

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, March 01, 2021****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 a Regular Session, it being the first Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman / Interim County Manager**  
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**  
 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**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Chris Smith

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

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the March 01, 2021 Columbus County Board of Commissioner Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. 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: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the February 08, 2021 Board Planning Retreat Minutes, with the addition of inserting Gail Edwards as being the facilitator, and the February 08, 2021 Joint Meeting with Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT (by TELEPHONE, E-MAIL or LETTER).**

Chairman Bullard opened the floor for Public Input. The following e-mail was received and read orally by Amanda Prince, County Attorney.

March 1, 2021

Columbus County Commissioners,

I want to thank Commissioner Jerome McMillian for keeping the public informed regarding the drainage problem in our county. I paid attention to the ditches whenever I went to Whiteville last week. The ditches on 701 are horrible, especially near the Marathon at New Hope and continuing to the Whiteville City limits. I saw litter and bushes that looked like trees growing in the ditches. Some farmers are responsible but there are some who ought to clean ditches on land they own or rent or at least clean up their trash. I saw what appeared to be a fertilizer bag in the ditch near the corner of 701 and the Prison Camp Road. From Tabor City on 904 West past Tabor Correctional is a bad area as well. There are trees in the ditches near the Tucker Coleman Road. There is no sense in allowing this to happen. Prison inmates used to pick up the trash, but not now. Sheriff Jody Greene is to be commended for his idea of implementing a Litter Patrol. Hopefully this will help alleviate some of the trash being left alongside the roads. Columbus County might be labeled the poorest County in North Carolina, but our road sides and ditches do not have to look that way.

Tourists passing though Columbus County are probably attributing to littering as well. Columbus County definitely needs to have a Beautification Campaign if we want new businesses and people to move here. Growth is vital for Columbus County.

Doris A. Strickland

**Agenda Item #6: PROCLAMATION - PROCLAMATION of ACHIEVEMENT and RECOGNITION to COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM:**

Chairman Bullard requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation of Achievement and Recognition of the Accessibility of Ophthalmology here in Columbus County.

**PROCLAMATION of ACHIEVEMENT and RECOGNITION**  
to  
**COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**  
for **ACCESSIBILITY to OPHTHALMOLOGY**

**WHEREAS**, when medical and ophthalmology services are available to the citizens of Columbus County that are limited in their physical and financial means, it provides needed services to the residents of their County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, *Columbus Regional Healthcare System* has added a new ophthalmology suite which will provide previously unavailable services at that hospital; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the ophthalmology procedures at *Columbus Regional Healthcare System* commenced in January, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the **Columbus County Board of Commissioners** proudly presents this **Proclamation of Achievement and Recognition** to *Columbus Regional Healthcare System* for their constant endeavor to provide services for our citizens, and anyone in need.

**ADOPTED** this the 1st day of March, 2021.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD** , Chairman

/s/ **CHRIS SMITH**

/s/ **LAVERN COLEMAN**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

/s/**JEROME McMILLIAN**, Vice Chairman

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **BRENT WATTS**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation of Achievement and Recognition to Columbus Regional Healthcare System for Accessibility to Ophthalmology, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: FINANCE - CERRO GORDO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION:**

Dylan Bowen, Deputy Finance Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolutions:

- A. Resolution Making Certain Findings and Appointments and Requesting Approval of the Local Government Commission;
- B. Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on Whether the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina Should Approve Proposed Installment Financing to Finance a Portion of the Cost of Various Projects and Whether Said County Should Acquire Certain School Property Included in Such Projects; **and**
- C. Resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, Declaring its Intention to Reimburse Said County from the Proceeds of One or More Tax-Exempt Financings for Certain Capital Expenditures.

**EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) for the County of Columbus (the “County”) held a regular meeting in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, at 6:30 P.M. on March 1, 2021. The following Commissioners were:

Present: Chairman Ricky Bullard, Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian, Commissioners Giles Byrd, Lavern Coleman, Brent Watts and Charles McDowell.

Absent: Commissioner Chris Smith.

**RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND APPOINTMENTS AND REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbus (the “County”) has determined to finance a portion of the cost of renovating, expanding, equipping and improving an existing school facility known as Cerro Gordo Elementary School (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County is considering undertaking an installment financing pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000, with other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines in connection with the proposed installment financing contract that (a) such proposed installment financing is necessary or expedient to the County, (b) such proposed installment financing, under current circumstances, is preferable to a general obligation bond issue of the County for the same purpose, (c) the sums estimated to fall due under such proposed installment financing are adequate and not excessive for their proposed purpose, (d) the County’s debt management procedures and policies are good and its debt will continue to be managed in strict compliance with the law, (e) no increase in taxes will be necessary due to the proposed installment financing and (f) the County is not in default regarding any of its debt service obligations.
2. The County Manager, the Finance Director and the County Attorney of the County are each hereby designated as a representative of the County to file an application for approval of such installment financing with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with such proposed acquisition and the development of such installment financing; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers or any other officer of the County relating to such matters on behalf of the County are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.
3. The Board hereby requests the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to approve such proposed installment financing under Article 8 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The Board appoints Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson P.A. as special counsel for the transaction and First Tryon Advisors. as financial advisor for the transaction.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:**Six (6)

**NAYS:** -0-

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Commissioner (Chairman) Ricky Bullard introduced the following Resolution which was read by title, and moved it be adopted:

**RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON WHETHER THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD APPROVE A PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF VARIOUS PROJECTS AND WHETHER SAID COUNTY SHOULD ACQUIRE CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY INCLUDED IN SUCH PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbus (the “County”) has determined to finance a portion of the cost of renovating, expanding, equipping and improving an existing school facility known as Cerro Gordo Elementary School (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County is considering undertaking an installment financing pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed

\$17,000,000, with other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Project, and the County is authorized to do so only after a public hearing on such proposed agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the proposed installment financing, the County is considering acquiring from the Columbus County Schools Board of Education an interest in the real and personal property included in the Project, including specifically the site of the Project and the improvements thereon, for use by the Columbus County Schools and, pursuant to G.S. §153-158.1 as amended, the County is authorized to do so only after a public hearing on whether the County should acquire such property; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to call a public hearing on such proposed installment financing agreement and acquisition of property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. A public hearing shall be held at 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on March 15, 2021 in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of considering whether the Board of Commissioners for the County (the "Board") should approve (a) such proposed installment financing and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000, with any other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Project and (b) such proposed acquisition of the site of the Project and improvements thereon pursuant to G.S. §153-158.1 as amended. The County would secure the repayment by it of moneys advanced pursuant to such proposed agreement by granting a security interest in all or a portion of the Project and certain related property.
2. The Clerk to the Board shall cause a notice of such public hearing to be published in The News Reporter once at least 10 days before March 15, 2021.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:**Six (6)

**NAYS:** -0-

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Commissioner (Chairman) Ricky Bullard introduced the following Resolution which was read by title, and moved it be adopted:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE SAID COUNTY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County"), is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has determined to pay the cost of renovating, expanding, equipping and improving an existing school facility known as Cerro Gordo Elementary School, (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the County (the "Board") has determined that certain moneys advanced and to be advanced by the County to pay such expenditures (the "Expenditures") are available only for a temporary period and it is and will be necessary to reimburse the County for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt financings of the County in the form of one or more installment financings that are expected to be authorized by the Board (collectively, the "Tax-exempt Financings").

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board as follows:

**Section 1.** The Board hereby declares the County's intent to reimburse the County with

the proceeds of the Tax-exempt Financings for the Expenditures. The County reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Tax-exempt Financings.

**Section 2.** Each Expenditure was or will be (a) of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditure), (b) a cost of issuance with respect to the Tax-exempt Financings, © a nonrecurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenues or (d) a grant to a party that is not related to or an agent of the County so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the County.

**Section 3.** The maximum principal amount of the Tax-exempt Financings expected to be entered into with respect to the Project is \$17,000,000, plus such additional amounts, if any, as shall be determined to be reasonably necessary for the funding or payment of costs of entering into the Tax-exempt Financings.

**Section 4.** The County will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the County that evidences the County's use of proceeds of the Tax-exempt Financings to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The County recognizes that exceptions are available for certain preliminary expenditures, costs of issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by small issuers (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure) and expenditures for construction projects of at least five years.

**Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and the motion was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:**Six (6).

**NAYS:** -0-.

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )**

**COUNTY OF COLUMBUS)**

I, JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. A meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, located in the State of North Carolina, was duly held March 1, 2021, such meeting having been noticed, held and conducted in accordance with all requirements of law (including open meetings requirements), and minutes of that meeting have been or will be duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the minutes of the Board of Commissioners.
2. The attached extract accurately reflects the actions taken by the Board of Commissioners with respect to the matters therein.
3. That extract correctly states the time when the meeting was convened and the place where the meeting was held and the members of the Board who attended the meeting.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County as of March 02, 2021.

(SEAL)

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

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the above listed Resolutions for the Cerro Gordo School construction, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #8: HUMAN RESOURCES - AMENDMENT TO BEREAVEMENT POLICY:**

Virginia Taylor, Human Resources Director, requested Board approval of the following amendment to Policy 400, Section 18, Bereavement Policy, in the Columbus County Personnel Policy.

**Policy 400, Section 18**

**Amend/Revise**

**Bereavement**

For death in the immediate family, an employee may be granted a three (3) day leave, ( not deducted from sick leave), when attending the funeral of an immediate family as defined below. Additional time to settle the affairs of the family be taken with the approval of the department head and will be charged to vacation, sick or comp-time leave. Leave to attend funerals of other than immediate family may be granted by the department head and charged to vacation leave.

<b>SPOUSE</b>	<b>PARENT MOTHER/FATHER</b>	<b>CHILD DAUGHTER/ SON</b>	<b>BROTHER / SISTER</b>	<b>GRAN / GREAT</b>
Husband Wife	Biological Adoptive	Biological Adoptive	Biological Adoptive	Parent Child

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve amending Policy Number 400, Section 18, of the Columbus County Personnel Policy, to grant a three (3) day leave for bereavement, in lieu of a one (1) day leave, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: FINANCE - APPROVAL OF WORK ORDER NUMBER 2:**

Dylan Bowen, Deputy Finance Director, requested Board approval of Work Order Number 2 from First Tryon Advisors in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve Work Order Number 2, in the amount of fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$50,000.00) dollars for the 2021 Installment Financing related to the client’s upcoming school projects, Cerro Gordo Elementary School and Tabor City Elementary School, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for GRANT APPLICATION:**

Dr. Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolution for a Building Re-Use Project, SEAL, for \$200,000, with a local match of 5%.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM COLUMBUS COUNTY FOR A RURAL DEVELOPMENT BUILDING REUSE & RESTORATION GRANT APPLICATION IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT SEAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has previously indicated its desire to assist in economic development efforts within the County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners supports improvements to vacant buildings within the county in order to put them back into productive use and supports the project known as Project SEAL in such an effort; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners wishes the Columbus County Economic Development Commission to pursue a formal application for Building Reuse and Restoration Grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 to benefit Project SEAL; and will invest monies in the amount of 5% into the project as committed to in the application.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the Columbus County Economic Development Commission is authorized to submit a formal application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for approval of a Building Reuse and Restoration grant for Economic Development to benefit Project SEAL.

**Adopted** this the 1st day of March, 2021 in the City of Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina.

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Support from Columbus County for a Rural Development Building Re-Use and Restoration Grant Application in Support of Project Seal, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for GRANT APPLICATION:**

Dr. Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolution for a Building Re-Use Project, Ag-Blend, for \$103,000, with a local match of 5%.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM COLUMBUS COUNTY FOR A RURAL DEVELOPMENT BUILDING REUSE & RESTORATION GRANT APPLICATION IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT AG-BLEND**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has previously indicated its desire to assist in economic development efforts within the County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners supports improvements to vacant buildings within the county in order to put them back into productive use and supports the project known as Project Ag-Blend in such an effort; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners wishes the Columbus County Economic Development Commission to pursue a formal application for Building Reuse and Restoration Grant funding in the amount of \$113,120 to benefit Project Ag-Blend; and will invest monies in the amount of 5% into the project as committed to in the application.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the Columbus County Economic Development Commission is authorized to submit a formal application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for approval of a Building Reuse and Restoration grant for Economic Development to benefit Project Ag-Blend.

**Adopted** this the 1st day of March, 2021 in the City of Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina.

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Support from Columbus County for a Rural Development Building Re-Use and Restoration Grant Application in Support of Project Ag-Blend, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda #12: GOVERNING BODY - EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT for EDWIN H. MADDEN, JR.:**

Chairman Ricky Bullard is requesting Board approval of the Employment Agreement for Edwin H. Madden, Jr.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS**

**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made this 29th day of January, 2021 between the COUNTY OF

COLUMBUS, a body politic of the State of North Carolina in Columbus County, North Carolina, (hereinafter called "Employer"), and EDWIN H. MADDEN, JR. of Bladen County, North Carolina, (hereinafter called "Employee");

**WITNESSETH:**

**THAT THE PARTIES HERETO**, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to each in hand paid by the other, including the exchange of covenants and agreements hereinafter made, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged by each party, have contracted and agreed and do by these presents contract and agree that Employer does hereby hire and employ Employee, and Employee does hereby accept and agree to commence and perform employment offered by Employer as hereinafter more fully described, and upon and subject to the terms hereinafter set forth and the laws of the State of North Carolina:

1. **EMPLOYMENT:** Employer does hereby employ Employee and Employee does hereby accept an appointed employment position from Employer as County Manager for Columbus County North Carolina, said appointed position of County Manager having heretofore been established by March 7, 1983 ordinance of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners acting pursuant to authority granted by North Carolina General Statute 153A-81. Employee understands and agrees that the nature and definition of the office of County Manager, as well as the powers, duties and responsibilities of said office, are defined by North Carolina General Statute 153A-82 and any other duties may be delegated by Columbus County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as "Board"), either by general resolution, or by specific directives related to one or more specific matters. It is further understood and agreed that County Manager may be terminated by appropriate resolution of the Board at any time, but that the provisions regarding salary and other forms of compensation, if any, beneficial to Employee shall nevertheless be governed by the terms of this Agreement and not by the elimination of the position of County Manager.
2. **TERM:** This Agreement shall commence on March 29, 2021 and shall terminate at midnight on the 28th day of March 2024. This Agreement will automatically renew for three additional years unless either Employer or Employee shall give the other written notice of non-renewal of sixty (60) days prior to the termination of this Agreement.
3. **COMPENSATION:** As compensation for Employee's services, Employer shall pay to Employee an annual salary of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$152,000.00), plus an annual cost of living increase payable in equal, monthly increments, scheduled according to the usual pay schedule for other employees of Employer upon approval by the Board each fiscal year. The minimum salary payable to Employee shall not be less than \$152,000 per annum. Salary payments shall be subject to all appropriate withholding and other applicable taxes.

In addition to the annual salary, Employee's compensation for public service to Employer shall include final compensation payable as provided in Paragraph 13, if and when Employee is terminated by Employer without cause or submits his resignation involuntarily.

4. **DUTIES:** Employee is engaged as County Manager for Columbus County (hereinafter referred to as "Manager"), which position is defined as Chief Executive Officer of Columbus County. Manager shall be responsible to the Board for administering all county government affairs placed in his charge by the Board, and shall have the powers and duties pursuant to the authority granted with North Carolina General Statutes 153A-82; PROVIDED, that supervision of the County Clerk shall be in accordance with all laws, rules and regulations applicable to that office. The Board delegated by vote the duty to directly supervise and oversee the Columbus County Clerk to the Board to Manager to assure the proper and timely performance of the duties of that office, and to coordinate the activities of that office with the remainder of the county's activities and business. Manager shall also serve as Budget Officer for Columbus County. As Budget Officer, Manager shall develop the tentative budget each year as contemplated and prescribed in Chapter 159 of the North Carolina General Statutes. In the performance of other powers and duties, Manager may also utilize his time and talents, at the request of the appropriate officials for Board, or on his own initiative, to explore and develop opportunities for improvement of any county service or services, for capital investment, and construction or improvement in the county. Manager shall also have the right and authority, consistent with law and the policies of the Board, to



initiate and conduct investigations into matters deemed appropriate and necessary to him concerning the operations of county government and/or its employees, contractual personnel and public contractors, and other matters touching upon or affecting, or reasonably anticipated to affect the well-being and operation of Columbus County. Manager is expected to and shall, upon his own initiative, develop and propose ordinances to the Board for their consideration on matters deemed by Manager to be necessary or desirable in and for Columbus County. Manager is expected to bring these matters to the attention of the Chairman of the Board prior to performing extensive work on such proposals. Manager is authorized and entitled, as a matter of course, to utilize the professional counsel and services of the County Attorney whenever Manager shall deem appropriate and helpful to him in the conduct of his powers and duties as Manager.

5. **EXTENT OF SERVICES; WORK SCHEDULE:** Employee shall devote his entire time, attention and energies to the performance of his duties as County Manager of Columbus County and shall not, during the term of this Agreement and any renewals thereof, be engaged in any other professional or business activity whether or not such activities are pursued for pecuniary advantage, except for essentially passive investments of assets in a form and manner as will not require any services on the part of Employee in the business affairs or activities of the business or entity in which such investments are made.

The Employee shall be expected and will maintain office hours in an office provided for this purpose in the County Administration Building for Columbus County, currently situated at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, or at such place or places as the Board may hereafter designate, during the regular hours of the County Office, which currently are Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. of each week.

The Employee shall also be required and expected to attend all regular and special meetings of the Board, as well as all meetings of special commissions, boards and committees of the Board.

6. **EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT:** This Agreement is exclusive. However, Employer does reserve the right to contract with other employees or persons to perform same or similar duties during the duration of this Agreement. Employee is exclusively bound to Employer, and is not free to pursue other private employment on either a full or part time basis, without the prior approval of Employer.
7. **WORKING FACILITIES AND CONDITIONS:** Employee shall be furnished with an office in the County Administration Building or other suitable place designated by the Board, equipped with usual and appropriate desk, furniture computer system and other amenities appropriate for the effective disposition of the duties of Manager under this Agreement, including (but not limited to) secretarial assistance, reasonable financial resources for acquisition of necessary and ordinary office supplies, machine or other reproduction services, books and journals essential to performing tasks within specified areas of responsibility, and services and facilities otherwise reasonably necessary to and appropriate for the successful performance of Employee under this Agreement.
8. **SCHOOLS AND PROFESSIONAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING, SEMINARS, CONVENTIONS ETC.; EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENTS:** Employee is authorized to attend schools, training sessions, seminars, professional conventions or other gatherings offered by the North Carolina Institute of Government, ICMA, the North Carolina Airport Association, the North Carolina City and County Managers Association, or other appropriate agencies relating to matters within the course and scope of Employee's duties; PROVIDED that Employee shall advise the Board in advance of the time, nature and anticipated cost of such schools or training sessions, and provided further that said absences do not impair the performance of Employee's duties in the County. Employee shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for any of his reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred during attendance at any such training school or in-service training program, as well as any and all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Employee in the normal course of employment in carrying out business of Columbus County which reimbursement shall be reasonable and in accord with the Columbus County Personnel Policy Manual incorporated herein. Employee is authorized to incur such reasonable expenses in conducting the county's business, including attending out-of-town meetings and conferences. No expenditure or obligation incurred by Employee under this provision of this Agreement shall be subsequently disallowed by Employer unless the same shall be unreasonable or excessive or not provided

for in or comply with the Columbus County Personnel Policy Manual. Employee shall also be permitted to participate professional associations including, but not limited to, The N.C. City and County Management Association, the N.C. Airport Association and The International City/County Management Association at Employer's expense.

9. **VACATION:** Employee shall be entitled to four (4) calendar weeks maximum annual vacation to be taken at no more than one (1) consecutive calendar week in duration at any one time; PROVIDED, that Employee shall be required to transfer at the end of each calendar year accumulated vacation time to Employee's Sick Leave pursuant to the Columbus County Personnel Policy. Upon termination of employment (except termination due to Employee's wrongful conduct, malfeasance or misfeasance), Employee shall be paid for all accumulated but unused vacation time.
10. **SICK LEAVE:** Employee shall accrue one (1.00) day of sick leave for each month beginning at Employee's employment date of March 29, 2021 with the Columbus County. Sick leave shall accumulate with no maximum accumulation and may be used as credit for service under the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System. Upon termination of employment for any reason whatsoever and by consent of Employee, all sick days may be transferred to a similar, participating local government; no right of compensation for sick days is recognized or implied by this Agreement under any circumstances whatsoever. Employer will allow the transfer of Employee's accrued sick leave from his employment with Elizabethtown, NC. Only Ninety-six (96) hours of this aforementioned transferred sick leave may actually be used for time away from employment. The remainder of the transferred accrued sick leave will be used as accredit for service under the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System. Employer reserves the right to demand satisfactory proof of illness in connection with any claimed sick leave, including the right to require that Employee submit to examination by a physician of Employer's own choosing, for which examination(s) Employer shall be fully and solely liable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Employee will be entitled to leave pursuant to the federal Family Medical Leave Act.
11. **OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:** Employee shall have the right and option to participate in the Columbus County Retirement Plan on the same basis as other county employees, with Employer paying into the plan a percentage of contribution for Employee as shall be the policy of Employer for all other employees from time to time while this agreement is in force and effect. Provisions shall be made for Employee to participate in other employee benefits which shall be offered or extended to other employees from time to time, provided that the right of the Board to make adjustments in compensation on an individual basis with Employee or other employees, including longevity or other benefits, shall be and remain in the exclusive discretion of the Board, without regard to whether Employee receives any such benefit(s) or not.  
The Employee shall be entitled to use of a county vehicle while operating said vehicle for county purposes. In addition, Employee shall be compensated in the amount of Four Hundred, Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$433.33) per month in reimbursement for mileage and use of a non-county vehicle.  
  
In the event that Employer provides to Employee a cellular telephone, Employer agrees that such a device is for the convenience of Employer so that Employee may be readily accessible and to facilitate the performance of Employee's duties and responsibilities; PROVIDED that Employee may make occasional and incidental personal use of such device at de minimis expense to Employer.
12. **DISABILITY:** If, at the end of any period of sick leave in which Employee has consumed all of his accumulated sick leave, and Employee remains unable to return to work, he may, at his option, use or consume all or any part of this accumulated and documented vacation time, if any, which is then unused. If, at the end of all sick leave and vacation time (if used as additional sick leave), Employee remains unable to return to work, the Board may, at its exclusive election, declare Employee to be disabled and terminate this Agreement. The Board shall have the right to require sufficient proof of disability by qualified medical specialists in support of any disability claim, including the right to have Employee examined by a physician(s) of Employer's choice, at Employer's expense.
13. **TERMINATION:**
  - A. The parties acknowledge that Employee serves at the pleasure of the Board and therefore may be dismissed without cause and without notice at any time.

- B. Notice of such termination shall be in writing and delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, certified, return receipt requested or hand delivery.
  - C. Notice of such termination shall be effective upon placing notice of such termination with the U.S. Postal Service or at the time of hand delivery.
  - D. Employer agrees that should Employee be terminated during the life of this Agreement, then Employee shall be paid full salary ("SEVERANCE PAY") including benefits (accrued to date), travel and deferred compensation for a period of nine (9) months following the effective date of termination in normal monthly increments, payable in the same manner and at the same time as other county employees are paid. Employee will be given until 5:00 p.m. the day immediately following notice of termination to collect personal belongings and return county property under the supervision of the Chairman of the Board or his or her designee. In addition, Employer shall pay Employee's cost of COBRA insurance coverage for Employee for up to one year from the date of termination or until Employee finds other employment, whichever comes first.
  - E. Employee will be given the opportunity to petition the Board for a Special called Session for addressing the termination in Executive Session within Five (5) days of issuance of Notice of Termination.
14. **DEATH DURING EMPLOYMENT:** In the event of the death of Employee during the time that this Agreement is in force and effect, Employee shall be entitled to receive his compensation through the last day of the month during which his death occurs, including accumulated vacation time, payable to his surviving spouse, if any, or to his personal representative, administrator, executor or assignee if his spouse shall not survive him. In addition, he shall receive Employee's death benefit applicable to his position as provided by Employer in its personnel ordinances and policies, if any.
15. **RESIDENCE:** Residency in the county is preferred but not required.
16. **NOTICES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT:** Any notices contemplated or specified by this Agreement to be given by one party to the other, except as otherwise specified, shall be given in writing and directed in postage pre-paid envelope or other appropriate form addressed to the names and addresses shown below, by certified mail, return receipt requested, and deposited in the United States mail within the continental United States. In the alternative, said written notices may be given in person and considered valid and binding under this Agreement if an appropriate receipt is obtained (which the parties hereto agree to execute upon delivery without prejudice to the right to contest the contents thereof), or if the witness of a third party provided in writing attesting to said personal delivery. The addresses which shall be binding upon the parties hereto unless and until subsequent written notice of change of address is provided by the moving party to the other party shall be as follows:
- A. For Columbus County:  
Office of the Board of Commissioners  
Columbus County 111 Washington Street  
Whiteville, NC 28472
  - B. For Edwin H. Madden, Jr.:  
Edwin H. Madden, Jr.  
P.O. Box 1110  
Elizabethtown NC 28337
17. **WAIVER OF BREACH:** Employer's waiver of or failure to complain about and/or to act upon Employee's breach of any item of this Agreement (whether by Employee's act of omission or of commission) shall not operate or be construed as a waiver or condonation of any subsequent breach of the same or any other item of this Agreement.
18. **RESIGNATION:** In the event Employee voluntarily wishes to resign his position with Employer before expiration of any term of his employment, then Employee shall give Employer sixty (60) calendar days' notice in advance of his intention, unless the parties agree otherwise in writing.
19. **PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:**
- A. Employer shall review and evaluate the performance of Employee annually. Said review and evaluation shall be in accordance with specific criteria developed by

Employer. Further, the Chairman of the Board shall provide Employee with a summary written statement of the findings of the evaluation and provide an adequately reasonable opportunity for Employee to discuss his evaluation with Board. Such criteria includes, but is not limited to, the powers and duties of the Manager.

- B. Annually, the Board and Employee shall define such goals and performance objectives that they determine necessary for the proper operation of county and in the attainment of the Board's policy objectives and shall further establish a relative priority among those various goals and objectives, said goals and objectives are preferred to be reduced to writing. But this transcription is not required or necessary to the execution of this Agreement.
20. **SUBCONTRACTS:** Employee shall utilize no subcontractors for carrying out the services to be performed under this Agreement without the written approval of Employer.
21. **BINDING EFFECT:** This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns. **FURTHER ACTIONS:** The parties will make and execute all further instruments and documents required to carry out the purposes and intent of this Agreement.
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23. **INCLUSIVE TERMS:** Use of the masculine herein shall include the feminine and neuter, and the singular shall include the plural.
24. **ASSIGNABILITY:** It is mutually agreed by the parties hereto that this Agreement is not transferable and shall not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party to this Agreement.
25. **NONDISCRIMINATION:** Employee will take affirmative action not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or otherwise illegally deny any person employment, because of race, creed, color, sex, age, disability, or national origin.
26. **AMENDMENTS:** This Agreement shall not be modified or otherwise amended except in writing signed by the parties.
27. **SUSPENSION:** Employee may be placed on suspension based upon the provisions for suspension from employment contained in the Columbus County Personnel Policy Manual incorporated by reference herein.
28. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior and independent agreements between the parties covering the subject matter hereof. Any change or modification of this Agreement must be in writing signed by both parties.
29. **ADDITIONAL DUTIES:** Employee commenced working as a consultant to the Interim County Manager and Columbus County Board of Commissioners effective February 1, 2021, until full employment date of March 29, 2021, with this Agreement a sole consideration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as prescribed by law, the same having been adopted by Columbus County Board of Commissioners dated January 27, 2021 as appears in the minutes of said meeting, and execution of this Agreement having been therein also authorized and directed.

This the 29' day of January 2021.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY EMPLOYER**

BY: /s/ **RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, County Clerk**

**EMPLOYEE:**

/s/ **EDWIN H. MADDEN, JR. (SEAL)**

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the local Government

Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

/s/ **BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH** 3-3-21

**Agenda Item #13:** **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.

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>ZONE/ EB</b>	<b>PERSON(S)</b>	<b>EXPIR. DATE</b>
Cape Fear RPO Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (2 year terms)	Alternate	-Vacant-	Charles T. McDowell
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	III	-Vacant-	<b>HOLD</b>

**Agenda Item #14:** **GOVERNING BODY - COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AUDIT PRESENTATION:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested a date and time established for the presentation of the annual audit (**Virtual Meeting**).

After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to establish March 15, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. for the presentation of Columbus Regional Healthcare System's audit.

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

At 6:56 P.M., Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15:** **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III and V - BIDS for WATER LINE EXTENSIONS:**

Gail Edwards, Assistant to the Manager, requested Board approval of the low bidder, Ralph Hodge Construction, for water line extensions, and approval to move forward with the contract and Notice to Proceed.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for each Water District, respectively.

**Agenda Item #16:** **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT II - OLD DOCK WATER PROJECT - TEST WELL GUIDEWAY SCHOOL, CHANGE ORDER NUMBER2:**

Gail Edwards, Assistant to the Manager, requested approval from the Board to move forward with the Change Order/Proposal for a test well from Bill's Well Drilling, at the cost of \$29,000.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

**Agenda Item #17:** **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - BIDS for WATERLINE EXTENSION into INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS PARK:**

Dr. Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of bids for the waterline extensions into the International Logistics Park.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

**Agenda Item #18:** **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - EASEMENT at HALLSBORO WATER TOWER SITE:**

ATMC requested the following Perpetual Utility Easement for the storage of equipment.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

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

**Agenda Item #19: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	51-4538-548012	Preliminary Engineering Testing	30,885
	51-4538-519034	Engineering Services Basic Fees	14,130
	51-4534-524000	Construction Costs	105,960
<b>Revenues</b>	51-3458-432118	Airfield Drainage Grant	45,015
	51-3456-432135	Perimeter Fence Grant	105,960
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>60-7111-559000</b>	<b>C/O Other Improvements</b>	<b>3,677</b>
	<b>63-7114-559000</b>	<b>C/O Other Improvements</b>	<b>7,552</b>
	<b>64-7115-559000</b>	<b>C/O Other Improvements</b>	<b>3,677</b>
	<b>62-7113-559000</b>	<b>C/O Other Improvements</b>	<b>2,176</b>
	<b>61-7112-559000</b>	<b>C/O Other Improvements</b>	<b>2,177</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	60-3713-292001	Fund Balance Appropriated	3,677
	63-3719-499100	Retained Earnings Approp	7,552
	64-3716-499100	Retained Earnings Approp	3,677
	62-3715-499100	Retained Earnings Approp	2,176
	61-3714-499100	Retained Earnings Approp	2,177
<b>Expenditures</b>	60-7111-559000	C/O Other Improvements	5,298
	63-7114-559000	C/O Other Improvements	5,298
	64-7115-559000	C/O Other Improvements	5,298
	62-7113-559000	C/O Other Improvements	5,298
	61-7112-559000	C/O Other Improvements	5,298
<b>Revenues</b>	60-3713-292001	Fund Balance Appropriated	5,298
	63-3719-499100	Retained Earnings Approp	5,298
	64-3716-499100	Retained Earnings Approp	5,298
	62-3715-499100	Retained Earnings Approp	5,298
	61-3714-499100	Retained Earnings Approp	5,298

**B. TAX REFUNDS AND RELEASES:**

*Proeprty Value* Amount: \$225.00

Prince, Julie Lee **PROPERTY:** 12177 Total: \$230.59

Value: \$27,950.00 Year: 2020 Account: 06-30155 Bill#: 93106

Release property value. Should have been partially exempt. Release Columbus Rescue(5.59)

*Property Value* Amount: \$0.00

Allgood, Mary Ann S	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 30625	Total:	\$32.21
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020 Account: 16-03859		Bill#:	56426
Release interest error. Release Cole Service(10.59) release Columbus Rescue(21.62)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$2.61
allgood, Mary Ann S	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 30620	Total:	\$17.51
Value: \$106,100.00 Year: 2020 Account: 16-03859		Bill#:	56425
Release charged amount. Amount of Land Use Release. Release Columbus Rescue(14.90)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,006.25
Batten, Cathy Todd	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 96839	Total:	\$1,156.25
Value: \$25,000.00 Year: 2020 Account: 13-05504		Bill#:	99999
Release value. Discovery. Deceased 12/28/2020. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(125.00) release Columbus Rescue(25.00)			
<i>Property value</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bowen, Donna Cooper	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 82779	Total:	\$119.40
Value: \$19,900.00 Year: 2020 Account: 04-01089		Bill#:	9048
Release value. Not in city. Release City of Bolton. (119.40)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$190.79
Casto Patricia Lynn	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 24936	Total:	\$195.53
Value: \$23,700.00 Year: 2020 Account: 13-03009		Bill#:	63895
Release value . Release Columbus Rescue(4.74)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$62.04
Coker, Jonathan Carroll	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$71.29
Value: \$17,232.00 Year: 2020 Account: 09-05341		Bill#:	64747
Release boat. Sold Release Yam City(7.71) release Columbus Rescue(1.54)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$396.09
Coleman Transport Inc	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$440.37
Value: \$37,500.00 Year: 18-20 Account: 3-03837		Bill#:	99999
Release value dblisted. Freightliner Int'l. Release Klondyke Fire(34.44) release Columbus Rescue(9.84)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,090.78
Coleman Transport, Inc.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$1,647.98
Value: \$50,000.00 Year: 18-20 Account: 13-04762		Bill#:	99999
Release value of Freightliner. Dblisted. ReleaseColumbus Rescue(27.10) release Chadbourn ( 530.10)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$359.84
Crawford, John R III	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 12848	Total:	\$804.54
Value: \$44,700.00 Year: 2020 Account: 07-03020		Bill#:	65896
Release value conveyed in 2019. Rebilled Act#07-02423. Release Nakina Fire(35.76) release Columbus Rescue(8.94)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$111.09
Crawford, John R III	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 91662	Total:	\$124.89
Value: \$13,800.00 Year: 2020 Account: 07-03219		Bill#:	65895
Release value conveyed in 2019. Rebilled Act#07-02423. Release Nakina Fire(11.04) release Columbus Rescue(2.76)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$8.70
Inman, Rudolph & Jinnie Mae	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 2714	Total:	\$9.77
Value: \$1,080.00 Year: 2020 Account: 01-46160		Bill#:	79280
Release value of SWMH billed in error. Release North Whiteville(.86) release Whiteville Rescue(.21)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,144.14
Kayah Holding LLC	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$1,173.46
Value: \$86,300.00 Year: 2020 Account: 08-02812		Bill#:	99999
Release value billed to another account Property#100551 &100552Release Columbus Rescue(29.32)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,055.37
Long, Deborah Lee	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$1,173.36
Value: \$43,700.00 Year: 2020 Account: 01-53960		Bill#:	99999
Release entire amount doesn't live at this address. Release Brunswick Fire(122.36) release Whiteville Rescue(26.22)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Meares, Eugene & Rebecca	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$2.68

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Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 10-11722	Bill#: 12179
Release interest error from credit card charge. Release City of Fair Bluff(2.68)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$239.90
Nance, Charles Monroe		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$268.58
Value: \$2,255.00	Year: 17-20	Account: 13-05338	Bill#: 99999
Release value of boat. Billed in Brunswick County. Release Columbus Rescue(5.96) release late list(22.72)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$75.84
Nance, James Nicholas		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$84.33
Value: \$10,438.00	Year: 2020	Account: 13-05566	Bill#: 89191
Release value of boat. Sold Release Klondyke Fire(6.60) release Columbus Rescue(1.89)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$73.26
Prince, Patrick Oliver & April		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$134.67
Value: \$3,034.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 01-04639	Bill#: 99999
Release value of boat. Repoed. Release Brunswick Fire(6.36) release Whiteville Rescue(1.83) release City of Brunswick(40.95) release city late list(4.11) release county late list(8.16)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$199.64
Reeves, Paul Wayne & David		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13588	Total: \$224.44
Value: \$24,800.00	Year: 2020	Account: 07-13835	Bill#: 93979
Release portion of value. Release Nakina Fire(19.84) release Columbus Rescue(4.96)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$356.05
Smith, James H & Alice F		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 1887	Total: \$400.28
Value: \$76,100.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-06074	Bill#: 98188
Release property value. Should have been exempt. Release North Whiteville(35.39) release Whiteville Rescue(8.84)			
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount: \$3.26
Watts, Barbara G		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$3.62
Value: \$405.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-28320	Bill#: 5466
Release value of 1966 Farm all Tractor. Release Brunswick Fire(.28) release Columbus Rescue(.08)			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Clewis, L C		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 99817	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 03-03380	Bill#: 92384
Refund user fee. No can			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Garrell, T Brandon		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 88972	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 09-03061	Bill#: 99999
Refund user fees. Dbilled.			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$0.00
George Mary D		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 12-09265	Bill#: 99999
Refund user fees.			
<i>Refunds</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Skipper, Penny Blake		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 95617	Total: \$800.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 15-04839	Bill#: 99999
Refund Discovery run on wrong property.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ammons, Jimmy Dan		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18340	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 10-00161	Bill#: 56524
Release user fee. Overbilled			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
armakovitch, Ernest A		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 100494	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 07-01262	Bill#: 56847
Release user fee vacant lot.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Benton, Lisa Williamson ETAL		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26025	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 13-02408	Bill#: 58927
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00



Best, Luben E (Rev)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 3896	Total:	\$2,600.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 01-05580	Bill#:	99999
Release all cans . Uses a commercial hauler. Prop 389 and 3896			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Boone, Lonnie Earl (Dec)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 20290	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 19-20	Account: 11-03331	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Beverly	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 9616	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 05-00820	Bill#:	60861
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Phyllisteen W	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 90062	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 16-05225	Bill#:	61284
Release user fee Overbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Torie	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$1,865.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-20	Account: 16-00324	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Overbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Buffkin, Miriam Louise	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 10223	Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 06-03400	Bill#:	61780
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bullard, Elbert (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 17428	Total:	\$800.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 19-20	Account: 10-01580	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee unliveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cartrette, Mitchell Delane & Frankie	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 15481	Total:	\$81.06
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 09-00035	Bill#:	63772
Release interest.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Clewis, L C	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 7290	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 03-03380	Bill#:	64560
Release user fee Unliveable			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cogdell Willa Dean Heirs	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 1841	Total:	\$600.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18-20	Account: 01-15126	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. House burned in 2016.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Conley, Jimmie Shelton & Mary	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 20894	Total:	\$600.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18-20	Account: .12-05830	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Unliveable			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cook Family Irrevocable Trust	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 992	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 01-05585	Bill#:	65341
Release user fee. Burned in 2018.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
duncan, Richard Nelson	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 93781	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 19-20	Account: 07-04144	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees no can here.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$28.18
Elerdice James T Heirs	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 59676	Total:	\$34.86
Value: \$0.00 Year: 17-20	Account: 07-03780	Bill#:	99999
Release boat sold to Gary Hardee. Release Nakina Fire(2.80) release Columbus Rescue(.70) release late list(3.18)			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Faircloth, Patrick N. & Herlar J	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 23481	Total:	\$1,000.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 13-02629	Bill#:	69662
Release user fees.			

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<i>User Fee</i> Floyd, James Mark Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 22476 Account: 12-08303	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 70520
<i>User Fee</i> Ford, Donald Richard Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 80422 Account: 16-01308	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 70696
<i>User Fee</i> Garner, Geroge O & Alene Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee run down mobile home	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6599 Account: 03-03715	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 72030
<i>User Fee</i> Garrell, Joey Allen Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fees.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 100942 Account: 13-14725	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$600.00 Bill#: 99999
<i>User Fee</i> Good, Cindy Nix & Elaine Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee. Unliveable	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75907 Account: 03-02119	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 73160
<i>User Fee</i> Gore, Ethel Carlene Value: \$0.00      Year: 18-20 Release user fee. Horse stable	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26879 Account: 14-03959	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$400.00 Bill#: 99999
<i>User Fee</i> Hall, Willie May Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee. Dbilled.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 79526 Account: 13-17167	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 75341
<i>User Fee</i> Harley, Johnny & Doris Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee. Unliveable	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75077 Account: 10-07797	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 76003
<i>User Fee</i> Hinson, Bonnie Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee Overbilled.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 Account: 09-05165	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 77815
<i>User Fee</i> Huffman, Bill Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee. Uses a commercial hauler.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 Account: 11-01107	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$113.00 Bill#: 78823
<i>User Fee</i> Ivey, William Carey Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee. Bldg is horse stable.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 21382 Account: 12-13230	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 79413
<i>User Fee</i> Jenkins, O C JR Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee. House removed	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 30366 Account: 16-09260	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 80186
<i>User Fee</i> Jenkins, Stacey & Lillian Value: \$0.00      Year: 2019 Release user fee Unliveable	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 27713 Account: 15-00558	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 7817
<i>User Fee</i> Jolly, Jimmy Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020 Release user fee. Home destroyed	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 Account: 09-4354	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$200.00 Bill#: 80838
<i>User Fee</i> Jolly, Jimmy Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16193 Account: 09-15920	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$600.00 Bill#: 80839

Release user fee. Home demolished.

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Jolly, Teresa Lynn		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	<b>Total:</b>	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 06-51115	<b>Bill#:</b>	99999
Release user fee. Homes vacant				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Jones, Ricky L.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 82174	<b>Total:</b>	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 12-13743	<b>Bill#:</b>	81128
Release user fees. Overbilled				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Jones, William K.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 82603	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-12419	<b>Bill#:</b>	81192
Release user fee. No can				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Kennedy, Levander		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	<b>Total:</b>	\$570.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 15-05717	<b>Bill#:</b>	99999
Release all user fees. Paid on Act# 15-00519				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Kinard, Orrie D		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 85035	<b>Total:</b>	\$600.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 01-07586	<b>Bill#:</b>	99999
Release user fees all vacant land.				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Kinser, Lakitta M		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 79436	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 13-01721	<b>Bill#:</b>	9553
Release user fee.				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
L P S Farms, Inc.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 21486	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 12-14465	<b>Bill#:</b>	82288
Release user fee. Vacant				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Little Michael B		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 29773	<b>Total:</b>	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 15-03821	<b>Bill#:</b>	83650
Release user fee. Vacant land				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Locklear Roy Timothy & Deborah Sue		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 60199	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 06-03158	<b>Bill#:</b>	83803
Release user fee vacant lot.				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Miller, Warren L & Kelly		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 93814	<b>Total:</b>	\$600.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 06-04021	<b>Bill#:</b>	87737
Release all cans billed to SWMH				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Nall, Harold & Faye Garner Nall		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 4686	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-04835	<b>Bill#:</b>	89084
Release user fee.				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Odham, Anna Lee Yates ETAL		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26081	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 13-03265	<b>Bill#:</b>	90444
Release user fee.				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Parker, David Andrew		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 29762	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 15-28998	<b>Bill#:</b>	90909
Release user fee. Vacant land.				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Patterson, Peggy L.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 24997	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 13-32043	<b>Bill#:</b>	91188
Release user fee.				

<i>User Fee</i>			<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Powell, Charles Mitchell & Pattie		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26079	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00

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Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 13-00968	Bill#: 92265
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Prevatte, Allen		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 60284	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 12-22425	Bill#: 92670
release user fees.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Price, Alice Cox		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 11-02648	Bill#: 92702
Release user fee uses a commercial hauler			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Register, John Gibson & Karen		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 7660	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 03-00303	Bill#: 28025
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sarvis, Danny Richard & Coleman		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16712	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 09-03625	Bill#: 95652
Release user fee. 1 Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sherrard, Susan Pierce		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19525	Total: \$472.39
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 11-05535	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Simmons, Sheri Goodson		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13426	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 07-00316	Bill#: 97358
Release user fee. No house here			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sm ith, Linda Diane		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 9391	Total: \$313.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 04-14829	Bill#: 98361
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Smith, William Robert		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75929	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 15-35087	Bill#: 98640
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Spivey, Jacqueline G		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 01-35041	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee uses a comemrcial hauler.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Strickland, Timothy G		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 12668	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 07-03262	Bill#: 1218
Release user fee. Home destroyed			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Thomas, Larry Jr		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 61472	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-03021	Bill#: 2103
Release user fee. Unliveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Turbeville, Donald E & Wendy		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 94103	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 16-05927	Bill#: 3163
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Turbeville, Mark A & Dixie		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16716	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 09-03934	Bill#: 3234
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Westgate Todd		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 24889	Total: \$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 13-00563	Bill#: 6070
Release user fee vacant lot.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00

Wilson, Rodney Eugene	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19608	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020	Account: 11-30444	Bill#: 7759	
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>Usser Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Gore, Jerry L.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13064	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020	Account: 07-06400	Bill#: 73538	
Release user fee. Vacant without power.			

**Agenda Item #20: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Department Managers:**

1. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director:** stated the following:
  - I have got two (2) quotes for the Kemp Processing Facility that is going into the W.F. Cox Hardware building in Tabor City;
  - They are doing all the interior work, the roof and everything that needs to be done;
  - There is a big ditch behind the building that has an erosion problem that is going under the foundation of the building;
  - They have asked for help to get this fixed; **and**
  - The Town of Tabor City has reached out to the contractor and got a price for the County and the Town of Tabor City to share the cost of this work which is approximately \$12,000.

Commissioner Watts made a motion for the County to split the cost of \$12,000 for the repair, not to exceed \$6,000, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **The Honorable Sheriff Jody Greene:** stated the following:
  - This is an update on litter control;
  - We now have six (6) cameras functioning;
  - We will put up billboards and signs informing everyone that there will a fine associated with littering; **and**
  - The fines charged are dictated by the General Statutes.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Vice Chairman McMillian:** stated the following:
  - We need an effective way to control the trash that is being disposed of by people along the highways to keep the County looking decent in appearance; **and**
  - We need to implement an effective pattern in keeping the roadside ditches clean to help with water flow.
2. **Commissioner Giles Byrd:** stated the following:
  - I have spoken to Ms. Kimberly Smith about getting our elderly citizens access to the COVID-19 vaccinations in their houses;
  - We are not getting our fair share of the COVID-19 vaccinations;
  - We have held multiple conversations relative to the number of potholes on the highways in Columbus County; **and**
  - Raymond Shaw has passed away, and he served many years on the Columbus County Board of Education and I would like to do a Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to prepare a Proclamation of Recognition and Appreciation to Raymond Shaw, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

3. **Commissioner Brent Watts:** stated the following:
  - We need to widen the types of trash that can be taken to the convenience centers; **and**
  - There needs to be more times and days the convenience centers are open, and we need to regularly keep the public aware of what types of trash that can be taken to the convenience centers.

4. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:  
 -I am very concerned about the condition of the roads in Columbus County;  
 -There is an assortment of trash in people's yards, inclusive of appliances and furniture that has been there for a lengthy time frame;  
 -I have 2 suggestions as follows:  
     A. Hire someone for "legwork" and John Ganus can do investigations; **and**  
     B. Look at the Ordinance and shorten up the allotted days allowed before action can take place; **and**  
 -Gail, I would like for you to contact Kenneth Clark in reference to the bridge on Dock Road in Crusoe.
5. **Chris Smith (by telephone):** stated the following:  
 -Thank you for the card for me and my family;  
 -I would like to make a motion to open up the exercise centers at our senior citizens centers; **and**  
 -Numerous citizens have complaints in reference to our recycle centers.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to open up the exercise centers at our Senior Citizens Centers, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

6. **Lavern Coleman:** stated the following:  
 -I appreciate everyone's help in getting geared into this new position as a County Commissioner; **and**  
 -I am getting complaints about the 55 MPH speed limit on Neil Eddy Road in the Acme Delco area, and it needs to be lowered to 45 MPH, and I would like to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit to 45 MPH.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting the speed limit to be lowered from 55 MPH to 45 MPH on the Neil Eddy Road, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) REAL ESTATE, (6) PERSONNEL and (9) PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY:**

At 7:46 P.M., Commissioner Cole made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318(a) (5) (i) Real Estate, (6) Personnel and (9) Protect Public Safety, with a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #21: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) REAL ESTATE, (6) PERSONNEL and (9) PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY:**

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 9:09 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Chairman Bullard requested that Amanda Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: *"The County Commissioners discussed real property acquisition with Gary Lanier. The County Commissioners discussed personnel matters with Larry Hayes. The Commissioners discussed*

*personnel matters with the Sheriff. The Commissioners discussed public safety with the Sheriff. No action was taken.”*

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to create an Assistant Maintenance Director’s position, seconded by Commissioner Cole. The motion unanimously passed.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Cole made a motion to appoint the Honorable Sheriff Jody Greene as the Interim Animal Control Manager, starting on March 02, 2021, Tuesday morning, at 8:00 A.M., seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:11 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board**

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, March 01, 2021**

**6:56 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**  
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**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Chris Smith

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 6:56 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 - BIDS for WATER LINE EXTENSIONS:**

Gail Edwards, Assistant to the Manager, requested Board approval of the low bidder, Ralph Hodge Construction, for water line extensions from the following Bid Tabulations, and approval to move forward with the contract and Notice to Proceed.

**PROJECT OWNER:** Columbus County  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Water System Improvements - Water District I, II, III and IV  
**BID OPENING DATE:** February 23, 2021 @ 2:00 P.M.  
**ENGINEER:** Green Engineering, P.L.L.C.

**Part A - Water District I and Water District V - Frank Norris Road and Seven Creeks Road:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$166,4778.00	\$174,162.00	\$167,885.00	\$165,540.00



**Part B - Water District II - Clarendon and Otto Nance:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$402,596.70	\$463,442.00	\$406,430.00	\$457,200.00

**Part C - Water District III - Merritt Road, Lynn Hill and Inman North Roads:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$754,020.50	\$769,162.00	\$915,959.60	\$818,011.00

**Part D - Water District IV - Logistics Park:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$353,896.00	\$355,803.00	\$326,760.20	\$379,352.00

**OTHER BIDDERS:**

Jones and Smith	\$1,882,929.00
Frank Horne Construction	\$1,928,407.25
S&L Contracting	\$1,944,970.65
Carmichael Construction	\$2,187,042.70
State Utility Contractors	\$2,223,332.80

I, E. Leo Green, Jr., P.E., hereby certify that this bid tabulation is a true and correct representation of the bids received for this project according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ **E. LEO GREEN, P.E.**

NC Firm License No.: P-0115

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the low bidder, Ralph Hodge Construction, for water line extensions, and approve to move forward with the contract, and Notice to Proceed, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**  
 Giles E. Byrd  
 Lavern Coleman  
 Brent Watts  
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**Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT II - OLD DOCK WATER PROJECT - TEST WELL GUIDEWAY SCHOOL, CHANGE ORDER NUMBER2:**

Gail Edwards, Assistant to the Manager, requested approval from the Board to move forward with the Change Order/Proposal #2 for a test well from Bill’s Well Drilling, at the cost of \$29,000.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve Change Order Number 2 for the Old Dock Water Project - Test Well at Guideway School, at the cost of twenty-nine thousand and 00/100 (\$29,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:11 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

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**  
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**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

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**Part B - Water District II - Clarendon and Otto Nance:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$402,596.70	\$463,442.00	\$406,430.00	\$457,200.00

**Part C - Water District III - Merritt Road, Lynn Hill and Inman North Roads:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$754,020.50	\$769,162.00	\$915,959.60	\$818,011.00

**Part D - Water District IV - Logistics Park:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$353,896.00	\$355,803.00	\$326,760.20	\$379,352.00

**OTHER BIDDERS:**

Jones and Smith	\$1,882,929.00
Frank Horne Construction	\$1,928,407.25
S&L Contracting	\$1,944,970.65
Carmichael Construction	\$2,187,042.70
State Utility Contractors	\$2,223,332.80

I, E. Leo Green, Jr., P.E., hereby certify that this bid tabulation is a true and correct representation of the bids received for this project according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ **E. LEO GREEN, P.E.**

NC Firm License No.: P-0115

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the low bidder, Ralph Hodge Construction, for water line extensions, and approve to move forward with the contract, and Notice to Proceed, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, March 01, 2021**

**6:56 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**  
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**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Chris Smith

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 6:56 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 - BIDS for WATER LINE EXTENSIONS:**

Gail Edwards, Assistant to the Manager, requested Board approval of the low bidder, Ralph Hodge Construction, for water line extensions from the following Bid Tabulations, and approval to move forward with the contract and Notice to Proceed.

**PROJECT OWNER:** Columbus County  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Water System Improvements - Water District I, II, III and IV  
**BID OPENING DATE:** February 23, 2021 @ 2:00 P.M.  
**ENGINEER:** Green Engineering, P.L.L.C.

**Part A - Water District I and Water District V - Frank Norris Road and Seven Creeks Road:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$166,4778.00	\$174,162.00	\$167,885.00	\$165,540.00

**Part B - Water District II - Clarendon and Otto Nance:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$402,596.70	\$463,442.00	\$406,430.00	\$457,200.00

**Part C - Water District III - Merritt Road, Lynn Hill and Inman North Roads:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$754,020.50	\$769,162.00	\$915,959.60	\$818,011.00

**Part D - Water District IV - Logistics Park:**

<b>Ralph Hodge Construction</b>	<b>Herring-Rivenbark, Inc.</b>	<b>Driggers Construction</b>	<b>Jsmith Civil, L.L.C.</b>
\$353,896.00	\$355,803.00	\$326,760.20	\$379,352.00

**OTHER BIDDERS:**

Jones and Smith	\$1,882,929.00
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I, E. Leo Green, Jr., P.E., hereby certify that this bid tabulation is a true and correct representation of the bids received for this project according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ **E. LEO GREEN, P.E.**

NC Firm License No.: P-0115

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the low bidder, Ralph Hodge Construction, for water line extensions, and approve to move forward with the contract, and Notice to Proceed, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - BIDS for WATERLINE EXTENSION into INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS PARK:**

Dr. Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of bids for the waterline extensions into the International Logistics Park.

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the low bidder, Ralph Hodge Construction, for the sixteen (16") inches water line extension, as listed in the above listed bidders list, and approve to move forward with the contract, and Notice to Proceed, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.



**Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - EASEMENT at HALLSBORO WATER TOWER SITE:**

ATMC requested a Perpetual Utility Easement for the storage of equipment at the Hallsboro water tower site.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Perpetual Utility Easement for the storage of equipment at the Hallsboro water tower site, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Perpetual Utility Easement will be kept in the County Attorney's Office, for review.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**