

## COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, June 07, 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 two (2) Public Hearings and the Regular Session Meeting, it being the first Monday.

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

### APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
 Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
 Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

### APPOINTEE ABSENT:

June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board- (Excused)**

**6:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow any person who wishes to be heard on the budget to appear, written and oral comments may be given.

### CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Bullard called the Public Hearing to order and stated the Public Hearing is for the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and the purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow any person who wishes to be heard on the budget to appear, and written and oral comments may be given.

### COMMENTS:

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

1. **Jay Leatherman:** stated the following:
  - There were some changes to the budget submitted at the May 17, 2017 Board Meeting;
  - The changes are related to education expenses;
  - The changes were reviewed with the college heads and the schools; **and**
  - The moneys were recalculated for breakdown between the school systems.
2. **Dr. Chris English, President of Southeastern Community College:** stated the following:
  - Thanks for the financial support from the County, it is pivotal;
  - SCC has many projects on the horizon including work force development programs in automotive, food technology and horticulture; **and**
  - We are excited about the meetings concerning the complex.
3. **Dr. Deanne Meadows, Columbus County Schools Superintendent:** stated the following:
  - Thanks on behalf of the school districts to everyone involved in the budget process;
  - The budget process was very transparent;
  - We had several meetings and conversations between the school districts and the County;
  - We need to be more competitive supplement to recruit and retain teachers;
  - The new budget allows for an 8% increase for teachers; **and**
  - We hope that the tax rate is not lowered because it could reduce the low wealth funding from the state for schools by about \$2 million dollars.
4. **Dr. Marc Whichard, Whiteville City Schools Superintendent:** stated the following:
  - This has been one of the best budget processes;
  - I met with Mr. Madden in a working lunch session;
  - The priorities were fixing roofs and parking lots, etc.;
  - This budget addresses some of those needs; **and**
  - The entire process was very impressive and most inclusive.
5. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
  - I have a question for Mr. Leatherman;
  - The budget was not done through the normal workshop process;

-This is about the 17th budget I have worked on;  
 -You are using \$3.2 million from the American Rescue Plan funds, and what happens a few years from now when we no longer have those funds available for our budget? Mr. Leatherman replied to Commissioner Byrd, stating in previous years we used about \$2 - \$3 million from the fund balance. We did not use any from the fund balance this year. Revenue increasing in the form of new businesses will be additional funding available in the future. Mr. Leatherman also stated additional cost-saving measures like the fleet agreement have the potential to save about \$1.8 million over the next 8-10 years.

5. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated he is against not lowering the property tax rate.
6. **Amanda Prince:** stated the following:  
 -I have received an e-mail from Mr. Steve Smith and he fully concedes that an increase in salary for county employees is needed; **and**  
 -He requests that we look into doing a merit-based pay increase system to be implemented in the future, and using that method you can weed out unproductive employees.
7. **Commissioner Coleman:** stated law enforcement, education and salary increases are the three (3) largest parts of this budget, and it is the places where we need it the most. I am very satisfied with the budget.
8. **Eddie Madden:** requested everyone to wait until the budget discussion later on the agenda because he will address/discuss the concerns/points brought up in the hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:59 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**7:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING-** **Proposed Text Amendments to the Columbus County Code of Ordinances:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow all interested citizens to attend and present oral and written comments.

**CALLED to ORDER:**

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Bullard opened the Public Hearing, and stated this Public Hearing is for the Proposed Text Amendments to the Columbus County Code of Ordinances, and the purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow all interested citizens to attend and present oral and written comments.

**COMMENTS:**

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

1. **Samantha Alsup:** stated the following:  
 -I am here tonight to discuss the proposed text amendments to the Columbus County Code of Ordinances; **and**  
 -I have with me tonight Richard Flowe with N-Focus, who is the consultant helping us with the proposed text amendments.
2. **Richard Flowe:** stated the following:  
 -These started in 1959 -  
 -Five (5) areas affected:  
     -Citizens and taxpayers  
     -Business Community  
     -Natural Resources  
     -Leadership  
     -Investment in community  
 -Re-inventing approaches
3. **Commissioner Byrd:** Asked the following two (2) questions: What about the grandfather clause? How will it affect rural farmland?
4. **Rick Flowe:** Replied the grandfather clause is complicated. Bonafide farms are exempt but

this only applies to farming outside of city limits.

**TIME PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 7:21 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**7:21 P.M.**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**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 Monday, June 07, 2021 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Lavern Coleman. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Brent Watts.

**Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Columbus County Board of Commissioners May 17, 2021 Regular Session Minutes, with two (2) corrections on Page 890, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5: APPROVAL of JUNE 07, 2021 AGENDA -and- CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Commissioner Watts made a motion to approve the June 07, 2021 Agenda and the following five (5) Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**A. Budget Amendments:**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	12,996
<b>Revenue</b>	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue	12,996
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-4140-519000	Prof Services	350,000
<b>Revenues</b>	10-3991-49101	Fund Balance Appropriated	350,000
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-4155-512100	Salaries & Wages Regular	(1,349)
	10-4155-518100	FICA	(195)
	10-5266-537000	Advertising	(192)
	10-4155-539000	Other Services	(1,895)
	10-4155-549000	Dues & Subscriptions	(830)
	10-4155-549900	Miscellaneous Expense	75
	10-4155-532000	Communications	210
	10-4155-526000	Office Supplies	355
	10-4155-531100	Travel	(6,920)
	10-4155-522000	Food and Provisions	(2,683)
<b>Revenues</b>	10-3416-436025	NC JCPC Grant	(13,224)
	10-3416-489040	Miscellaneous Revenue	(200)
<b>Expenditures</b>	63-7114-535200	M&R Equipment	9,101
	63-7114-999910	Contingency	(9,101)
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-4920-519001	Contracted Services	50,000

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Revenues	10-3485-489126	Project Seal Grant	50,000
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles 2013 Charger Totaled	9,493
	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles equip for car	2,277
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue	11,770
Expenditures	10-4201-519966	Acquisition	660,000
Revenues	10-3839-439110	Loan Proceeds	600,000
	10-30991-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	60,000
Expenditures	10-4180-549919	Conveyance Tax - NCDORF Rev	106,400
	10-4180-549918	Childrens Trust Fund	4,350
	10-4189-549825	Register of Deeds/Emergency Manag	28,000
	10-4180-549815	NC Vital Records Fee	1,450
	10-4180-512700	Salaries/Wages - Longevity	133
	10-4180-513400	Supplemental Retirement Income Plan	3,300
	10-4180-518301	Insurance Contribution Retirees	578
Revenues	10-3418-440060	Register of Deeds/Emergency Management Revenue	6,358
	10-3418-440100	Register of Deeds Fees	26,938
	10-3418-441000	Excise Tax	110,915
Expenses	10-4170-526001	Departmental Supplies	(9,000)
	10-4170-512100	Salaries & Wages FT	(20,000)
	10-4170-518200	Retirement Contributions FT	(5,000)
	10-4170-518300	Insurance Contributions F/T	(15,000)
	10-4170-523000	Staff Development	(6,000)
	10-4170-532100	Telephone	(3,000)
	10-4170-532101	Postage	(4,000)
	10-4170-535200	Maint/Repair Equipment	(5,000)
	10-4170-549300	Software License	(3,000)
	10-4170-512600	Salaries Wages P/T	70,000

**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

Tax Refunds and Releases

*Property Value* Amount: \$603.75  
Rabon, John Matthew PROPERTY: 00000 Total: \$693.75  
Value: \$25,000.00 Year: 18-20 Account: 06-03650 Bill#: 99999  
Release should have been exempted. Release Yam City(75.00) release Columbus  
Rescue(15.00)

*Property Value* Amount: \$355.42  
Alley, Charles Thomas Jr. PROPERTY: 80978 Total: \$434.68  
Value: \$44,151.00 Year: 2020 Account: 01-00568 Bill#: 56417  
Release value of mobile home billed in error. Release Klondyke Fire(30.91) release  
Whiteville Rescue(8.83) release late list(39.52)

*Property Value* Amount: \$0.00  
Ashanti Faheem PROPERTY: 23965 Total: \$215.14  
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019 Account: 13-02131 Bill#: 37401  
Release city of Chadbourn. Double billed. Act#13-04724

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$279.34
Ashanti Faheem	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 23965	Total:	\$399.28
Value: \$34,700.00 Year: 2019	Account: 13-02131	Bill#:	84751
Release value double billed Act#13-04724. Release Columbus Rescue(6.94)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Beatty Corinthian	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 97155	Total:	\$313.20
Value: \$52,200.00 Year: 2020	Account: 04-00363	Bill#:	9008
Release not in city of Bolton,			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$590.93
Bellamy, Pamela	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$2,852.65
Value: \$9,440.00 Year: 11-20	Account: 06-02631	Bill#:	99999
Release all value home repoed in 2004-2005. Release Yam City(73.18) release Columbus Rescue(14.65) release late list(67.89)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,076.32
Bellamy, Pauline Heirs	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$2,685.75
Value: \$5,000.00 Year: 2020	Account: 13-01940	Bill#:	99999
Release all sold at tax sale. Release Klondyke Fire(103.80) release Columbus Rescue(36.05) release Water II(22.58)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$680.23
Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 30132	Total:	\$781.63
Value: \$84,500.00 Year: 2020	Account: 16-50010	Bill#:	63963
Release value. Church parsonage. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(84.50) release Columbus Rescue(16.90)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$332.75
Chancey, Israel (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26375	Total:	\$374.05
Value: \$10,000.00 Year: 16-20	Account: 14-03460	Bill#:	99999
Release portion of value should have been subtracted leaving 4.5 acres on this account. Release Welches Creek(33.05) release Whiteville Rescue(8.25)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Department of Transportation	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$936.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 19-20	Account: 02-50790	Bill#:	99999
Release per NCGS 160A-221. City of Whiteville			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Department of Transportation	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$1,296.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 19-20	Account: 02-50785	Bill#:	99999
Release per NCGS 160A-221. City of Whiteville			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$262.67
Duboise, Paul William	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$292.04
Value: \$32,630.00 Year: 2020	Account: 01-08472	Bill#:	67917
Release home delivered after visit. Release Brunswick Fire(22.84) release Whiteville Rescue(6.53)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$102.83
Gore, Ginger Gayle	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$115.93
Value: \$6,725.00 Year: 19-20	Account: 08-02226	Bill#:	99999
Release value lives in New Hanover County. Release Town of Lake Waccamaw(12.10) late list city(1.21) release Columbus Rescue(2.56) release late list(10.54)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Grainger, Gregory Keith	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25148	Total:	\$4.80
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 13-00604	Bill#:	10685
Release discount charged had US postmark. City of Chadbourn.			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$35.15
Jones, Isaac & Cathaline	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 100506	Total:	\$208.38
Value: \$19,100.00 Year: 2020	Account: 01-08559	Bill#:	18846
Release city taxes double billed to Act#2845			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$49.11
Kidd, Rebecca Queen	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$59.39
Value: \$6,100.00 Year: 2020	Account: 01-06179	Bill#:	81801
Release should have been exempt for elderly exemption. Release Williams Fire(3.66) release Columbus Rescue(1.22) release late list(5.40)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$35.15
King, Janis P	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$75.20
Value: \$1,435.00 Year: 15-20	Account: 01-01302	Bill#:	99999
Release all value moved to Ocean Isle 2015. Release Whiteville Rescue(.87) Release			

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late list(6.84) Release City of Whiteville(32.34)

<i>Property Value</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$372.72
Kittell Toni Workman	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 11179	<b>Total:</b>	\$805.19
Value: \$46,300.00	Year: 2020	<b>Account:</b> 06-03612	<b>Bill#:</b> 99999

Release value property flooded. Reelase Columbus Rescue(9.26) release South Williams (310.21)

<i>Property Value</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$16.10
Pridgen, John Paul	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	<b>Total:</b>	\$420.36
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 19-20	<b>Account:</b> 10-00925	<b>Bill#:</b> 99999

Release value torn down and removed. Release Cole Service(2.00) release Columbus Rescue(.40) release late list(1.86)

<i>Property Value</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
State of North Carolina	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 3991	<b>Total:</b>	\$144.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	<b>Account:</b> 01-00115	<b>Bill#:</b> 99999

Release per NCGS 160A-221. City of Whiteville

<i>Property Value</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Stewart, Janice	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25623	<b>Total:</b>	\$39.10
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	<b>Account:</b> 13-38260	<b>Bill#:</b> 99999

Release missed 2% discount on city and county.

<i>Property Value</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$232.65
Ward, Mary Jane	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 60876	<b>Total:</b>	\$255.77
Value: \$50,000.00	Year: 2020	<b>Account:</b> 11-05841	<b>Bill#:</b> 8777

Release portion of value should have been partially exempted. Release Hallsboro Fire(17.34) release Whiteville Rescue(5.78)

<i>Property Value</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$83.88
Ward, Wesley Edwin	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	<b>Total:</b>	\$1,123.74
Value: \$5,400.00	Year: 15-20	<b>Account:</b> 01-07771	<b>Bill#:</b> 99999

Release value double billed Act#01-05932. Release Brunswick Fire(7.29) release Columbus Rescue(1.08) release Whiteville Rescue(1.00)

<i>User Fee</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Brown, Marchallo P & Keyanna	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 95620	<b>Total:</b>	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	<b>Account:</b> 04-03622	<b>Bill#:</b> 61210

Release user fee. Billing error

<i>User Fee</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Cartrette, Randal Gene	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 15489	<b>Total:</b>	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	<b>Account:</b> 09-00918	<b>Bill#:</b> 99999

Release user fees Property#15489/15702

<i>User Fee</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Cribb, Ronald Ray	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 83758	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	<b>Account:</b> 03-04298	<b>Bill#:</b> 773

Release user fee. Double billed.

<i>User Fee</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Cruz, Elvira Jaimes (ETALS)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 91150	<b>Total:</b>	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	<b>Account:</b> 11-02854	<b>Bill#:</b> 66265

Release user fee.

<i>User Fee</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Davis, Charles Wayne II	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 5268	<b>Total:</b>	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	<b>Account:</b> 01-08103	<b>Bill#:</b> 66741

Release user fees. Overbilled

<i>User Fee</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Enzor, William Irvin, Jr	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 17611	<b>Total:</b>	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	<b>Account:</b> 10-04880	<b>Bill#:</b> 69251

Release user fees double paid.

<i>User Fee</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Evans, Phillip Lowell	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	<b>Total:</b>	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	<b>Account:</b> 12-00432	<b>Bill#:</b> 99999

Release user fees SWMH condemned.

<i>User Fee</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
Graham, Cathy H	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 5114	<b>Total:</b>	\$0.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 800.0	<b>Account:</b> 01-02665	<b>Bill#:</b> 74023

Release user fee. Overbilled only 1 mobile home.

<i>User Fee</i>		<b>Amount:</b>	\$0.00
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Grainger, Gregory Keith	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 93833	Total:	\$8.94
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 13-05634	Bill#:	74428
Release discount charged had US postmark.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Grainger, Gregory Keith	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25148	Total:	\$10.75
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 13-00604	Bill#:	71424
Release discount charged had US postmark.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hamilton, Gary Marion	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 19-20	Account: 01-36223	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. A boat listing.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hankins, John	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 27685	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 15-04109	Bill#:	75688
Release user fee. Never delivered a can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hardee, Mitchell	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 09-00254	Bill#:	75763
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jenrette Betty Jo	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13318	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 07-00547	Bill#:	80243
Release user fee. Meter pulled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jones, Draidmond	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 80326	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2019	Account: 01-01315	Bill#:	8527
Release user fee. Double billed in 2018.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jones, Draidmond	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 80326	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	Account: 01-01315	Bill#:	71347
Release user fee. Double billed			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
King, Perline (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28718	Total:	\$600.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 18-20	Account: 15-00715	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. No home.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Long, Tamera Anne Arwood	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 7357	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 03-05105	Bill#:	84250
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McPherson, John Phillip II & Carolyn	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6202	Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 01-02365	Bill#:	86945
Release user fee. Overbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McPherson, Willie Paul	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 87540	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 02-00619	Bill#:	87124
Release user fee. Car lot.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Melton, Alton Ray & Glenda	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 91392	Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 01-03897	Bill#:	87405
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Nobles, Sabrina E	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 13-01325	Bill#:	89909
Release user fee. No power meter.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Peterson Sherry Brown	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 29909	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2020	Account: 16-01416	Bill#:	91454
Release user fee. Vacant lot.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Pierce, Poretts Darlene & Williams	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$200.00

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Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 11-19991	Bill#: 50291
Release Discovery on wrong acct.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Shipman, Edna J Heirs		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26232	Total: \$366.97
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 14-01526	Bill#: 99999
Release remaining can balance.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Simpson, David W ETALS		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 29440	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 15-04248	Bill#: 24698
Release billed in error.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Spivey, Roland James		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 99418	Total: \$600.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 09-28506	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Billed for an extra can.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Thompson, Ralph		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$2,400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 03-25280	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. No liveable single wides on property.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ward, Linda S		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 85762	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 01-07422	Bill#: 38721
Release user fee. Double billed.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ward, Tammy		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total: \$585.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 09-02454	Bill#: 99999
Release value home was removed & replaced.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Whaley, Ben		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6379	Total: \$600.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 03-28780	Bill#: 99999
Release all cans.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Whaley, Christopher & Miranda		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 79108	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-03006	Bill#: 6081
Release user fee. No power			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$432.29
Williams, Anthony		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 84453	Total: \$707.47
Value: \$65,900.00	Year: 2020	Account: 15-02578	Bill#: 6656
Release user fee. Home burned Release Acme Delco(64.44) release Columbus Rescue(10.74)			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Wright, Willie & Diane		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 90144	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 11-03221	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees land only.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Yomans, Bertha		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 20534	Total: \$1,029.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 15-20	Account: 11-31120	Bill#: 9999
Release user fees. Home unliveable			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Young, Eric Stacy & Linette		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 76886	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 08-01054	Bill#: 8608
Release user fee. Vacant			

C. **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus County Fireworks Celebration Permission for possession of fireworks, waive the permit fee and contribute \$1,000:**

D. **Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Proclamation and**

## **ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse is the broad term used to identify mistreatment of elderly and disabled adults; **and**



**WHEREAS,** abuse and neglect of elderly and disabled adults is one of the most under recognized and under reported social problems in this country; **and**

**WHEREAS,** the magnitude of the problem is likely to increase for several reasons, especially with the increasing rise in the number of elderly population; **and**

**WHEREAS,** mistreatment can take many forms: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect by a caregiver, self neglect, exploitation, and financial exploitation; **and**

**WHEREAS,** it is estimated that approximately five million (5,000,000) people age sixty plus (60+) suffer elder abuse every year; **and**

**WHEREAS,** it is estimated that approximately one (1) out of every twenty-four (24) cases of elder abuse is reported; **and**

**WHEREAS,** abuse of the elderly and disabled is preventable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that May 9, 2021 through June 20, 2021, be recognized as **“ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS ”** in Columbus County, and that all residents and other jurisdictions are encouraged to become more aware of this problem and join in the prevention of elder abuse.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 7th day of June, 2021.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, Chairman

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

E. **Second Addendum to Outsourced CFO Service Agreement to increase maximum hours worked from 500 to 700, with Greg Isley.**

**Agenda Item #6: BUDGET - COLUMBUS COUNTY FY 2021 - 2022 OPERATING BUDGET:**

Eddie Madden, County Manager, presented the Columbus County 2021-2022 Operating Budget and with the following Budget Ordinance; **(The required Public Hearing was conducted today, at 6:30 P.M.).**

**BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022  
COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County:

**SECTION I.** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the Columbus County government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, the same being adopted by department or agency and line item within each fund as listed in the following summary and schedules:

**General Government:**

- Governing Body
- Administration
- Personnel
- Purchasing
- County Garage
- Elections
- Finance
- Tax Administration
- Management Information Systems
- Legal & Professional
- Register of Deeds
- Public Buildings
- Non-departmental
- Total General Government

\$ 8,731,710

**Public Safety:**

- Sheriff
- Sheriff's Department Grant

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Law Enforcement Center	
Fire Marshall	
Emergency Services	
Fire, Rescue, EMS	
Inspections	
Animal control	
Total Public Safety	<u>\$16,529,542</u>

## Economic and Physical Development:

Planning	
Economic Development	
Cooperative Extension	
Soil Conservation	
Airport	
Minor Home Repairs	
Total Economic and Physical Development	<u>\$ 1,934,126</u>

## Human Services:

Health	
Senior Center	
Coroner and Medical Examiner	
Veteran Services	
Public Assistance Programs	
Special Assistance to the Aging	
Total Human Services	<u>\$19,304,635</u>

## Cultural and Recreational:

Recreation	
Library	
Total Cultural and Recreational	<u>\$ 2,227,113</u>

## Education (See Details under Section 30 of this ordinance):

Public Schools	
Community College	
Total Education	<u>\$14,540,170</u>

Special Appropriations \$ 1,196,618

Debt Service \$ 2,275,461

Transfer to other funds \$ 2,683,534

Total Appropriations – General Fund \$ 66,739,425

**SECTION 2:** It is estimated that the following General Fund revenues will be available for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 33,747,267
Sales and Use Taxes	11,966,105
Fees and Charges	5,432,439
Other Revenue	431,919
Investment Earnings	600,000
Intergovernmental Revenue – Federal, State, Other	11,242,255
Transfers from Other Funds	3,265,239
Appropriated Fund Balance	
Article 44 Sales & Use Tax Fund	<u>54,201</u>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund</b>	<b><u>\$ 66,739,425</u></b>

**SECTION 3:** The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Debt Service Fund (#30) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Debt Service \$3,800,197

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION – DEBT SERVICE FUND \$3,800,197**

**SECTION 4:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Debt Service Fund (#30) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Sales Tax	\$ 666,298
Transfer from General Fund	2,275,461
Transfer from Water Fund	<u>858,438</u>
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$3,800,197</u></b>

**SECTION 5:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire Districts Fund (#28) for the operation of fire departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Evergreen Fire District	\$70,525
St. James Fire District	22,182
North Whiteville Fire District	173,887
Nakina Fire District	105,316
Old Dock Fire District	60,785
Hallsboro Fire District	64,820
Roseland Fire District	86,364
Yam City Fire District	135,749
Acme Delco Fire District	386,408
Klondyke Fire District	125,379
Coles Service Fire District	89,009
Cerro Gordo Fire District	87,105
Williams Township Fire District	106,796
White Marsh-Welch Fire District	50,161
Brunswick Fire District	157,993
Bolton Fire District	42,742
Buckhead Fire District	21,102
Remit to District	<u>13,310</u>
<b>TOTAL ALL FIRE DISTRICTS</b>	<b><u>\$1,799,633</u></b>

**SECTION 6:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Fire Districts Fund (#28) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Special Fire Tax	<u>\$1,799,633</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE – FIRE DISTRICT</b>	<b><u>\$1,799,633</u></b>

**SECTION 7:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Rescue Fund (#26) for the operation of the rescue departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Cerro Gordo Rescue	\$69,515
Acme Delco Riegelwood Rescue	69,515
Buckhead Rescue	69,515
Chadbourn; Rescue	69,915
Fair Bluff Rescue	69,515
Lake Waccamaw Rescue	69,515
Nakina Rescue	69,515
Tabor City Rescue	69,515
Remit to District	<u>195,498</u>
<b>TOTAL ALL RESCUE UNITS</b>	<b><u>\$751,618</u></b>

**SECTION 8:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Rescue Fund (#26) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

County Rescue Tax \$0.02	\$556,120
Special District Tax – Whiteville	<u>195,498</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE – RESCUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$751,618</u></b>

**SECTION 9:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the NC 911 Fund (#44) for the emergency telephone system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Emergency Telephone System	<u>\$318,748</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS – NC 911 FUND</b>	<b><u>\$318,748</u></b>

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**SECTION 10:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the NC 911 Fund (#44) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

NC 911 Board Revenues	\$318,748
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE – NC 911 FUND</b>	<b><u>\$318,748</u></b>

**SECTION 11:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Tabor City Incubator Fund (#67) for the operation of County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Tabor City Incubator Project	\$34,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS – TABOR CITY INCUB.</b>	<b><u>\$34,000</u></b>

**SECTION 12:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Tabor City Incubator Fund (#67) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Rents	\$24,000
Other funds	10,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE– TABOR CITY INCUB.</b>	<b><u>\$34,000</u></b>

**SECTION 13:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Transportation Fund (#68) for the operation of County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Transportation expenditures	\$786,170
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS – TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b><u>\$786,170</u></b>

**SECTION 14:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Transportation (#68) Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

NC DOT funds	\$569,953
Interagency transportation revenues	46,406
CCIT – Gasoline reimbursement	120,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	11,405
Transfer from General Fund	38,406
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE – TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b><u>\$786,170</u></b>

**SECTION 15:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Tax Revaluation Fund (#20) for the operation of County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Tax Revaluation	\$ 20,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS – TAX REVALUATION</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,000</u></b>

**SECTION 16:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Tax Revaluation Fund (#20) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Transfer from General Fund	\$ 20,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE – TAX REVALUATION</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,000</u></b>

**SECTION 17:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Sheriff's Special Alcohol and Drug Fund (#14) for the operation of County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Special Alcohol and Drug	\$ 70,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS – DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL</b>	<b><u>\$ 70,000</u></b>

**SECTION 18:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Sheriff's Special Alcohol and Drug Fund (#14) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Controlled Substance Tax	\$ 25,000
US DEA	\$ 40,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 5,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE – DRUG &amp; ALCOHOL</b>	<b><u>\$ 70,000</u></b>

**SECTION 19:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the HUD Fund (#50) for the operation of County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

HUD expenses	<u>\$1,723,350</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS – HUD</b>	<b><u>\$1,723,350</u></b>

**SECTION 20:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the HUD Fund (#50) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

HUD annual contract	\$1,500,000
Admin and other revenue earned	<u>223,350</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE – HUD</b>	<b><u>\$1,723,350</u></b>

**SECTION 21:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the various Columbus County Water Districts for the operation of County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Water District 1 (#60)	\$690,000
Water District 2 (#61)	924,300
Water District 3 (#62)	556,959
Water District 4 (#63)	728,550
Water District 5 (#64)	<u>791,200</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS –WATER FUND</b>	<b><u>\$3,691,009</u></b>

**SECTION 22:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Columbus County Water Districts Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

District 1 – Water sales (#60)	\$600,000
District 1 – Other fees (#60)	90,000
District 2 – Water sales (#61)	850,000
District 2 – Other fees (#61)	74,300
District 3 – Water sales (#62)	529,609
District 3 – Other fees (#62)	27,350
District 4 – Water sales (#63)	694,350
District 4 – Other fees (#63)	34,200
District 5 – Water sales (#64)	744,950
District 5 – Other fees (#64)	<u>46,250</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE – WATER FUND</b>	<b><u>\$3,691,009</u></b>

**SECTION 23:** The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund (#69) for the operation of County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Solid Waste Fund expenses	<u>\$5,567,405</u>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS – SOLID WASTE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$5,567,405</u></b>

**SECTION 24:** It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Solid Waste Fund (#69) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Landfill User Fees	\$4,346,082
Tipping Fees	1,091,823
Miscellaneous Fees	<u>129,500</u>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES – SOLID WASTE</b>	<b><u>\$5,567,405</u></b>

**SECTION 25:** Tax Levy State law requires that local governments publish a revenue neutral tax rate in the budget following the completion of the general reappraisal of real property. Using the formula mandated by State law, the revenue neutral rate for Columbus County was \$0.699 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

There is hereby levied for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 a tax rate of \$0.805 per \$100 of assessed valuation all of which is levied in the General Fund. Discounts will be allowed for early payment of taxes. The rate is based on an estimated collection rate of 97.77 percent and an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$3,742,615,320.

There are hereby levied taxes at the rates indicated below per \$100 valuation of property located within the Fire Districts indicated below for the purpose of providing revenue for said Fire Districts.

<u>Fire District</u>	<u>Levied Tax Rate</u>
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Evergreen Fire District	0.08
St. James Fire District	0.06
North Whiteville Fire District	0.08
Nakina Fire District	0.08
Old Dock Fire District	0.08
Hallsboro Fire District	0.06
Roseland Fire District	0.08
Yam City Fire District	0.10
Acme Delco Fire District	0.12
Klondyke Fire District	0.07
Coles Service Fire District	0.10
Cerro Gordo Fire District	0.10
Williams Township Fire District	0.06
White Marsh-Welch Fire District	0.08
Brunswick Fire District	0.07
Bolton Fire District	0.10
Buckhead Fire District	0.06
Remit to District	0.08

**SECTION 26:** The mileage reimbursement rate is per the IRS standard mileage rate.

**SECTION 27:** The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. The Budget Officer may transfer amounts between objects of expenditures and revenues within a function without limitation.
- b. The Budget Officer may transfer amounts up to \$24,999 between functions of the same fund. Amount of transfers in excess of \$25,000 between functions must be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for their approval.
- c. The Budget Officer may not transfer any amount between funds without action of the Board of Commissioners.

**SECTION 28:** The Budget Officer may make cash advances between funds for periods not to exceed 60 days without reporting to the Board of Commissioners. Any advance that extends beyond 60 days must be approved by the Board. All advances that will be outstanding at the end of the fiscal year must be approved by the Board.

**SECTION 29:** The hiring for new positions and the effective date of the COLA should be no earlier than July 1, 2021, and may be further delayed at the County Manager's discretion.

**SECTION 30:** In accordance with the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act contained in G. S. 115-429 and G.S. 115C-430 of the General Statutes, the Education appropriation is allocated as follows:

Current Expenses (Expended in the General Fund)	
Columbus County Schools	\$5,748,113
Whiteville City Schools	\$2,416,078
Southeastern Community College	\$1,530,414
Capital Outlay (Expended in the General Fund):	
Columbus County Schools	\$650,978
Whiteville City Schools	\$273,623
Southeastern Community College	\$289,713
Debt Service (Expended in the Debt Service Fund):	
Columbus County Schools	\$520,938
Whiteville City Schools	\$145,360

**SECTION 31:** Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and to the Budget Officer and Finance Director to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

**SECTION 32:** There is hereby established, for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, various fees and charges as set forth in the attached Columbus County Fee Schedule, effective July 1, 2021 that is hereby incorporated into this Budget Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

Adopted this the 7th day of June 2021.

/s/ Ricky Bullard, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

/s/ June Hall, Clerk to the Board

**PRESENTATION by EDDIE MADDEN, County Manager:**

**Eddie Madden, County Manager:** stated the following:

- The budget process did not just start when the budget was formally presented at the May17,2021 Meeting;
- The budget process started on February 08, 2021 at the Annual Budget Retreat;
- This year's budget was broken down by department, input was received from each school system, every department head and Southeastern Community College;
- This budget includes funding for schools that has not been seen in many years, and it supports SCC also;
- This is not a perfect document, it is a guide;
- We are not necessarily going to spend everything listed in the budget;
- It does offer strong support for our schools, first responders, officers and the college;
- It also funds the Recreation Master Plan;
- It supports county employees, invests in the detention center so the Sheriff can accept federal inmates;
- The budget does not support county garage due to the Enterprise Leasing Plan and it does not lower the tax rate;
- It keeps the tax rate the same to support pay funding for Economic Development
- Our fund balance is extremely low by every metric;
- We only have \$7.8 million dollars, which is woefully low considering our proposed budget of \$81 million dollars.

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion to approve and adopt the Columbus County 2021-2022 Operating Budget, seconded by Commissioner Coleman.

The following lengthy and in-depth discussion was conducted.

1. **Commissioner Byrd:** In your research, have you found a budget that was not fully funded. Eddie Madden replied stating no.
2. **Commissioner Byrd:** I am not advocating lowering the tax levy. I am just not for spending every dollar we receive. Eddie Madden replied stating I'm not for spending every penny either.
3. **Commissioner Byrd:** I just wish the budget had gone through the regular workshop process so the people would know exactly what's going on, and where their money is being spent.
4. **Commissioner McDowell:** In the past, I felt we had way more money available than we actually had. This budget makes it clear what is available.
5. **Commissioner Watts:** Wasn't there something in the American Rescue Plan for the fund?
6. **Eddie Madden:** The American Rescue Plan allows for the replacement of lost revenue. Most of \$3.2 million budgeted is not for recurring expenses. Those funds will be primarily spent on one-time expenses, i.e.: the Viper radio systems and the update occurring at the Airport.
7. **Commissioner Smith:** Adopting this budget does not guarantee expenses listed will be paid, but can't changes be made through amendments? Eddie Madden replied stating yes.
8. **Commissioner Byrd:** I would like the County to know that Chairman Bullard voted against the budget six (6) times in the past and was absent for one (1) meeting, where the budget was adopted.
9. **Chairman Bullard:** That is okay, but I support this budget because it supports our schools. I call for a vote on the Columbus County 2021-2022 Operating Budget.

Vice Chairman made a motion to adopt the Columbus County 2021-2022 Operating Budget, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The Columbus County 2021-2022 Operating Budget passes on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

**Agenda Item #7: CDBG-2019 NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING:**

Joshua Outlaw Consultant for The Adams Company, requested the establishment of June 21, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter may be heard, for a public hearing for the Program Amendment.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish June 21, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., as the time and date for a public hearing for the CDBG-2019 Neighborhood Revitalization Program Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #8: BOARD of ELECTIONS - PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION of VOTING EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:**

Carla Strickland, Elections Director, requested Board approval of the preliminary consideration of voting equipment purchase with the following Resolution.

**A RESOLUTION to PRELIMINARILY RECOMMEND to the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS the ADOPTION and ACQUISITION of VOTING EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, with the approval of the Columbus County Board of Elections, may adopt and acquire only a voting system of a type, make, and model certified by the State Board for use in some or all voting places in the County at some or all elections in accordance with G.S.163-165.8;

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Elections must recommend the adoption and acquisition of any voting system by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners after completing the requirements in G.S. 163-165.9(a);

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Elections must recommend to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners which type of voting system should be acquired by the county, pursuant to G.S. 163-165.9(a)(1);

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Elections has witnessed a demonstration, in the county or at a site designated by the State Board of Elections, of the type of voting system being recommended, and has also witnessed a demonstration of at least one other type of voting system certified by the State Board of Elections as required by G.S. 163-165.9(a)(2);

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Elections has directed staff to test during a mock elections, coordinated with the State Board of Elections, that will be open to the public, the proposed voting system, to satisfied the requirements of G.S. 163-165.9(a)(3);

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Elections will seek approval from the State Board of Elections prior to replacing any voting system, pursuant to G.S. 163A-165.9(b)(3);

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Elections plans to make a final recommendation to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners on the adoption and acquisition of a voting system at its first meeting following the required testing of the equipment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Columbus County Board of Elections hereby preliminarily recommends that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners adopt and acquire the following certified voting equipment pursuant to G.S. 163-165.9(a)(1):

Voting Type: ES&S Expressvote w/ Electionware  
Vendor: Election Systems and Software  
Number of Units: 30 ADA Compliant Express Vote Ballot Marking Devices with carrying cases.



/s/ Ricky Bullard  
 Ricky Bullard, Chairman  
 Columbus County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the “A Resolution to Preliminarily Recommend to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners the Adoption and Acquisition of Voting Equipment”, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda #9: PLANNING - PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS to the COLUMBUS COUNTY CODE of ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10, PARTS 1,2,3, AND 4:**

Samantha Alsup, Planning Director, requested Board approval of the proposed text amendments in accordance with NCGS 160D. The required Public Hearing was conducted on this date at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the proposed text amendments to the Columbus County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4, in accordance with NCGS 160D, on the first reading, with the second reading to be scheduled at the June 21, 2021 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: SHERIFF - COLUMBUS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE -FIRST READING:**

Sheriff Greene requested the Board to accept the first reading of the **Amended** Columbus County Animal Control Ordinance, and set the second reading for June 21, 2021 Meeting.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to accept the first reading of the **Amended** Columbus County Animal Control Ordinance, and set the second reading for June 21, 2021 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Chairman Bullard opened the floor for Public Input, and Amanda Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Public Comments.

1. **Shelby Gull Laird, 5776 James B. White Highway North, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
  - I am the NC Museum of Natural Sciences Director;
  - I am interested in ideas on how to work more with the County;
  - They currently have partnerships with Wildlife Action for outdoor activities;
  - I am interested in exploring the county’s wetlands;
  - I am trying to do more outreach and signs; **and**
  - I am interested in workforce development opportunities to try to get kids from our county for internships, because so far there have not been any.
2. **Kris Hanks, 344 Hewett Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
  - I would like to speak concerning the proposed development subdivision;
  - My property borders the Beaverdam Swamp, and I would like more information about the development plan;
  - I am concerned about the area’s water table
  - I am not against growth, but I am concerned about the growth rate;
  - I would like to be more educated on the proposal;
  - How will schools accommodate the increase; **and**
  - What is the water table allowance.
3. **Diane S. Pait, 1478 Arn Ward Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
  - I live across the proposed mobile home community;
  - At the present time, I live next to a neighbor already in the proposed lot who has an accumulation of trash bags on their property, and their trash is beginning to be a problem on my property; **and**
  - My biggest concern is tapping into the area’s water supply.
4. **Lyndon G. Merritt, 147 Antioch Church Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
  - The surrounding homeowners received no details or information regarding the said subdivision;
  - The said road is only three (3) miles long;
  - There is a proposed subdivision for each end of the road;
  - This land abuts my land;

- The citizens are very concerned about the number of people involved and the impact on traffic and schools;
- I will deliver one petition by the citizens and more being executed; **and**
- We request that you do not allow the subdivisions.

5. **Jessica Inman McPherson, 1822 Antioch Church Road, Whiteville, N C 29472:** stated the following:
  - I am in strong opposition to the proposed development; **and**
  - The proposed development would not be in harmony with the area as required in the Land Use Ordinance.
6. **Patricia Wright:** stated the following:
  - I request the Commissioners deny the proposed subdivision
  - The increased traffic would be hazardous to farm equipment, it threatens drainage and the water supply;
  - It would lower the real estate value;
  - The road is heavily traveled in the summer by beachgoers; **and**
  - The issue is not that it is mobile homes, the issue is that it is multiple mobile homes in so small an area.
7. **Theresa Faircloth, 82 Golf Course Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
  - I am requesting a flex-day work schedule because crisis happen at any time and you can't just not be available for people in need.

**Agenda Item #12: FINANCE - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING on PURCHASE FINANCING of the TRUIST/BB&T NORTH CAMPUS and COURTHOUSE BRANCH PROPERTIES:**

Jay Leatherman, Interim Finance Director, requested the Board to establish June 21, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter may be heard, as the date and time for this Public Hearing.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to establish June 21, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter may be heard, as the date and time for the Public Hearing on Purchase Financing of the Truist/BB&T North Campus and Courthouse Branch Properties, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: FINANCE - APPROVAL of ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS to the CAPITAL PROJECT FUND:**

Jay Leatherman, Interim Finance Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Ordinance making appropriations to the Capital Project Fund .

**COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
Ordinance making appropriations to the Capital Project Fund  
for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

**Section 1:** The following amounts are hereby made to the Airport Development Capital Project pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

**Project Appropriations**

Airport Development Expense	\$16,667
<b>Total Appropriations - Airport Development Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>\$16,667</b>

**Source of Revenue**

Transfer from General Fund	\$16,667
<b>Total Estimated Revenues - Airport Development Capital Project Fund</b>	<b>\$16,667</b>

**Section 2:** The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget and any changes made during the County Commissioners' budget work sessions.

**Section 3:** The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met.

**Section 4:** The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.

**Section 5:** All expenditures relating to obtaining any bond referendum and or installment purchase will be reimbursed from bond proceeds and installment purchase proceeds in accordance with the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

**Section 6:** This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

**Section 7.** The County intends to seek Federal, State, and/or other grant funding to reduce the amount of loan proceeds. The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the County Manager and/or his representative to apply for and accept such funding if awarded.

**Section 8:** This project ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Within five days hereof, copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the finance office in Columbus County, and with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County.

This Capital Project shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

**ADOPTED**, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Watts to approve the ‘‘Ordinance making appropriations to the Capital Project Fund (Airport), seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: ADMINISTRATION - MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT and FLEET RENTAL AGREEMENT with ENTERPRISES FLEET MANAGEMENT APPROVAL, and APPROVAL for EDDIE MADDEN, COUNTY MANAGER, to SIGN all NEEDED DOCUMENTS, AFTER REVIEW and APPROVAL by COUNTY ATTORNEY and FINANCE DIRECTOR:**

Eddie Madden requested Board approval of the Agreement with Enterprises Fleet Management, and approval for Eddie Madden to sign all needed documents.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreement, with Enterprise Fleet Management, and approve Eddie Madden, County Manager, to sign all needed documents, after review and approval by County Attorney and Finance Director, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: GOVERNING BODY - DESIGNATION of VOTING DELEGATE for NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**

Chairman Bullard requested official designation of the voting delegate for the NCACC Annual Conference.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to appoint Commissioner Lavern Coleman as the voting delegate for the NCACC Conference, second by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #16: ADMINISTRATION- ATMC BROADBAND EXPANSION COMMITTEE:**

Eddie Madden, County Manager, requested the Board to appoint and approve the following seven (7) member Broadband Committee:

1. Commissioner Lavern Coleman
2. Commissioner Giles E. Byrd
3. EDC Director Gary Lanier
4. Business Development at ATMC Director Kris Ward
5. Columbus County Travel & Tourism Director Jennifer Holcomb

- 6. Columbus County Schools Assistant Superintendent - Jonathan Williams
- 7. Columbus County MIS Director Alan James

Commissioner Byrd and Commissioner Coleman stated they would like to serve, as a volunteer, on this committee.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint and approve the seven (7) member Broadband Committee and appoint Commissioner Byrd and Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: RECREATION COMPLEX MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE - APPROVAL OF SUGGESTED APPOINTMENTS:**

Eddie Madden, County Manager, requested Board approval of the following suggested appointments for the Recreation Complex Master Plan Committee (eleven (-11- members).

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE / AREA REPRESENTATIVE</u>
Julie Strickland	Parks and Recreation Director - Facilitator
Shane Hardee	Columbus County Dixie Softball Association President
Kylie Hinson	Columbus County Dixie Youth Baseball
Lloyd Lennon	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairman
Brent Burroughs	South Columbus High School teacher and tennis coach
Lauren Cole	Columbus Regional Healthcare Foundation/Special Projects and YMCA liaison
Dr. Beverly Justice	UNC Pembroke Faculty Member
Pamela Young-Jacobs	Waccamaw Siouan Tribal Council Chairwoman
Brent Watts	Columbus County Commissioner
Lacie Jacobs	SCC Representative - Finance Officer
Frankye Boone Newkirk	Wellness Advocate
Justin Furlow	East Columbus High School teacher and soccer coach
Matt Wilson	Lake Waccamaw Town Council

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve the suggested appointment to the Recreation Complex Master Plan Committee, and to add Matt Wilson as a member, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS to COMMITTEES, BOARDS and COMMISSIONS:**

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Aging Advisory Council (Region O) - COG- <b>M=Byrd S=McDowell</b>	EB	Guy Long Gene McNeil	06/30/2021 06/30/2021	<b>Re-Appoint Re-Appoint</b>
Animal Control Advisory Council	III	Millie Freeman	07/17-2021	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Brunswick Zoning, Planning Board and Board of Adjustments <b>M=McDowell S=McMillian</b>	EB	Caletta Faulk - <b>ETJ</b>	05-17-2021	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Cape RC&D	ED	Vacant	---	HOLD
Cerro Gordon Planning and Zoning Board <b>M=McDowell S=McMillian</b>	EB	Raymond Gowans - <b>ETJ</b>	01-03-2021	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Fair Bluff Board of Adjustments <b>M=McDowell S=Byrd</b>	EB	Frank Horne - <b>ETJ</b>	January, 2021	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Fair Bluff Planning Board <b>M=McMillian S=Byrd</b>	EB	N.I. "Chip" Singletary, Jr. - <b>ETJ</b>	April, 2021	<b>Re-Appoint</b>

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Home and Community Care Block Grant for Aging Services Advisory Council	I EB	Vacancy (Dan Watts) Commissioner Rep	06-30-2019 Term	<b>HOLD</b> <b>HOLD</b>
Housing Advisory Committee	V VII	Henry Milligan James Register	06/30/2021 06/30/2021	<b>HOLD</b> <b>Re-Appoint</b>
Jury Commission for Columbus County <b>M=Byrd S=McDowell</b>	EB	Gwen Joy	06/30/2021	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Lake Waccamaw Planning Board <b>M=McDowell S=Watts</b>	EB	Kyle Peacock - <b>ETJ</b>	06/30/2021	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Southeastern Community College <b>M=Watts S=McMillian</b>	EB	Maude Davis	06-30-2020	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Southeastern Economic Development Commission	EB	Gary Lanier		<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Tabor City Planning and Zoning Board <b>M=Watts S=Byrd</b>	EB	Tommy Spivey	April, 2021	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Tabor City Zoning Board of Adjustment <b>M=Watts S=Smith</b>	EB	Johnnie Jernigan, Jr.	April, 2021	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Voluntary Agricultural District Board	I IV V	Alfonza Williams Harry J. Hart, Jr. Cole Cartrette	06/30/2021 06/30/2021 06/30/2021	<b>HOLD</b> <b>HOLD</b> <b>Re-Appoint</b>

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

At 9:03 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 - V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES: May 17, 2021**

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2, for all Water Districts, respectively.

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

At 9:03 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #20: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Coleman:** stated I would like for this Board to allow people to e-mail their public comments due to difficulties making it to the meetings.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Coleman made a motion to allow people to e-mail their public comments, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated he has petitions from the Antioch Church Community, and I am concerned about the subdivision.

**MOTION:** Commissioner McDowell made a motion that Samantha Alsup, Planning Director, look into what needs to be done so that communities and the Board of Commissioners affected by future projects, that are proposed for land development,

are notified prior to, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. Motion unanimously passed.

3. **Commissioner Smith:** stated the following:
  - The North Whiteville Recycling Center's website needs to be updated to reflect the correct opening and closing times;
  - Is it possible to get a map of the county's water system?; **and**
  - Thanks to the County Manager and everyone involved for the budget.
4. **Commissioner Watts:** Stated the following:
  - Thanks to the County Manager and everyone for the budget; **and**
  - We need to allow the people from Antioch to come back and speak again.
5. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
  - Can the developer bring water from 701 into the community?; **and**
  - I am concerned about the term mobile home.
6. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
  - Can the development be hooked up to sewer?;
  - Will there be a homeowner's association?; **and**
  - Forty-eight (48) new homes seem like a lot of homes added to one (1) community.
7. **Vice Chairman McMillian:** stated the following:
  - Thanks to everyone for coming together for the budget process; **and**
  - I am very concerned about the new development.
8. **Chairman Bullard:** stated the following:
  - We have all heard concerns from the Antioch Community;
  - Thanks to Mr. Madden for the budget;
  - Our next meeting will be held on June 21, 2021, at 5:30 P.M., at South Columbus High School; **and**
  - The Developer of the Antioch Project will be there, as well as Ms. Alsop, to answer any questions.
9. **Dr. Gary Lanier:** stated the following:
  - In the year 2020, very little economic development activity happened;
  - We were awarded a \$500,000 Golden Leaf Grant, and a \$866,983 Grant to extend a 12" water line to Helena Chemical; **and**
  - In 2021, out of the 18 major projects in this area, Columbus County was awarded two (2).

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) ATTORNEY-CLIENT and (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

At 9:53 A.M., Commissioner Coleman made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) Attorney-Client and (4) Economic Development, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #21: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

No official action was taken.

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

At 10:55 P.M., Commissioner Coleman made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Chairman Bullard requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: “The Commissioners discussed Economic Development matters with the Economic Development Director. The Commissioners discussed Attorney-Client matters with the County Attorney, the County Manager and the Emergency Services Director. No action was taken”.

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

**Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:05 P.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. These minutes were recorded by LaToya Williams, and typed by June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board.

**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, June 07, 2021**

**9:03 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**  
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**  
Chris Smith  
Giles E. Byrd  
Lavern Coleman  
Brent Watts  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board (Excused)**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 9:03 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

May 17, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District 1 Board Meeting.

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion to approve the May 17, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:04 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. 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, June 07, 2021**

**9:03 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**  
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**  
Chris Smith  
Giles E. Byrd  
Lavern Coleman  
Brent Watts  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board (Excused)**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 9:03 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

May 17, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting.

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion to approve the May 17, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:04 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. 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, June 07, 2021**

**9:03 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**  
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**  
Chris Smith  
Giles E. Byrd  
Lavern Coleman  
Brent Watts  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board (Excused)**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 9:03 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

May 17, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting.

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion to approve the May 17, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:04 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. 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, June 07, 2021**

**9:03 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**  
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**  
Chris Smith  
Giles E. Byrd  
Lavern Coleman  
Brent Watts  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board (Excused)**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 9:03 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

May 17, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting.

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion to approve the May 17, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:04 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. 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, June 07, 2021**

**9:03 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**  
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**  
Chris Smith  
Giles E. Byrd  
Lavern Coleman  
Brent Watts  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board (Excused)**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 9:03 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 #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

May 17, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting.

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion to approve the May 17, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:04 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**