foster care caseload continues to increase. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) is making monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework. The RCWC did review cases in early November and, although the final report has not been presented formally, the RCWC indicated a positive review.

Transitional Unit:

The Transitional unit continues to be fully staffed and the Supervisor is now back in the office. Staff are working caseloads while assisting the other Child Welfare Units as needed. This

Unit continues to make mandated contacts to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. Regular updates continue to be provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. The Foster Home Licensing worker continues to begin to move forward slowly with getting more foster homes licensed since COVID-19 has also affected getting all of the required parts of the licensure packet completed. They are conducting one-on-one time for those that might be interested in completing Deciding Together, instead of the MAPP classes. They have sent out packets in an attempt to recruit and train new prospective foster parents. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) is making monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts to provide needed services to the elderly and disabled while utilizing precautions due to COVID-19. Referrals have been down in November. Regular updates continue to be provided from the stated regarding guidance and information as things evolve.

Work First Employment:

This Unit continues to be fully staffed, although the Supervisor position continues to be vacant. Interviews for that position are currently being conducted. COVID-19 continues to make an impact on how this Unit conducts day to day business. Telephone interviews for Work First applications, recertification's, short-term services and benefits continue to be allowed. 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. Workers are encouraged to make telephone contacts with clients at least every two weeks to offer support and resources to clients

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed, although the Supervisor position continues to be vacant. Interviews are currently being conducted. COVID-19 continues to make an impact on how this Unit conducts day to day business. 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 be fully staffed with three workers. COVID-19 continues to limit office visits, encouraging telephone contact. Repayment agreements are being relaxed to help clients during this time.

November began the heating assistance season for the Crisis Intervention Program. Electric companies continue to enforce past due bills and disconnections. BEMC is attempting to work with families with past due amounts and Duke Energy has in place an opportunity for customers to ask for a 6 to 12-month payment plan for their past due bills. Duke Energy customers must make a payment arrangement and then fail to meet that requirement before they are eligible to apply for assistance. After the next disconnect notice is received customers only have a couple of days to prevent their services from being disconnected. Many customers have paid nothing on their bills since the Governor ordered that public utilities not be disconnected in March-April, which means many customers have bills for over \$1000, in fact, bills over \$2000-\$3000 have been seen by energy staff. This is a huge concern that has been voiced to DHHS because with the limits set by DHHS counties will not be able to get applicants out of their crisis and if they can they will not be able to assist in the winter months with heating assistance due to limits being met now. We continue to provide applications and information for pick-up in the foyer area of the agency and conduct telephone interviews to help determine eligibility. We have voiced to DHHS the concern we now have that clients will not have available assistance in the colder months with their heat since many will have exhausted the maximum allowance.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program will begin providing assistance December 1 to those that are 60 and older and those that are disabled receiving services from the Division of Aging and Adult Services. In November, those households that received LIEAP assistance last December and currently receive FNS, received notification that they may be eligible for an automated payment this December to their heating vendor without having to complete a new application. Energy staff have been processing those that had updates that needed to be made before their automated payment could be processed.

Agenda Item #12: FINANCE - RESOLUTION and AGREEMENT for DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS with TRUIST AND FIRST BANK:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, requested Board approval and adoption of the Resolutions and Agreement for Deposit Accounts with Truist and First Bank.

**BB&T (TRUIST)
RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT FOR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

I, the undersigned, am a duly elected/appointed Authorized Officer, Proprietor, Authorized Partner, Authorized Manager, or other authorized Employee of the above-named Entity duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina; and that I am authorized to certify that the following resolutions duly adopted by the Entity, and that such resolutions are in full force and effect and have not been amended or rescinded.

RESOLVED that BB&T is hereby designated as a depository institution in which the funds of this Entity may, subject to the rules of BB&T, be deposited by any of its officers, agents or employees, and that any such officer, agent or employee is hereby authorized on behalf of the Entity and in its name to endorse for deposit, whether in demand or time accounts, or for negotiation or collection, any and all checks, drafts, certificates of deposit or any other payment instrument payable to the Entity, which endorsement may be writing, by stamp or otherwise, with or without signature of the person so endorsing, it being understood that on such items all prior endorsements are guaranteed by the Entity, irrespective of the lack of a guarantee by the Entity; **and**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any of the individuals listed below (a “Designated Representative”) is hereby authorized to open or close any deposit account with BB&T and to authorize those persons (“Authorized “Signers”) who may execute a BB&T signature card on behalf of the Entity and transact business on such account:

Designated Representatives:

/s/ **BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH**, Finance Officer

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, Chairman of Commissioners

FURTHER RESOLVED, that BB&T be and is hereby authorized and directed to honor, pay and charge any of the accounts of the Entity, without inquiry to or responsibility for the application of the proceeds thereof, all checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment, withdrawal or transfer of money in the accounts of or to the credit of the Entity, and to honor any authorization for the transfer of funds between different accounts whether oral, by phone or electronic means without inquiry as to the circumstances related thereto and for whatever purpose or to whomever payable, including requests for conversion into cash as well as for deduction from and payment of cash out of any deposit, and whether or not payable to , endorsed or negotiated by or for the credit of any person signing same or any other officer, agent or employee of the Entity, when signed or endorsed by an original or facsimile signature of ONE Authorized Signer; **and**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that BB&T be and is hereby authorized to honor, receive, or pay any items bearing the signature of any one Authorized Signer even though payment may create an overdraft or even though such items may be drawn or endorsed to the order of such signer for exchange or cashing, or in payment of the individual obligation of such signer, or for deposit to such Authorized Signer’s personal account and BB&T shall not be required or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issuance or use of any such item or the application or disposition of such item or the proceeds thereof; **and**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Entity assumes full responsibility, and holds harmless BB&T for any and all payments made or any other action taken by BB&T in reliance upon the signatures, including facsimiles thereof, of any Authorized Signer regardless whether or not the use of the facsimile signature was unlawful or unauthorized and regardless of by whom or by what means the purported signature or facsimile signature may have been affixed if such signature reasonably resembles the specimen or facsimile signature of the Authorized Signer; **and**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any Designated Representative, or person authorized in writing by a Designated Representative, is authorized to act on behalf of the Entity as follows: obtain information on accounts; appoint, remove or change Authorized Signers; deliver any night depository agreement; enter into any agreement for cash management services; lease a safe deposit box; enter into an agreement for deposit access device; enter into an agreement for credit cards; or enter into other agreements concerning the deposit accounts at BB&T; **and**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all proper resolutions executed on behalf of the Entity are hereby revoked and that the foregoing resolutions shall remain in full force and effect until the Entity officially notifies BB&T to the contrary in writing. BB&T may conclusively presume that this Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Account and any signature cards executed pursuant hereto are in effect and that persons identified herein are properly authorized to act on behalf of the Entity. The Entity, as changes to the Designated Representative and/or Authorized Signers are made, will immediately report and certify such changes to BB&T through submission of a new Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Account and/or signature care, as applicable. BB&T shall be fully protected in relying on such certifications and shall be indemnified and saved harmless from any claims, demands, expenses, losses, or damages resulting from the signature of any Designated Representative so certified, or refusing to honor any signature not so certified; **and**

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all transactions by any officer, employee or agent of the Entity on its behalf and in its name prior to the delivery of this Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Account are hereby ratified and approved.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal, if any, of this Entity, this 7th day of December, Year 2020.

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

(COLUMBUS COUNTY SEAL)

CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

FIRST BANK

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

I, **JUNE B. HALL**, certify that I am Clerk of the above named corporation organized under the laws of North Carolina, Federal Employer I.D. Number: 56-6000289, engaged in business under the trade name of County of Columbus, and that the resolutions on this document are a correct copy of the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation duly and properly called and held on December 07, 2020. These resolutions appear in the minutes of this meeting and have not been rescinded or modified.

AGENTS: Any Agent listed below, subject to any written limitations is authorized to exercise the powers granted as indicated below:

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, Chairman
/s/ **BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH**, Finance Director

RESOLUTIONS:

The Corporation named on this resolution resolves that,

1. The Financial Institution is designated as a depository for the funds of the Corporation and to provide either financial accommodations indicated in this resolution.
2. This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by the Financial Institution. Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and certified to the Financial Institution as governing the operation of this corporation's account(s), are in full force and effect, until the Financial Institution receives and acknowledges an express written notice of its revocation, modification or replacement. Any revocation, modification or replacement of a resolution must be accompanied by documentation, satisfactory to the Financial institution, establishing the authority for the changes.
3. The signature of an Agent on this resolution is conclusive evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the Corporation. Any Agent, so long as they act in a representative capacity as an Agent of the Corporation, is authorized to make any and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated in this resolution, from time to time with the Financial Institution, subject to any restrictions on this resolution or otherwise agreed to in writing.
4. All transactions, if any, with respect to any deposits, withdrawals, rediscounts and borrowings by or on behalf of the Corporation with the Financial Institution prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
5. The Corporation agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any Agent of the Corporation. The Corporation authorizes the Financial

Institution, at any time, to charge the Corporation for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of money, that are drawn on the Financial Institution, so long as they contain the required number of signatures for this purpose.

6. The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may furnish at its discretion automated access devices to Agents of the Corporation to facilitate those powers authorized by this resolution or other resolutions in effect at the time of issuance. The term “automated access device” includes, but is not limited to, credit cards, automated teller machines (ATM), and debit cards.
7. The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may rely on alternative signature and verification codes issued to or obtained from the Agent named on this resolution. The term “alternative signature and verification codes” includes, but is not limited to, facsimile signatures on file with the Financial Institution, personal identification numbers (PIN), and digital signatures. If a facsimile signature specimen has been provided on this resolution, (or that are filed separately by the Corporation with the Financial Institution from time to time) the Financial Institution is authorized to treat the facsimile signature as the signature of the Agent(s) regardless of by whom or by what means the facsimile signature may have been affixed so long as it resembles the facsimile signature specimen on file. The Corporation authorizes each Agent to have custody of the Corporation’s private key used to create a digital signature and to request issuance of a certificate listing the corresponding public key. The Financial Institution shall have the responsibility or liability for unauthorized use of alternative signature and verification codes unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Effect on Previous Resolutions. This resolution supersedes resolution dated December 02, 2019. If not completed, all resolutions remain in effect.

Certification of Authority:

I further certify that the Board of Directors of the corporation has, and at the time of adoption of this resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the resolutions stated above and to confer the powers granted above to the persons named who have full power and lawful authority to exercise the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name to this document and affixed the seal of the Corporation on December 07, 2020.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

(Columbus County Seal)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Resolutions and Agreements with Truist (BB&T) and First Bank, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of SIGNATORY RESOLUTION by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

SIGNATORY RESOLUTION
by the
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, in the execution of business matters and other pertinent transactions pertaining to the operations of local government affairs, it is necessary, and legally required, to have on board a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve on behalf and in the best interest of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, at the first regular scheduled meeting in the month of December, annually, a Chairman and Vice Chairman is voted on and elected from the now seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners; **and**

WHEREAS, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the said Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, have due authority to sign, execute and administer any and all documents on behalf, and in the best interest, of Columbus County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by popular vote of the seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners, on the 7th day of December, 2020, Commissioner Ricky Bullard has been duly elected to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Jerome McMillian has been duly elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, to sign, execute and administer any and all documents necessary in the normal operation of business and related affairs for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County. The aforementioned will serve in these capacities until the first regular scheduled meeting in December, 2021.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of December, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEES/BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the following appointments/re-appointments/replacements be made to the following boards/committees/commissions.

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion for the County Attorney to review the Committees/Boards' Bylaws that state limitations on an appointee's term, to be changed to state at the pleasure of the Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Animal Control Advisory Council	I	William Christopher Barnhill	08/06/2020	Re-Appoint
Emergency Communications Oversight Committee	II III IV V	Mike Bartley William Rushing John Russ Jerry Hodges	12/2020 12/2020 12/2020 12/2020	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint HOLD
Health (Board of)	IV II EB	H.L. "Drew" Cox Darryl J. Diefes, D.D.S. Pat Ray (At Large) M=Byrd S=Mc Dowell	12-31-2020 12-31-2020 12-31-2020	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Columbus Regional Healthcare System	EB	Giles E. Byrd M=McD S=Smith -Vacant- M=McD S=McMillian	12-2020 12-2020	Re-Appoint Brent Watts
EMS Peer Review Committee (2 Commissioners) M=McMillian S=McDowell	EB	-Vacant- -Vacant-	12-04-2020 12-04-2020	Chris Smith Lavern Coleman
Fire Peer Review Committee (2 Commissioners) M=Byrd S=McMillian	EB	Charles T. McDowell Ricky Bullard	12-04-2020 12-04-2020	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Housing Advisory Committee	III	David Solomon	06-30-2020	Re-Appoint
Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority M=Byrd S=McDowell	EB EB	David McPherson Henry Campbell	06-30-2020 06-30-2020	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council M=Watts S=Coleman	EB I II III IV V VII	County Commissioner Appointee Appointee Appointee Appointee Appointee	To be replaced due to lack of attendance. (See e-mail from Julie Strickland.)	Table Table Table Table Table Table
Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority	EB	Trent Burroughs (Does not have to be a Commissioner to serve.)	See e-mail from Tim H. Holloman	Chris Smith
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	II III IV V	C. Lloyd Lennon, Jr. Fannie Walden Karlyn Stephens Charles Milligan	12/2020 12/2020 12/2020 12/2020	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Jared Bracey Thomas McClelland
Planning Board (See Bylaws)	VII	Daryl Hardwick	09-30-2020	Re-Appoint
Board of Adjustments (Columbus County) (See Bylaws)	III IV VI	Jerry Freeman Cameron Byrd Jonathan Williams	09-30-2020 09-30-2020 09-30-2020	Re-Appoint Rod McPherson Re-Appoint
Southeastern Community & Family Services, ? Inc. (Replaces Four-County Community Services, Inc.)	EB	Wanda Killens	07-21-2019	Re-Appoint
Tourism Development Authority	II III IV V VII	Greg Parker Brenda Troy Nancy Sigmon Jennie Johnson Rhonda Dutton	12/2020 12/2020 12/2020 12/2020 12/2020	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Water and Sewer Advisory Board	II III	-Vacant- Margaret Gordon	06/02/2020 06/02/2020	Matt Smith Re-Appoint

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING:

At 7:42 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 Sets)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN COMBINATION MEETING of COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: PUBLIC INPUT (by TELEPHONE, E-MAIL or LETTER).

Chairman Bullard opened the floor for Public Input. No oral or written Public Input was received.

Agenda Item #17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendments, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4960-532100	Telephone	250
	10-4960-531100	Travel	(250)
Expenditures	10-4960-569932	District Programs Grant	1,000
	10-4960-531100	Travel	(1,000)
Expenditures	68-4520-558100	Non-Capitalized Items	4,500
Revenue	68-3452-489040	Miscellaneous	4,500

Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Managers:

1. **Sheriff Jody Greene:** stated the following:
 - I have a copy of the Sheriff's Standards signed by Governor Roy Cooper, that is mandated;
 - The hiring process for employees has changed which will require a psychological evaluation;
 - The present employees will have to go through a psychological process at the cost of \$435 each;
 - We are trying to get accredited;
 - This will entail a three (3) year process to get done; **and**
 - I would like to congratulate the new County Commissioners that have come on board and the re-elected Commissioner.
2. **Algernon McKenzie:** stated that due to the COVID-19 virus, there will be no annual Christmas luncheon this year.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian:** stated the following:
 - I would like to congratulate the new County Commissioners that have come on board and the re-elected Commissioner; **and**
 - I look forward to working with you in the next few years.
2. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - Today is Pearl Harbor's Day which we lost 2,403 lives which was a great sacrifice;
 - 911 Happened and 2,977 people were killed;
 - Everybody needs to let veterans know how they are appreciated;
 - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; **and**
 - I would like to welcome the three (3) new County Commissioner and the re-elected County Commissioner.
3. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - I hope you new County Commissioners have a good time on the Board;
 - I look forward to working with you;
 - It is a good practice to allow each item on the Agenda to stand on its own;
 - Madame Attorney, what is the status of the stump at Hallsboro School?;

-Gary, please contact the Town of Sandyfield regarding the purchase of water from Columbus County; **and**
 -I wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

4. **Commissioner Smith:** stated the following:
 - I look forward to working with you;
 - I have met several of the department heads, and they have some very tough and challenging jobs; **and**
 - My priorities are schools and law enforcement.
 5. **Commissioner Coleman:** stated the following:
 - I appreciate the citizens putting me into office;
 - We need to work hard together to allow Columbus County to grow; **and**
 - I look forward to working with you.
 6. **Commissioner Watts:** stated the following:
 - I would like to congratulate the new Commissioners;
 - We need to stand with our employees and let them know how much they are appreciated;
 - We need to work together as a team to help Columbus County grow; **and**
 - I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 7. **Chairman Bullard:** stated the following:
 - We need to work together, as a family, to allow Columbus County to go forward;
 - We need to respect our employees;
 - There is need for prayer for Columbus County and the employees; **and**
 - I wish everyone a very nice and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- C. **County Attorney (Amanda B. Prince):** stated the following:
1. I would like to welcome the new County Commissioners on board; **and**
 2. I look forward to working with you.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) REAL ESTATE and (6) PERSONNEL:

At 8:00 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) Real Estate and (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) REAL ESTATE and (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:19 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed

Chairman Bullard requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: *“The County Commissioners discussed personnel matters with Neil Emory, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The County Commissioners discussed real estate acquisition with Gary Lanier. No official action was taken “.*

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to authorize Chairman Ricky Bullard to sign the necessary documents, as needed, as the Interim County Manager, until a County Manager could be on board, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to authorize Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, to negotiate prices on real property, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: NOTICE and RESOLUTION - CANCELLATION of DECEMBER 21, 2020 BOARD MEETING, UNLESS NEEDED:

Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian requested Board approval and adoption of the following Notice and Resolution.

**NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING of the
BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

The **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 7th day of December, 2020, to adopt the following **Resolution**.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 6:30 P.M. on the first Monday and at 6:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; **and**

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of cancelling the meeting scheduled for the third Monday in December, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, to cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for December 21, 2020, be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 04, 2021.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the **Board of County Commissioners** that a copy of this **Resolution** and **Notice** shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as forwarded to all of the news media who has requested notice.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of December, 2020.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:23 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 07, 2020
7:42 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman/Interim County Manager**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:42 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 07, 2020
7:42 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman/Interim County Manager**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:42 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 07, 2020
7:42 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman/Interim County Manager**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:42 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 07, 2020
7:42 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman/Interim County Manager**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:42 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 07, 2020
7:42 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman/Interim County Manager**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
 Chris Smith
 Giles E. Byrd
 Lavern Coleman
 Brent Watts
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:42 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 Sets**)

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman