

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

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

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

**MOTION:**

**Agenda Item #5: APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 04, 2021 AGENDA:**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to add Item 5c: Resolution – Designation of Applicant’s Agent to the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item 5a:     APPROVAL of TAX REFUNDS and RELEASES:**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Watts made a motion to recuse Commissioner Byrd from voting on Agenda Item 5a, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

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Hayden, Amaryllis June S 500 F M Cartret Rd Chadbourn, NC 28431	11- 20465	10/4/2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	18-20	99999	19861	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Refund user fees. No power per letter from Duke Energy.												
Ward, Marvin J 15403 Swamp Fox Hwy E Tabor City, NC 28463	07- 02139	10/4/2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	2021	0	00000	\$83.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83.33
Refund portion of user fee. Prepaid for a trash can but didn't need it.												
Williamson, Myron & Sharon P.O. Box 226 Evergreen, NC 28438	12- 04235	10/4/2021	\$0.00	\$0.00	2021	3042	23157	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Refund user fee. Overbilled												

Tax Refunds and Releases

<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$8.05
Byrd, Giles & Sons, Inc.								Total:	\$408.85
Value:	\$6,470.00	Year:	2021	Account:	11-04823	Bill#:	57757		
Release value of mobile home and 2 user fees. Prop#18769/1832. MH sold. Release Hallsboro Fire(.60) release Columbus Rescue(.20)									
<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$73.94
Chadbourn Insurance Agency								Total:	\$110.89
Value:	\$4,593.00	Year:	19-20	Account:	13-07899	Bill#:	99999		
Release value business equipment. Out of business since 2018. Release Columbus Rescue(.1.84)release late list(6.63)release Town of Chadbourn(28.48)									
<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$146.51
Creech, Cece Nikole								Total:	\$462.99
Value:	\$23,300.00	Year:	2021	Account:	13-01717	Bill#:	99999		
Release portion of value. Home was moved off before Jan 1st of 2021. Release Columbus Rescue(3.64) release Town of Chadbourn(112.84)									
<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$742.77
Creech, Robert Daniel (Sr)								Total:	\$1,035.05
Value:	\$26,406.00	Year:	2021	Account:	14-00448	Bill#:	61198		
Release value. Release Welches Creek(73.82) release Whiteville Rescue(18.46)									
<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$67.62
Devack, Erin Renee								Total:	\$76.02
Value:	\$8,400.00	Year:	2021	Account:	12-00605	Bill#:	62494		
Release value. See rebill Prop#20598. Release Evergreen Fire(6.72) release Columbus Rescue(1.68)									
<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$365.45
Fipps, George Allen & Debra								Total:	\$410.85
Value:	\$45,397.00	Year:	2021	Account:	09-08121	Bill#:	65472		
Release value. Double billed Act#09-00176. Release Roseland Fire(36.32) release Columbus Rescue(9.08)									
<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$32.20
Jeffords, Jacob Aaron & Shaleena Marie								Total:	\$235.40
Value:	\$270,000.00	Year:	2021	Account:	09-05226	Bill#:	75432		
Release user fee. NO home or SWMH Transfer error. Release Williams Fire(2.40) release Columbus Rescue(.80)									
<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$262.03
McPherson, Betty Lou								Total:	\$288.07
Value:	\$65,100.00	Year:	2021	Account:	09-19040	Bill#:	82254		
Release portion of value. Should have elderly exemption applied. Release Williams Fire(19.53) release Columbus Rescue(6.51)									
<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$31.40
Patrick, Julia (Heirs)								Total:	\$36.86
Value:	\$3,900.00	Year:	2021	Account:	15-29140	Bill#:	86543		
Release value. Cannot find title. Release Acme Delco(4.68) release Columbus Rescue(.78)									
<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$15.30
Poole, Vestal B								Total:	\$15.68
Value:	\$29,000.00	Year:	2021	Account:	12-02612	Bill#:	87456		
Release value of storage bldg. Does not own moved to Prop#101181. Release Columbus Rescue(.38)									
<i>Property Value</i>								Amount:	\$644.00
Price, Michael Dewayne								Total:	\$924.00
Value:	\$80,000.00	Year:	2021	Account:	01-03122	Bill#:	88246		

Release value . Transfer error. Rebilled to account#01-07760. Release North  
Whiteville(64.00) release Whiteville Rescue(16.00)

<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$56.35
Salas, Didier	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000		Total:	\$1,497.81
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 15-21	Account: 14-03715	Bill#:	99999

Release values. Title never clear in this name. Release Welches Creek(5.60) release  
whiteville Rescue(1.40) release late list(5.46)

<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$436.31
Soles, Glenn J	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 5009		Total:	\$490.51
Value: \$108,400.00	Year: 2021	Account: 01-08440	Bill#:	94251

Release portion of value. Should have gotten exemption. Release North  
Williams(43.36) release Whiteville Rescue(10.84)

<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$22.38
Stanley, Donald Michael	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000		Total:	\$225.16
Value: \$2,780.00	Year: 2021	Account: 09-00863	Bill#:	95416

Release value double billed in error. Release Roseland Fire(2.22) release Columbus  
Rescue(.56)

<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$1,104.60
Teal Trucking LLC	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000		Total:	\$1,241.82
Value: \$39,900.00	Year: 18-21	Account: 12-05438	Bill#:	99999

Release value Tag expired. 3/2019. Release Evergreen Fire(109.78) release Columbus  
Rescue(27.44)

<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$276.62
Teal, Jeffrey Alan	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000		Total:	\$310.98
Value: \$12,681.00	Year: 19-21	Account: 12-02023	Bill#:	99999

Release value Tag expired. 3/2019. Release Evergreen Fire(27.49) release Columbus  
Rescue(6.87)

<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$227.82
Trinity Baptist Church of WH, Inc.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000		Total:	\$233.48
Value: \$28,300.00	Year: 2021	Account: 01-83417	Bill#:	99999

Release value. Prop#89095 & 6241. Release Whiteville Rescue(5.66)

<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$4.60
Ward, Roger Dale	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 12629		Total:	\$14.20
Value: \$8,000.00	Year: 2021	Account: 06-41288	Bill#:	677

Release interest computed in error. Release Yam City(8.00) release Columbus  
Rescue(1.60)

<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Cam-Brent, Inc.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000		Total:	\$588.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 11-02131	Bill#:	99999

Refund user fees on Prop#19867 uses a commercial hauler and Prop# 18790 there is  
no house here.

<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Columbus County Tax Office	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 78113		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 15-03201	Bill#:	75135

Refund and apply to taxes owed.

<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Hall, Meredith REF#181049254-0	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 27747		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 15-04266	Bill#:	70631

Refund user fee. SEND TO VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE INC  
ATTN: TAX DEPARTMENT P.O. Box 9800, Maryville, TN 37802

<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Hayden, Amaryllis June S	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19861		Total:	\$600.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 11-20465	Bill#:	99999

Refund user fees. No power per letter from Duke Energy.

<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Marvin J.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000		Total:	\$83.33
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 07-02139	Bill#:	0

Refund portion of user fee. Prepaid for a trash can but didn't need it.

<i>Refunds</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Williamson, Myron & Sharon	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 23157		Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 12-04235	Bill#:	3042

Refund user fee. Overbilled

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Ansbach Marilyn Sarvis			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 95993 Account: 03-02961	Bill#:	51822
Release user fee. House vacant				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Bailey, Joann			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 52265 Account: 11-00819	Bill#:	52265
Release user fee. Can destroyed by trash truck never replaced.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Baldwin, Joyce			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 85520 Account: 14-04807	Bill#:	52426
Release user fee. Dbilled on Prop#100981				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Barsh, Thomas D			Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 20-21	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 04-00756	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Double billed.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Benton, Bernard L			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 63767 Account: 11-00531	Bill#:	53991
Release user fee. Unliveable home				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Blanton, Todd & Christy			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 06-00046	Bill#:	54878
Release user fee. Billed on account#06-02553				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Douglas Earl (ETAL)			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 20753 Account: 12-01305	Bill#:	56107
Release user fee. Can picked up.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Earl			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 12-00637	Bill#:	56113
Release user fee. SWMH no liveable.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Hakeem Guyrell			Total:	\$36.76
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-21	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 15-02141	Bill#:	99999
Release value of boat. Should be billed in Bladen County. Release Acme Delco(20.92) release Columbus Rescue(3.48) release late list(12.36)				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Torie R			Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 23809 Account: 13-01165	Bill#:	56517
Release user fee. Vacant land.				
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00		
Bryant, Thelma			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 15-00014	Bill#:	56769
Release user fee. Vacant home				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Bullock, Mary Alice			Total:	\$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 652 Account: 01-03979	Bill#:	57255
Release user fee. House is gone.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Byrd, Giles & Sons, Inc.			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 19800 Account: 11-04796	Bill#:	57759
Release user fee. Hunting camp. No can				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Calloway, Mazerlene Velock Pridgen			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 89731 Account: 12-03758	Bill#:	58041
Release user fee. House doesn't have power. Unliveable.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Carter, Marion Brown			Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 01-00712	Bill#:	17719

Release user fee. Remodeling DWMH			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cherry Grove Baptist Church	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,513.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 16-50030	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Billed in error. Cemetery plots. Church has one can and billed on Act#16-00051			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Clarida Joe Robert(Heirs)	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 03-02947	Bill#: 59563
Release user fee. SWMH vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cribb, Bobby K & Betty Jo	PROPERTY: 15605	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 09-05670	Bill#: 61261
Release user fee. House unliveable since 2015.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Duncan, Richard Nelson & Sonya	PROPERTY: 93781	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 07-04144	Bill#: 63447
Release user fee. Can picked up from 274 Duncan Small Drive			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ehlers, William F & Elizabeth	PROPERTY: 19440	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 11-08371	Bill#: 64024
Release user fee. Overbille one can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Etheridge Magaline	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-06220	Bill#: 69365
Release user fee. Can picked up Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Fields, Ossie	PROPERTY: 3693	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 01-26420	Bill#: 65378
Release user fee. Home has no power.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Formyduval Marie	PROPERTY: 6869	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 03-07620	Bill#: 66058
Release user fee. Can removed			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Giles Byrd and Son Inc	PROPERTY: 18908	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 11-00011	Bill#: 67945
Release user fee. Mobile home vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Goff, Leemon J. & Linda G	PROPERTY: 85541	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 15-00653	Bill#: 68324
Release user fee. Only one can here.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Gross, Rebecca	PROPERTY: 98755	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 15-02521	Bill#: 70390
Release user fee. Overbilled for cans			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hallsboro Baptist Pastorum	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 11-50115	Bill#: 70676
Release user fee. One already paid.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hayden, Amaryllis June S	PROPERTY: 19861	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 11-20465	Bill#: 71755
Release user fee. House has no power.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hayes, Aaron Paul	PROPERTY: 7148	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 03-04533	Bill#: 71764
Release user fee. Overbilled 1 can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jacobs, Andrew W & Linda J Winters	PROPERTY: 84259	Total:	\$200.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 04-00228	Bill#: 74971
Release user fee. Dbilled on SWMH Act#04-00756			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Jacobs, Lester A (Jr) Audrey	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 8987		Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 04-08440	Bill#: 75136
Release user fee. House is vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Jaimes, Maria C Martinez	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 88656		Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 15-01226	Bill#: 75323
Release user fee. One can billed on leasehold 92516.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Jenkins, Mary E	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 63761		Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 01-47520	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. 2 houses unliveable. Never removed from system.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Lewis, Joseph Michael Jr	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28805		Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 15-05068	Bill#: 78723
Release user fee. Can billed on Leasehold			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Long, Randy L.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13369		Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 07-05007	Bill#: 79502
Release user fee. Can was picked up.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Long, Shirley A	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6780		Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 03-14882	Bill#: 79544
Release user fee. Vacant land.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
McDowell, Ronald & Rebecca	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16303		Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 09-17700	Bill#: 20124
Release user fee. Only has 1 can.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
McPherson, Floyd (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16353		Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 09-18520	Bill#: 82147
Release user fee. Occupant in rest home.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Mountains 2 Sea LLC	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 100237		Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 01-08446	Bill#: 84168
Release user fee. House isn't complete.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Mt. Hebron AME Zion Church	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000		Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 11-50040	Bill#: 84182
Release user fee. Overbilled for cans that are picked up.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Mt. Olive Holiness Church	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000		Total: \$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 06-50055	Bill#: 17748
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Nichols, Leslie (ETALS)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 8934		Total: \$113.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 04-03357	Bill#: 85068
Release user fee. Vacant house.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Odham, Anna Lee Yates ETAL	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26081		Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2021	Account: 13-03265	Bill#: 85863
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Powell, Dorothy J	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000		Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 20-21	Account: 11-20920	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. SWMH is vacant. Owner deceased.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00

Powell, Harry S (Sr) Dec	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19896	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 11-21040		Bill#: 87790	
Release user fees. SWMH is vacant. Owner deceased.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Price, Sheila Long	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 97866	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 03-04558		Bill#: 88254	
Release user fee. Land is vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Rouse, Ernest Lee & Jennie Johnson	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 6171	Total:	\$20.58
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 01-06583		Bill#: 15687	
Release discount amount messed up.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Shaw, Robert Melvin Jr. & Tullie	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 22504	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 12-02645		Bill#: 92152	
Release user fee vacant land.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Shepherd William Russell & Vera	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 7774	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2020      Account: 03-21100		Bill#: 96796	
Release user fee. Samaritans Purse demolished home in 2019.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Snowten, Alisha	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 16-05606		Bill#: 94152	
Release user fee. Billed on another account.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stancil, Stephen Gene & Aaron Mcrae	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 88296	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 07-00846		Bill#: 88296	
Release user fee. SWMH hasn't been set up			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Strickland, Michael Wayne	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 89627	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 10-02161		Bill#: 96609	
Release user fee. Vacant land.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Stringfield, Neva Brown	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 19/21      Account: 15-35211		Bill#: 99999	
Release user fee. Home vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Thomas, Ernestine M.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 20257	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 11-27120		Bill#: 97570	
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Walters, Christy M	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 60392	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 13-00001		Bill#: 99846	
Release user fee. Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Faye Housand	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 92506	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 07-02561		Bill#: 228	
Release user fee. Can picked up owner in nursing home.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Watts, Albert	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 101120	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 03-00868		Bill#: 1022	
Release user fee. Only has one can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Whittington, Joey B & Thelma	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 27322	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 14-17700		Bill#: 2065	
Release user fee. Home unliveable			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williams, John C	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 63089	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021      Account: 16-02229		Bill#: 2465	
Release user fee. Can double billed on another account.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00

Williams, Wade Lenwood ETALS	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 96998	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021	Account: 09-02261	Bill#: 2707	
Release user fee. House is not liveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Willis, Margaret L.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 77756	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021	Account: 10-01727	Bill#: 3181	
Release user fee. House is vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Wilson, Rodney Eugene	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19608	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021	Account: 1-30444	Bill#: 3335	
Release user fee. Only has one can			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Worrell, C Shannon & Lynn	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 99634	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021	Account: 14-00631	Bill#: 3760	
Release user fee. Double billed.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Worrell, Linda P	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 76821	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2021	Account: 11-30680	Bill#: 3796	
Release user fee. Balance difference out.			

**MOTION:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve Tax Refund and Releases, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5b:    INTRODUCTION OF SELECTED ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER:**

**County Manager Eddie Madden:**

- It’s my pleasure this evening to introduce Mr. Roy “Nick” West. He was selected after a very lengthy process.
- A panel consisting of Mr. Tyler Thomas (Pembroke City Manager), Mr. Jason Beck (Columbus Regional), Chairman Ricky Bullard (County Commissioners), Ms. Gail Edwards (County Administration), Ms. Julie Strickland (Parks & Recreation), Mr. Algernon McKenzie (Social Services), Mr. Kris Ward (ATMC), and Ms. Lacie Jacobs (SCC) recommended Chief West for the position of Assistant County Manager.
- Mr. West will join us officially on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- I thought it was important for everyone to see him tonight but more importantly to see the full transparency of the hiring process.
- We went to great lengths to make sure all of the applications we received, which were 11 in total, were given fair consideration.
- I mention that because Mr. West is familiar to me.
- He worked 7 years under my leadership in Elizabethtown and for that reason, we wanted to make sure we had a very fair and open process.
- Thus the committee that was brought together to evaluate the applicants.
- I did not participate in that process at all and our staff can attest to that.
- So please help me welcome Mr. Roy “Nick” West of Columbus County.

PRESS RELEASE  
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

I am pleased to announce Roy “Nick” West will be the Assistant County Manager for Columbus County. Mr. West and his wife, Beverly, of twenty-two years are residents of Columbus County. He will begin in the newly created and much needed position on October 18, 2021.

Mr. West has over twenty years of experience with local government entities, receiving multiple certifications and extensive training. During the term of his most recent position as Fire Chief for the Town of Elizabethtown, he was designated as Chief Fire Officer by the Center for Public Safety Excellence in 2021. He will be a valued asset to the county.

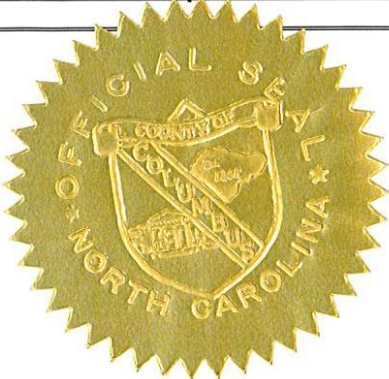
  
Eddie Madden, County Manager  
Columbus County



Agenda Item #5c: **RESOLUTION – RESOLUTION DESIGNATING EDDIE MADDEN, COUNTY MANAGER, AS THE DESIGNATED AGENT FOR THE HURRICANE ISAIAS HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP):**

Dr. Gary Lanier, EDC Director/Planning Interim Director requested Board Approval of the Resolution.

<b>RESOLUTION</b> <b>DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT’S AGENT</b> North Carolina Division of Emergency Management	
Organization Name (hereafter named Organization) Columbus County	
Disaster Number: 4568	
Applicant's State Cognizant Agency for Single Audit purposes (If Cognizant Agency is not assigned, please indicate):	
Applicant's Fiscal Year (FY) Start 2021	
Month: July Day: 1	
Applicant's Federal Employer's Identification Number 56 - 6000289	
Applicant's Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Number 047 - 99047 - 00	
<b>PRIMARY AGENT</b>	<b>SECONDARY AGENT</b>
Agent’s Name Edwin Madden	Agent’s Name Gary A. Lanier, Ed.D.
Organization Columbus County	Organization Columbus County
Official Position County Manager	Official Position EDC Director/ Planning Director
Mailing Address 111 Washington Street	Mailing Address 111 Washington Street
City ,State, Zip Whiteville, NC 28472	City ,State, Zip Whiteville, NC 28472
Daytime Telephone (910) 640-6600	Daytime Telephone (910) 640-6608
Facsimile Number	Facsimile Number
Pager or Cellular Number (910) 640-7024	Pager or Cellular Number (910) 499-1409
BE IT RESOLVED BY the governing body of the Organization (a public entity duly organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina) that the above-named Primary and Secondary Agents are hereby authorized to execute and file applications for federal and/or state assistance on behalf of the Organization for the purpose of obtaining certain state and federal financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act, (Public Law 93-288 as amended) or as otherwise available. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-named agents are authorized to represent and act for the Organization in all dealings with the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for all matters pertaining to such disaster assistance required by the grant agreements and the assurances printed on the reverse side hereof. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the above-named agents are authorized to act severally. PASSED AND APPROVED this                    day of                    , 20                    .	
<b>GOVERNING BODY</b> <i>Ricky Bullard</i> Chairman	<b>CERTIFYING OFFICIAL</b>
Name and Title	Name <i>Amanda Prince</i>
Name and Title	Official Position <i>Staff Attorney / Deputy Clerk</i>
Name and Title	Daytime Telephone <i>910-642-5645</i>
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	
I, <i>Amanda Prince</i> , (Name) duly appointed and <i>Staff Attorney / Deputy Clerk</i> (Title) of the Governing Body, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Governing Body of <i>Columbus County</i> (Organization) on the <i>4<sup>th</sup></i> day of <i>October</i> , 20 <i>21</i> .	
Date: <i>10/04/2021</i>	Signature: <i>Amanda Prince</i>



**MOTION:**  
Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Bullard opened the floor for Public Input. The following spoke:

**Tim Holloman, Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority Executive Director, 1107 North Pointe Blvd, Suite 17, Leland NC 28451**, stated the following:

- The Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority was created in 1970.
- In 1972, Bladen, Pender and Columbus County joined as members.
- We would like to present Columbus County with a plaque, in recognition and appreciation in keeping the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority a viable and sustainable source of running water for the Lower Cape Fear Region. The Authority does hereby recognize the vital role that Columbus County contributes to 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of success for the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority. The Columbus County Directors are Mr. Al Leonard and Commissioner Chris Smith.

Agenda Item #7: PROCLAMATION – PROCLAMATION HONORING CLARA CARTRETTE:

The Commissioners presented Clara Cartrette with a Proclamation Honoring her hard work and dedication to the News Reporter and Columbus County.

**PROCLAMATION HONORING CLARA CARTRETTE**

**WHEREAS**, in the summer of 1961, just after completing high school, Clara Cartrette began working as a journalist covering weddings and engagements for The News Reporter; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Clara, being recognized early on in her career for her determination and skill with a pen, quickly broadened her beat to include coverage on law enforcement, criminal trials, city council meetings, and a plethora of other news stories; **and**

**WHEREAS**, her rapport with people and her candid storytelling provided her with a long list of sources, willing to discuss sensitive matters both on and off the record; **and**

**WHEREAS**, during her career Clara covered every beat at the paper, with the exception of sports, breaking ground for women journalists, giving them the opportunity to cover “hard” news stories like crime and politics; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Clara’s exceptional writing and journalistic skill has earned her numerous North Carolina Press Association Awards and two National Federation of Press Women awards, including their highest honor, Communicator of Achievement Award; **and**

**WHEREAS**, after 60 years of “getting to the heart” of stories, Clara Cartrette, pioneering journalist and news editor, has retired from The News Reporter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, wish to congratulate her on her retirement and commend her decades of professionalism, dedication, and service to news coverage in Columbus County.

Adopted this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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| /s/ RICKY BULLARD, Chairman     | /s/ JEROME MCMILLIAN, Vice Chairman               |
| /s/ CHRIS SMITH                 | /s/ GILES E. BYRD                                 |
| /s/ LAVERN COLEMAN              | /s/ BRENT WATTS                                   |
| /s/ CHARLES T. MCDOWELL         | /s/ EDWIN H. MADDEN, JR., Manager                 |
| /s/ BOYD WORLEY, Board Attorney | /s/ AMANDA B. PRINCE, Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk |

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: PROCLAMATION – PROCLAMATION HONORING DAN BISER:

The Commissioners presented Dan Biser with a Proclamation Honoring his hard work and dedication to the News Reporter and Columbus County.

PROCLAMATION HONORING DAN BISER

WHEREAS, Dan Biser, knowing from a young age he wanted to become a sports writer, began his reporting career in high school, covering sports for local newspapers; and

WHEREAS, Dan, persisting on this path, attended Journalism School at the University of North Texas and wrote articles for multiple papers, including The Dallas Morning News; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Dan Biser came to Columbus County and accepted a position as a general news journalist writing for The News Reporter, eventually becoming the paper’s Sports Editor in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Dan, sympathetic to passionate sports fans, worked tirelessly at The News Reporter to cover and attend as many sporting events as possible, regardless of where the games were held in the county; and

WHEREAS, Dan, recognizing the positive impact playing sports has on the lives of young people, insisted on covering all sports to ensure teams who were not normally in the spotlight, were highlighted by the paper; and

WHEREAS, after numerous North Carolina Press Association awards and a 47-year long career covering sports, Dan Biser has retired from The News Reporter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, wish to congratulate him on his retirement and commend his decades of professionalism, dedication, and service to sports coverage in Columbus County.

Adopted this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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| /s/ RICKY BULLARD, Chairman     | /s/ JEROME MCMILLIAN, Vice Chairman               |
| /s/ CHRIS SMITH                 | /s/ GILES E. BYRD                                 |
| /s/ LAVERN COLEMAN              | /s/ BRENT WATTS                                   |
| /s/ CHARLES T. MCDOWELL         | /s/ EDWIN H. MADDEN, JR., Manager                 |
| /s/ BOYD WORLEY, Board Attorney | /s/ AMANDA B. PRINCE, Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk |

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PRESENTATION – RETIREMENT PLAQUE for PATRICIA MILLIKEN:

The Commissioners presented a Retirement Plaque to Patricia Milliken, former Library Program Supervisor, for her dedicated service to the Columbus County Library from 03/16/1987 to 06/20/2021.

PRESENTED TO

PATRICIA MILLIKEN

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY

TO

COLUMBUS COUNTY

03-16-1987 – 06-20-2021

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Watts made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10:    PROCLAMATION – PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION for RICHARD “MACK” BARFIELD:**

The Commissioners approved a proclamation for Richard “Mack” Barfield for his dedicated service as Site Manager with the Columbus County Solid Waste Department.

**PROCLAMATION HONORING RICHARD BARFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, in the fall of 2004, Richard “Mack” Barfield accepted a position as Site Manager at the China Grove Recycling Center for the Columbus County Department of Solid Waste; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Richard, diligent in his duties, enforced site rules, inspected incoming loads and ensured the proper disposal of solid waste and recyclables for the China Grove Community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Richard, being passionate about his work, would always go above and beyond to assist citizens in any way he could with their disposal and recycling needs; **and**

**WHEREAS**, his strong work ethic, self-discipline and dedication to his responsibilities at the facility earned him the respect of not only his colleagues but his superiors as well; **and**

**WHEREAS**, his easy-going nature and desire for cooperation always made conversations effortless and laid the foundation to establishing friendships that will last a lifetime; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Richard, despite illness continued to work and perform his duties admirably, serving Columbus County until his health no longer allowed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we the Columbus County Board of Commissioners wish to thank “Mack” for his service and commend him for his professionalism, integrity and dedication to the citizens of Columbus County.

Adopted this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ <b>RICKY BULLARD, Chairman</b>	/s/ <b>JEROME MCMILLIAN, Vice Chairman</b>
/s/ <b>CHRIS SMITH</b>	/s/ <b>GILES E. BYRD</b>
/s/ <b>LAVERN COLEMAN</b>	/s/ <b>BRENT WATTS</b>
/s/ <b>CHARLES T. MCDOWELL</b>	/s/ <b>EDWIN H. MADDEN, JR., Manager</b>
/s/ <b>BOYD WORLEY, Board Attorney</b>	/s/ <b>AMANDA B. PRINCE, Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk</b>

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11:    PROCLAMATION – PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY:**

Ashley Lomboy, Lower Cape Fear YWCA Board of Directors’ Secretary, requested Board adoption of the proclamation.

**PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples’ Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; **and**

**WHEREAS**, a growing number of American counties have recognized the second Monday of October as an opportunity to celebrate indigenous resiliency; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the state of North Carolina recognizes the fact that Columbus County is built upon lands first inhabited by the Indigenous Peoples of this region; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County is home to the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe of North Carolina, one of the eight tribes recognized by the state of North Carolina; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe of North Carolina communities of Buckhead and St. James reside within Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the ancestral home of the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe is located on the banks of Lake Waccamaw, where they resided for thousands of years; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge, stewardship of these lands, labor, technology, science, philosophy, and arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of Columbus County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the second Monday of October to celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day and strongly encourage public institutions, businesses, and organizations to celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day; reaffirming the County’s commitment to demonstrating appreciation of North Carolina’s first peoples.

Adopted this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ <b>RICKY BULLARD, Chairman</b>	/s/ <b>JEROME MCMILLIAN, Vice Chairman</b>
/s/ <b>CHRIS SMITH</b>	/s/ <b>GILES E. BYRD</b>
/s/ <b>LAVERN COLEMAN</b>	/s/ <b>BRENT WATTS</b>
/s/ <b>CHARLES T. MCDOWELL</b>	/s/ <b>EDWIN H. MADDEN, JR., Manager</b>
/s/ <b>BOYD WORLEY, Board Attorney</b>	/s/ <b>AMANDA B. PRINCE, Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk</b>

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: FAMILIES FIRST, INC. – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:**

Vickie Pait, Executive Director of Families First, Inc., requested Board approval of the proclamation.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, family and domestic violence is a common problem in the United States, affecting an estimated 10 million people every year, as many as 1 in 4 women and 1 in nine men are victims of domestic violence; **and**

**WHEREAS**, domestic and family violence includes economic, physical, sexual, emotional, and psychological abuse of children, adults, and elders; **and**

**WHEREAS**, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leaves a mark on family, friends, and the community at large; **and**

**WHEREAS**, approximately 45 million children will be exposed to domestic violence during childhood; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the “cycle of abuse” is often continued from exposed children into their adult relationships and finally to the care of the elderly; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference; **and**

**WHEREAS**, annually, domestic violence is responsible for over 1500 deaths in the United States; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; **and**

**WHEREAS**, survivors should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law; **and**

**WHEREAS**, survivors of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; **and**

**WHEREAS**, we encourage domestic violence survivors and their families to seek assistance from appropriate victims’ services organizations and the Families First, Inc. crisis hotline (910-641-0444), it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; **and**

**WHEREAS**, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; **and**

**WHEREAS**, everyone has the right to a safe and healthy relationship and to be free from abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 2021, Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout the county of Columbus and urge our community to work toward ending domestic violence by empowering people to develop healthier relationships, assisting victims in accessing the information and supportive services they need, creating better and more resources for people in need, instituting effective intervention and prevention policies and engaging in discussions with family members and peers to promote awareness and prevention of the quiet epidemic of domestic violence.

Adopted this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**  
/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE, Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk**

**MOTION:**  
Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13:     SOIL AND WATER – REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF THE REVISED VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS ORDINANCE:**

Morgan Hayes, Director/District Conservation Technician, requested the First Reading of the revised Ordinance and the Board establish October 18, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. as the date and time for the Public Hearing.

**Columbus County Voluntary Agricultural Districts Ordinance- Revised**

**Article I: Title**

An ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, entitled the “**Columbus County Voluntary Agricultural Districts Ordinance.**”

**Article II: Authority**

The articles and sections of this Ordinance are adopted pursuant to the authority conferred by the North Carolina General Statutes sections 106-735 through 106-743 and Chapter 153A.

**Article III: Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote agricultural values and the general welfare of the county and more specifically, increase identity and pride in the agricultural community and its way of life; encourage the economic and financial health of agriculture, horticulture and forestry; and increase protection from non-farm development and other negative impacts on properly managed farms.

**Article IV: Definitions**

The following are defined for purposes of this Ordinance:

1. “County” Columbus County, North Carolina.
2. “Advisory Board”     Columbus County Voluntary Agricultural Advisory Board responsible for administering this Ordinance pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 106-739.
3. “Chairperson” Chairperson of the Columbus County Voluntary Agricultural Advisory Board.
4. “District” Columbus County Voluntary Agricultural District as established by this Ordinance.
5. “Board of Commissioners” Columbus County Board of Commissioners.



6. “Administrative Designees” 5-member committee. One (1) member each appointed by the Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District, the Columbus County Cooperative Extension Service, the Columbus County Planning Board, the Columbus County Farm Bureau Board, and the Columbus County USDA Farm Service Agency Committee.

Article V: Agricultural Advisory Board

A. Creation.

The Board of Commissioners shall establish a Voluntary Agricultural Advisory Board to implement the provisions to this Ordinance.

B. Membership Requirements

1. The Advisory Board shall consist of no less than seven (7) members which will represent the Voluntary Agricultural Districts approved under this Ordinance. Each Advisory Board member will be selected by the Columbus County Commissioner representing that respective District at the time of selection of the Voluntary Agricultural Advisory Board. The selection of areas will cover all unincorporated land within Columbus County.
2. Each Advisory Board member, except those serving in an ex officio capacity, shall be a Columbus County resident. Each member shall be actively engaged in farming or own qualifying farmland in the county.
3. The members actively engaged in agriculture as defined in N.C.G.S. § 106-581.1, as well as other members, shall be selected for appointment by the Board of Commissioners from the names of individuals submitted to the Board of Commissioners by the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, the County Office of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the U.S. Farm Service Agency County Committee, nonprofit agricultural organizations, conservation organizations, agribusiness, horticultural businesses, forestry businesses, and the public at large.
4. Additional members may be appointed to the Board in an ex officio capacity from the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, the County Office of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the U.S. Farm Service Agency, or other agencies, as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners. Members serving in an ex officio capacity shall neither vote nor count toward quorum requirements.

C. Tenure

The initial seven (7) members of the Advisory Board consisted of two (2) appointees for the terms of one year; two (2) appointees for terms of two years; and three (3) appointees for terms of three years. Thereafter, all appointees to the Advisory Board shall be appointed for a period of three years, with reappointment permitted.

D. Vacancies

Any vacancy on the Advisory Board is to be filled by the Board of Commissioners for the remainder of the unexpired term following the same procedure as for the initial appointment.

E. Removal

Any member of the Advisory Board may be removed by their respective district Board of Commissioner. No cause for removal shall be required.

F. Funding

Funds may be appropriated by the Board of Commissioners to the Advisory Board to perform its duties. As needed, a budget request will be presented to the County Finance Office annually following procedures as determined by the Board of Commissioners.

G. Advisory Board Procedure

1. Chairperson

The Advisory Board shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson each year at its first meeting of the fiscal year. The chairman and vice-chairman shall be subject to re-election. The chairperson shall preside over all regular or special meetings of the Advisory Board. In the absence or disability of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall preside and shall exercise all the powers of the chairperson. Additional officers may be elected as needed.

2. Determination of Procedure

Other than as specifically differentiated or described by this, or subsequent, Ordinance, the Advisory Board shall abide procedurally by Suggested Rules of Procedure for the Board of Commissioners, Third Edition by Joseph S. Ferrell, North Carolina Institute of Government.

3. Advisory Board Year

The Advisory Board shall use the County fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) as its meeting year.

4. Meetings

Meetings of the Advisory Board shall be held at the call of the chairperson and at such other times as the Advisory Board may specify in its rules of procedure. A meeting shall be held at least semi-annually and a

notice of any meeting to the members shall be published to them in writing, unless otherwise agreed to by all Advisory Board members. The meeting dates shall be posted as far in advance as possible on the door of the meeting or by other means of public dissemination of the meeting dates as may be agreed upon by at least a majority of the Advisory Board Membership. All meetings shall be open to the public.

**5. Majority Vote and Quorum Requirements**

The concurring vote of majority members of the Advisory Board shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision, or determination of any administrative official or agency to decide in favor of an applicant or to pass upon any other matter on which it is required to at under this article. A quorum is defined as a majority of the members in attendance. No business may be conducted by the Advisory Board without a quorum present.

**6. Records**

The Advisory Board shall keep minutes of the proceedings showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact. The Advisory Board shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be immediately filed in the office of the Advisory Board, or its designee, and shall be a public record.

**7. Administrative**

The **Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District shall serve the Advisory Board** for recordkeeping, correspondence, and application procedures under this Ordinance and any other services of the Advisory Board needs to complete its duties.

**H. Duties of the Advisory Board**

The Advisory Board shall:

1. Review and approve applications for enrollment of qualified farmland, horticultural land, or forestland into the District for compliance with this Ordinance;
2. Advise the Board of Commissioners on projects, programs, or issues affecting the agricultural economy or activities within the County and that will affect agricultural districts;
3. Perform other related task or duties assigned by the Board of Commissioners;
4. Review and make recommendations to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners concerning proposed amendments to this ordinance;
5. Develop a county-wide farmland protection plan as defined in N.C.G.S. 106-744(e) (1);
6. Study additional methods of farmland preservation and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

**Article VI: Creation of Voluntary Agricultural Districts**

**A. Voluntary Agricultural Districts**

In order to implement the purposes stated in Article III, this program provides for the creation of Voluntary Agricultural Districts within the unincorporated area of the County, which shall be defined as follows:

The calculated acreage of a Voluntary Agricultural District shall be defined as the enrolled parcel acreage of a qualifying farm or a contiguous collection thereof, to include the following areas as applicable:

1. **All Qualifying Farmland:** In addition to the acreage of a qualifying parcel, a surrounding buffer of one-half mile (2640 feet) measured outward from the perimeter of said parcel or collection of contiguous parcels.

The standard for determining whether a proximate collection of qualifying farm parcels comprise a single Voluntary Agricultural District shall be whether their buffers as defined above connect or otherwise overlap at any given point. Should two existing Voluntary Agricultural Districts, as defined above, become contiguous due to enrollment of additional acreage as a qualifying farm, said districts shall merge into a single district.

**B. Addition to District**

Qualifying farmland in a region with an existing District shall be added to the District as herein provided.

**C. Certification of Districts.**

The Soil and Water Conservation District Staff shall present to the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board each new qualifying farm for approval. Any farm that is denied approval shall appeal to the Board of Commissioners.

**Article VII: Certification of Qualifying Farmland**



### A. Requirements

In order to secure county certification as qualifying farmland in a Voluntary Agricultural District, a farm must;

- (1) The farmland shall be a real property engaged in agriculture as that word is defined in N.C.G.S 106-581.1 or otherwise determined by the County to meet all the qualifications of this Ordinance;
- (2) Be certified by USDA Farm Service Agency and reviewed by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Columbus County Cooperative Extension Service, and the Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District as being a farm on which at least (2/3) two-thirds of the land is composed of soils that:
  - a. Have good farming qualities
  - b. Are favorable for crops, livestock, ornamentals, Christmas trees, or timber common to Columbus County.
- (3) Be managed, if highly erodible land exists on the farm, in accordance with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service defined erosion control practices that are addressed to said highly-erodible land;
- (4) Be the subject of a Conservation Agreement, as defined in N.C.G.S. § 121-35, between the county and the owner of such land that prohibits non-farm use or development of such land for a period of at least ten (10) years, except for the creation of not more than three lots that meet applicable county zoning, watershed, and subdivision regulations;
- (5) Be located in the unincorporated area of Columbus County, unless there is an agreement with a municipality through which the county is authorized to exercise the authority of the municipality on its behalf.

## Article VIII: Application, Review, and Appeal

### A. Application Procedure

1. A landowner, or landowners, may apply to participate in the Voluntary Agricultural District program by making an application for certification of qualifying farmland to be included in a District to the chairperson of the Advisory Board or to a designated staff person of the Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District, 45 B Government Complex Rd, Whiteville NC 28472. The application shall be on forms provided and approved by the Advisory Board.
2. A Conservation Agreement, required by N.C.G.S. § 106-737 and defined in N.C.G.S. § 121-35, to sustain, encourage, and promote agriculture must be executed by the landowner(s) with the Advisory Board, which shall record a certified copy of such with the Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District.

### B. Review Process

The **Advisory Board or its administrative designees** prior to, or at, the next regularly scheduled board meeting shall review an application for certification of qualifying farmland to determine if the application is compliant with all requirements of this Ordinance. The chairperson of the Board shall notify the applicant by first class mail of application compliance or non-compliance, and the reason(s) therefore, **within 15 days of the determination.**

### C. Appeal

If an application is determined to be noncompliant with this Ordinance by the Advisory Board, the landowner has thirty (30) calendar days to record an appeal of the decision to the Clerk to the Board of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners. Such appeal shall be presented in writing signed by the applicant or his/her agent and presented to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners. The decision of the Board of Commissioners is final. If an application is disapproved by the Advisory Board and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, the membership/application fee will be returned to the said applicant.

## Article IX: Revocation, Transfer, Renewal, an Enforcement of Conservation Agreements

### A. Revocation

By providing 30 days' advance written notice to the Advisory Board, a landowner of qualifying farmland within a District may revoke the Conservation Agreement or the Advisory Board may revoke the same Conservation Agreement based on noncompliance by the landowner with the provisions of Article VII, subject to the same provisions as contained in Article VIII(C) for appeal of denials. Such revocation shall result in loss of qualifying farm status and loss of eligibility to participate in a District. Absent noncompliance by the landowner, neither the Advisory Board nor the Board of Commissioners shall revoke any Conservation Agreement prior to its expiration. If the Advisory Board shall revoke this Conservation Agreement for cause, the landowner shall have the appeal rights set forth in Article VIII(C). **A notice of revocation shall be recorded in the Register of Deeds Office, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 121-41(b), sufficient to provide notice that the qualifying farmland land has been withdrawn from the Voluntary Agricultural District program and the qualifying farmland shall be removed from the Voluntary Agricultural District Program database and map in the county Geographic Information System.**

If a Voluntary Agricultural District is removed or demised, all signage shall be returned to the Advisory Board. If a portion of a district is removed for any reason after being established by this Ordinance, the remaining qualified farms may remain in the program, and provided they meet all other requirements except the minimum area requirements set within this Ordinance.

**B. Transfer**

Transfers of land in a District due to death of the landowner, sale, or gift shall not revoke the Conservation Agreement, if all new landowner(s) affirm the Conservation Agreement and affirm, on a supplemental application, updated information demonstrating that the enrolled land still qualifies for enrollment under Article VII of this Ordinance.

In the event that there are water or sewer assessments held in abeyance by this Ordinance, and where the new owner(s) fail(s) to agree in writing to accept liability for those assessments when land is withdrawn either voluntarily or involuntarily from the District, the Conservation Agreement shall be revoked. Revocation shall be undertaken pursuant to the provisions of Section A of this Article

**C. Renewal**

A Conservation Agreement for land within a Voluntary Agricultural District, that continues to qualify under all provisions of Article VII, shall be automatically renewed for a period of 10 years unless the landowner provides 30-day written notice to the Advisory Board of intent not to renew. Absent noncompliance by the landowner, neither the Advisory Board nor the Board of Commissioners shall fail to renew any Conservation Agreement unless this Ordinance or its authorizing legislation has been repealed.

**D. Enforcement**

Enforcement of the terms of a Conservation Agreement for land enrolled in a District shall be limited to revocation of the Conservation Agreement and the benefits derived therefrom. Revocation shall be undertaken pursuant to the provisions of Section A of this Article.

**Article X: Waiver of Water and Sewer Assessments**

**A. No Connection Required**

A landowner belonging to a District shall not be required to connect to Columbus County water and/or sewer systems.

**B. Abeyance**

Water and sewer assessments shall be held in abeyance, without interest, for farms in a District, until improvements on such property are connected to the water or sewer system for which the assessment was made.

**C. Termination of Abeyance**

When the period of abeyance ends, the assessment is payable in accordance with the terms set out in the assessment resolution.

**D. Suspension of Statute of Limitations**

Statutes of limitations are suspended during the time that any assessment is held in abeyance without interest. The landowner shall be required to sign an acknowledgement, which shall be incorporated into the Conservation Agreement, of the abeyance of the statute of limitations upon collecting water and sewer assessments, or other utility assessments.

**E. Other Statutory Abeyance Procedures**

Nothing in this Article is intended to diminish the authority of the County to hold assessments in abeyance under N.C.G.S. § 153A-201, or other applicable law.

**F. Conflict with Water and/or Sewer System Construction and Improvements Grants**

To the extent that this Article conflicts with the terms of federal, state, or other grants under which county utility systems are constructed this section shall not apply. This Article shall not apply to utilities that are not owned by the County unless the County has entered into an agreement with the entity (ies) owning the utilities and that agreement provides that this Ordinance shall apply.

**Article XI: Public Hearings**

**A. Purpose**

N.C.G.S. § 106-740 provides that no state or local public agency or governmental unit may formally initiate any action to condemn any interest in qualifying farmland within a District until such agency or unit has requested that the Advisory Board hold a public hearing on the proposed condemnation. This provision ensures that the condemning agency or unit considers the impact of its actions upon agricultural, forest, or horticultural land prior to taking action that is not reversible. This provision is not intended to, and does not; prohibit the condemning agency or unit from taking action authorized by law.

**B. Procedure**

1. Upon receiving a request, the Advisory Board shall publish notice describing the proposed action in the appropriate newspapers of Columbus County within five (5) business days of the request, and will in the same notice notify the public of a public hearing on the proposed condemnation, to be held within ten (10) days of receipt of the request.
2. The Advisory Board shall meet to review:
  - a. Whether the need for the project has been satisfactorily established by the agency or unit of government involved, including a review of any fiscal impact analysis conducted by the agency involved; and
  - b. Whether there are alternatives to the proposed action that have less impact and are less disruptive to the agricultural activities of the District within which the proposed action is to take place.
3. The Advisory Board shall consult with the Columbus County Cooperative Extension Service Office, the Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District Office, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and any other individuals, agencies, or organizations deemed by the Advisory Board to be necessary for its review of the proposed action.
4. Within five (5) days after the hearing, the Advisory Board shall make a report containing its findings and recommendations regarding the proposed action. The report shall be made available to the public prior to it being conveyed to the decision-making body of the agency proposing the acquisition.
5. There will be a period of ten (10) days allowed for public comment on the report of the Advisory Board.
6. After the ten (10) day period for public comment has expired, the Advisory Board shall submit a final report containing all of its findings and recommendations regarding the proposed action to the decision making body of the agency proposing the acquisition.
7. The total time period, from the day that a request for a hearing has been received to the day that a final report is issued to the decision making body of the agency proposing the acquisition, shall not exceed thirty (30) days. If the agency agrees to an extension, the agency and the Advisory Board shall mutually agree upon a schedule to be set forth in writing and made available to the public.
8. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 106-740, the condemning agency may not formally initiate a condemnation action while the proposed condemnation is properly before the Advisory Board within these time limitations.

**Article XII Notification**

**A. Record Notice of Proximity to a Voluntary Agricultural District**

**1. Procedure**

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 106-741, upon certification of qualifying farmland and its designation of real property as a Voluntary Agricultural District, which is contained in the Columbus County computerized land records system, shall be changed to include a notice reasonably calculated to alert a person researching the title of a particular tract that such tract is located within one-half mile of a Voluntary Agricultural District as defined in Article VI (A) of this Ordinance.

**2. Limit of Liability**

In no event shall the County or any of its officers, employees, members of the Advisory Board, or agents be held liable in damages for any misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance occurring in good faith in connection with the duties or obligations imposed by this Article.

**3. No Cause of Action**

In no event shall any cause of action arise out of the failure of a person researching the title of a particular tract to report to any person the proximity of the tract to a qualifying farm or District as defined in this Ordinance.

**B. Digital Land Records**

For the purpose of complying with N.C.G.S §106-741, the digital land records system designated to provide required proximity notice shall be the County geographic information system (GIS).

**C. Maps**

Maps identifying approved Districts shall be provided by the Advisory Board to the following agencies or offices:

County Planning Department;

County Tax Office;  
 County Register of Deeds Office;  
 Natural Resources Conservation Service;  
 Farm Service Agency;  
 County Cooperative Extension Office;  
 Soil and Water Conservation District Office; and  
 Any other such agency or office the Advisory Board deems appropriate.

**D. Posting of Notice**

The following notice, of a size and form suitable for posting, shall be posted in the Register of Deeds Office, and any other office or agency the Advisory Board deems necessary:

Columbus County has established Districts to protect and preserve agricultural lands and activities. These Districts have been developed and mapped by the county to inform all purchasers of real property that agricultural, horticultural, and forestry activities, including but not limited to pesticide spraying, manure spreading, machinery and truck operation, livestock operations, sawing, burning, and other common agricultural, horticultural, and forestry activities may occur in these Districts any time during the day or night. Maps and information on the location and establishment of these Districts can be obtained from the Columbus County Geographic Information System, the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service Office, the Soil and Water Conservation District Office, the Register of Deeds Office, the Columbus County Planning Office, or the Natural Resources Conservation Service Office.

**E. Signage**

Members of the Voluntary Agricultural Districts are encouraged to place signs on their individual farms denoting their agricultural district membership in a way calculated to reasonably notify the public and adjoining landowners of the presence of the farm property.

Signs identifying parcels enrolled in an agricultural district may be placed on enrolled parcels at the discretion of the owners. Signs shall not be placed along the right-of-way of any state or county maintained road.

**Article XIII: Subdivision Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance Review**

Developers of major subdivisions or planned unit developments shall designate on preliminary development plans, the existence of Voluntary Agricultural Districts within one-half mile (1/2) aerial mile of the proposed development.

**Article XIV: County Land Use Planning**

**A. Duty of the Advisory Board**

It shall be the duty of the Advisory Board to advise the Board of Commissioners, or the agency or office to which the Board of Commissioners delegate authority to oversee county land use planning, on the status, progress, and activities of the county's Voluntary Agricultural District program and to also coordinate the formation and maintenance of Districts with the county's land use planning activities and the county's land use plan.

**B. Growth Corridors**

Voluntary Agricultural Districts shall not be permitted in designated growth corridors, as delineated on the official County planning map without approval of the Board of Commissioners. Upon request, districts located in growth corridors designated after the effective date of this program may be allowed to remain. Upon request, districts located in growth corridors designated after the effective date of this program may be allowed to expand to include adjoining property purchased by a landowner presently participating in the Columbus County Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance. Any requests made under this section, should be made through the Columbus County Planning Board, 306 Jefferson St, Whiteville, NC 28472. The approval of the Board of Commissioners will be on a case by case basis.

**Article XV: Consultation Authority**

The Advisory Board may consult with North Carolina Cooperative Extension Office, the Soil and Water Conservation District Office, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency Office, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and with any other individual, agency, or organization the Advisory Board deems necessary to properly conduct its business.

**Article XVI: North Carolina Agency Notification**

Annual Report to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

A copy of this Ordinance shall be sent to the Office of the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, **the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Office, and the Soil and Water Conservation District Office after adoption.** At least annually (July 01), the county shall submit a written report to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services on the county's Voluntary Agricultural District program, including the following information:

- 1. Number of landowners enrolled;
- 2. Number of acres enrolled;
- 3. Number of acres certified during the reporting period;
- 4. Number of acres not certified during the reporting period;
- 5. Number of acres for which applications are pending;
- 6. Date applications were certified;
- 7. Any other information the Advisory Board deems useful.

**Article XVII: Legal Provisions**

**A. Severability**

If any article, section, subsection, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason found invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**B. Conflict with Other Ordinances and Statutes**

Pursuant to relevant North Carolina Law, whenever the provisions of this ordinance conflict with other ordinances of Columbus County, the Board of Commissioners shall determine which Ordinance shall govern. Whenever the provisions of any federal or state statute require more restrictive provisions than are required by this Ordinance, the provisions of such statute shall govern.

**C. Amendments**

This Ordinance may be amended from time to time after a public hearing, notice of which shall be sent to program by first class mail thirty (30) calendar days prior to the hearing, and in consultation with the Voluntary Agricultural District Board to the Board of Commissioners.

**Article XVIII: Enactment**

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts and enacts the preceding articles and sections of this Ordinance

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Board of Commissioners

Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_, County Attorney

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the first reading and request for Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item # 14: LEGAL – LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF FAIR BLUFF:**

Al Leonard, Fair Bluff Town Consultant, requested Board Approval of the lease agreement.

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**LEASE AGREEMENT**

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, a North Carolina political subdivision, hereinafter called "LESSOR," and TOWN OF FAIR BLUFF, a North Carolina political subdivision, hereinafter called "LESSEE."

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions herein set out, LESSOR does hereby let and lease unto LESSEE, and LESSEE does hereby accept as a tenant of LESSOR the following described property:

- Located at 685 Academy Street, Fair Bluff, NC 28439
- Parcel One in Deed from Columbus County Board of Education to County of Columbus recorded on May 11, 2021, in Book 1256, Page 521 of the Columbus County Registry. LESS AND EXCEPT the Aging Center is located and right of ingress and egress for purposes of conducting business through the Columbus County Department of Aging.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Term of Lease. The term of this Lease Agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year from the date of signing by LESSOR (hereinafter "Start Date"), subject to prior termination pursuant to this Lease Agreement.
2. LESSEE's Responsibilities.
  - a. LESSEE will be responsible for reasonable maintenance, including housekeeping and mowing, of the rental property necessary to maintain the rental property in its present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. No alterations or changes shall be made without the prior written consent of LESSOR. LESSOR and LESSEE will negotiate major maintenance and renovation needs, as exclusively determined by LESSOR.
  - b. LESSEE shall pay water and sewer bills incurred in connection with the use of the rental property during the term of this Lease Agreement.
  - c. Upon termination of this Lease Agreement, LESSEE shall remove all items of goods and/or equipment purchased by LESSEE.
3. Payment. LESSEE shall pay LESSOR the sum of One and 00/100 Dollar (\$1.00) annually, to be paid on the first day of the new calendar year.
4. Indemnity. LESSEE shall indemnify and hold LESSOR, its agents and employees, harmless against any loss and all claims, demands, causes of actions, or other liability, including attorneys' fees, on account of property damages arising out of or relating to the rental property, resulting from the negligence of or the willful act or omission of LESSEE, its agents, employees and assigns to the extent possible by law. LESSOR hereby agrees it shall indemnify and hold LESSEE harmless from all claims, demands causes of actions, or other liability, including attorney's fees, resulting from or on account of property damages arising out of or relating to the services to be performed by LESSOR's employees hereunder, resulting from the negligence of LESSOR's employees to the extent possible by law.
5. Binding Effect. This Lease Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns.
6. Governing Law. All of the terms and conditions contained herein shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.
7. Notices. All notice required hereunder to be sent to either party shall be sent to the following designated addresses, or to such other address or addresses as may hereafter be designated by either party by mailing of written notice of such change of address, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested:

**To LESSOR:**  
Columbus County Administration  
**Attention:** County Manager  
111 Washington Street  
Whiteville, NC 28472  
**To LESSEE:**  
Town of Fair Bluff  
**Attention:** Town Manager  
1175 Main Street  
Fair Bluff, NC 28439

8.      Assignability. It is mutually agreed by the parties hereto that this Lease Agreement is not transferable and shall not be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party to this Lease Agreement.
9.      Amendments. This Lease Agreement shall not be modified or otherwise amended except in writing signed by the parties.
10.     Termination.

a.      This Lease Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party, without penalty, provided that written notice of such termination is furnished to the other party at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to termination.

b.      Should LESSEE cease to exist or disband, then all rights to the use of the rental property will cease and this Lease Agreement will be terminated.
11.     Entire Agreement. This Lease 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 Lease Agreement must be in writing signed by both parties.
12.     Full Disclosure

a.      It is hereby understood by each and every party to this Lease Agreement that this Lease Agreement and its terms are fair and reasonable to the parties here undersigned and are fully disclosed and transmitted, in writing, to each party to this Lease Agreement in a manner that should reasonably be, or have been, understood by each party; and

b.      It is hereby understood by each and every party to this Lease Agreement are each advised by this section, in writing, that each party may seek the advice of an independent Attorney at Law of their own autonomous choice and each party is hereby given reasonable opportunity and time to seek said advice; and

c.      It is hereby understood, that each party to this Lease Agreement hereby consents, in writing, to the terms of this Lease Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the execution of the foregoing instrument, by authority duly given and in duplicate originals.

LESSOR

COLUMBUS COUNTY

By:\_\_\_\_\_  
Ricky Bullard, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Contract Act.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Columbus County Finance Officer

LESSEE

Town of Fair Bluff

By:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Contract Act.



Fair Bluff Finance Officer

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion to approve the lease agreement, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: ADMINISTRATION – WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS FIRST RIGHT OFFER:**

Eddie Madden, County Manager, presented Whiteville City Schools First Right Offer of North Whiteville Academy.



**Board of Education**  
Kandle Rogers, *Chair*  
Anna Richardson, *Vice Chair*  
Coleman D. Barbour  
Rev. Dave Flowers  
Greg Merritt

## WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

107 West Walter Street  
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472  
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[www.whiteville.k12.nc.us](http://www.whiteville.k12.nc.us)



Marc A. Whichard, EdD  
*Superintendent*

*"EVERYONE COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF ALL STUDENTS"*

September 14, 2021

Edwin H. Madden, Jr.  
County Manager

Dear Mr. Madden:

The Whiteville City Schools Board of Education has reviewed the property located at 2322 James B. White Highway, formerly utilized as the North Whiteville Academy. Most recently, the Columbus County government has utilized this location for the Board of Elections offices.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 115C-518 and further elaborated in Chapter 160A, Article 12, the Board wishes to offer the property at fair market value, as the first right, to Columbus County government.

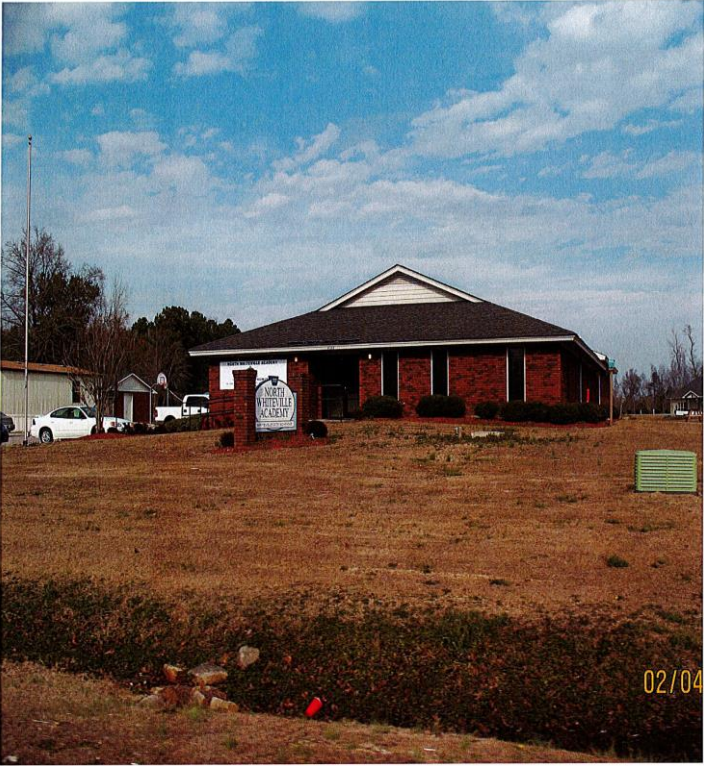
Please convey these wishes to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners. I will await formal notification from your office as to the decision of the Board. Should the Board desire to not have interest in this property, the Whiteville City Schools Board of Education shall declare the property as surplus and move to list the property for sale.

The Board of Education and I are most appreciative of the outstanding relationship that has developed under your leadership. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Whichard, EdD  
Superintendent





COLUMBUS COUNTY LAND RECORDS - PROPERTY RECORD CARD

PROPERTY# 76423		TWSP 02	PN 0282.00-65-1629.000	LAST REVAL 413800		PRIOR VALUE 432900	CARD# 1	LEGAL DESCRIPTION		PROPERTY FACTORS				
2-50505		MAP K 4	26 B	BOOK PAGE 413800		YEAR STAMPS	COUNTY OF COLUMBUS			CLASS 06	OCCUP 32	ACCESS TOPO 04	LAND IMP 01	SHAPE 01
WHITEVILLE CITY BD OF EDUCATION				107 W WALTER ST		28472	690	142002	2322 JAMES B WHITE H			BUILDING 06		
WHITEVILLE NC				28472					LISTED PD 04-1390			ZONED NW -- WR W3 % COMPLETE		
DBA: LIBERTY LIFE INS CO/FR: KATHLEEN INMAN '91				ADDT N '00					DATE			BUILDING		
A 06														
ACT YR.BLT 1991	COND A	EFF. YR.BLT.	BUILDING ELEMENTS AND CALCULATIONS											
FOUNDATION		03 SLAB	ATTIC	DESCRIPTION		VALUE								
FLOORING SYSTEM		02 SLAB	BASE OF AREA	5843		58.65								
STRUCTURAL FRM		01 WD.FR.	BASE S/F	5843		58.65								
EXTERIOR WALLS		01 BRICK	BASE	STORY		01-1STY								
ROOF FRAMING		01 WD.FR.	BASE	WALL HEIGHT		1								
ROOF COVER		01 COMP.	ATTACHMENTS	6		32								
ROOF DESIGN		01 FLAT	COV P			935								
FLOOR COVER		06 CONC.	BASE											
INTERIOR FINISH		05 CARPET	BASE											
CABINILL WORK		03 AVG.	BASE											
ELECTRICAL		03 AVG.	BASE											
PLUMBING		8	PERIMETER MULT											
FIXTURES		5000	GRADE	B+05		126								
SPRINKLER SYSTEM			DEPR/PPE	32/ /		160167								
HEAT/COOL		07 P.H/AC	48613	TOTAL		340354	.00		340400					
FIREPLACE		01 NONE	INFLUENCE											
BASEMENT														
SUMMARY OF OTHER IMPROVEMENTS														
LINE #	CODE	DESCRIPTION	# CONST	SIZE	AREA	RATE	YR	DEP	VALUE					
6	PAV-CO	1 CONC	170X4	680	295	91	20		1600					
1	PAV-ASP	1 ASPH	190X69	13110	231	91	5		28760					
1	PAV-ASP	1 ASPH	50X20	1000	231	91	5		2190					
TOTAL VALUE SUMMARY OF OTHER IMPROVEMENTS										32600				
TOTAL VALUE LAND										60000				
TOTAL VALUE BUILDINGS										372900				
TOTAL VALUE										432900				
SALES INFORMATION														
AMOUNT: 7/25/2000														
DATE: NO -														
QUAL SALE:														
TOTAL ACRES										1.000				
TOTAL LAND VALUE										60000				
TOTAL USE														
BUILDING SITE														
TOTAL USE														
VALUE BUILDINGS														
TOTAL USE VALUE										9/13/21				

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Coleman made a motion not to purchase the North Whiteville Academy property, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #16: EASEMENT TO DUKE ENERGY:**

Duke Energy Progress, LLC requested an easement to relocate power lines on county property in Acme Delco.

Prepared by: Duke Energy Progress, LLC  
Return to: Duke Energy Progress, LLC  
Attn: Southeastern Land Co.  
P.O. Box 1241  
Conway, SC 29528

Parcel # 028371

EASEMENT

State of North Carolina  
County of Columbus

THIS EASEMENT ("**Easement**") is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, from **THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS** ("**Grantor**", whether one or more), to **DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC**, a North Carolina limited liability company ("**Grantee**").

Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of One and 00/100 Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant unto Grantee a perpetual and non-exclusive easement, to construct, reconstruct, operate, patrol, maintain, repair, replace, relocate, add to, modify, and remove electric and communication lines including, but not limited to, all necessary supporting structures, and all other appurtenant apparatus and equipment for the transmission and distribution of electrical energy, and for technological purposes related to the operation of the electric facilities and for the communication purposes of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (collectively, "**Facilities**"). Grantor is the owner of that certain property described in that instrument recorded in Deed Book 703, Page 519, Columbus County Register of Deeds ("**Property**"). The Facilities may be both overhead and underground and located in, upon, over, along, under, through, and across a portion of the Property within an easement area described as follows: A strip of land thirty feet (30') in uniform width for the overhead portion of said Facilities and a strip of land twenty feet (20') in uniform width for the underground portion of said Facilities, lying equidistant on both sides of a centerline, which centerline shall be established by the center of the Facilities as installed, along with an area ten feet (10') wide on all sides of the foundation of any Grantee enclosure/transformer, vault and/or manhole, (hereinafter referred to as the "**Easement Area**").

The rights granted herein include, but are not limited to, the following:



1. Grantee shall have the right of ingress and egress over the Easement Area, Property, and any adjoining lands now owned or hereinafter acquired by Grantor (using lanes, driveways, and adjoining public roads where practical as determined by Grantee).
2. Grantee shall have the right to trim, cut down, and remove from the Easement Area, at any time or times and using safe and generally accepted arboricultural practices, trees, limbs, undergrowth, other vegetation, and obstructions.
3. Grantee shall have the right to trim, cut down, and remove from the Property, at any time or times and using safe and generally accepted arboricultural practices, dead, diseased, weak, dying, or leaning trees or limbs, which, in the opinion of Grantee, might fall upon the Easement Area or interfere with the safe and reliable operation of the Facilities.
4. Grantee shall have the right to install necessary guy wires and anchors extending beyond the boundaries of the Easement Area.
5. Grantee shall have the right to relocate the Facilities and Easement Area on the Property to conform to any future highway or street relocation, widening, or alterations.
6. Grantor shall not place, or permit the placement of, any structures, improvements, facilities, or obstructions, within or adjacent to the Easement Area, which may interfere with the exercise of the rights granted herein to Grantee. Grantee shall have the right to remove any such structure, improvement, facility, or obstruction at the expense of Grantor.
7. Excluding the removal of vegetation, structures, improvements, facilities, and obstructions as provided herein, Grantee shall promptly repair or cause to be repaired any physical damage to the surface area of the Easement Area and Property resulting from the exercise of the rights granted herein to Grantee. Such repair shall be to a condition which is reasonably close to the condition prior to the damage, and shall only be to the extent such damage was caused by Grantee or its contractors or employees.
8. The rights granted in this Easement include the right to install Facilities wherever needed on the Property to serve future development on the Property and neighboring lands. Portions of the Facilities may be installed immediately and other portions may be installed in the future as the need develops. Facilities installed in the future shall be installed at locations mutually agreeable to the parties hereto if they are to be located outside of the Easement Area. Upon any future installations of Facilities at mutually agreed locations, the Easement Area shall be deemed to include such future locations at the widths defined in this Easement.
9. All other rights and privileges reasonably necessary, in Grantee's sole discretion, for the safe, reliable, and efficient installation, operation, and maintenance of the Facilities.

The terms Grantor and Grantee shall include the respective heirs, successors, and assigns of Grantor and Grantee. The failure of Grantee to exercise or continue to exercise or enforce any of the rights herein granted shall not be construed as a waiver or abandonment of the right thereafter at any time, or from time to time, to exercise any and all such rights.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said rights, privilege, and easement unto Grantee, its successors, licensees, and assigns, forever. Grantor warrants and covenants that Grantor has the full right and authority to convey to Grantee this perpetual Easement, and that Grantee shall have quiet and peaceful possession, use and enjoyment of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has signed this Easement under seal effective this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)  
Ricky Bullard, Chairman of the Board of Commisioners

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Prince, Deputy Clerk

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_, certify that Amanda Prince personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that he/she is Deputy Clerk of THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, and that by authority duly given and as the act of said COUNTY, the foregoing EASEMENT was signed in its name by its Chairman of the Board of Commisioners, sealed with its official seal, and attested by herself/himself as its Deputy Clerk.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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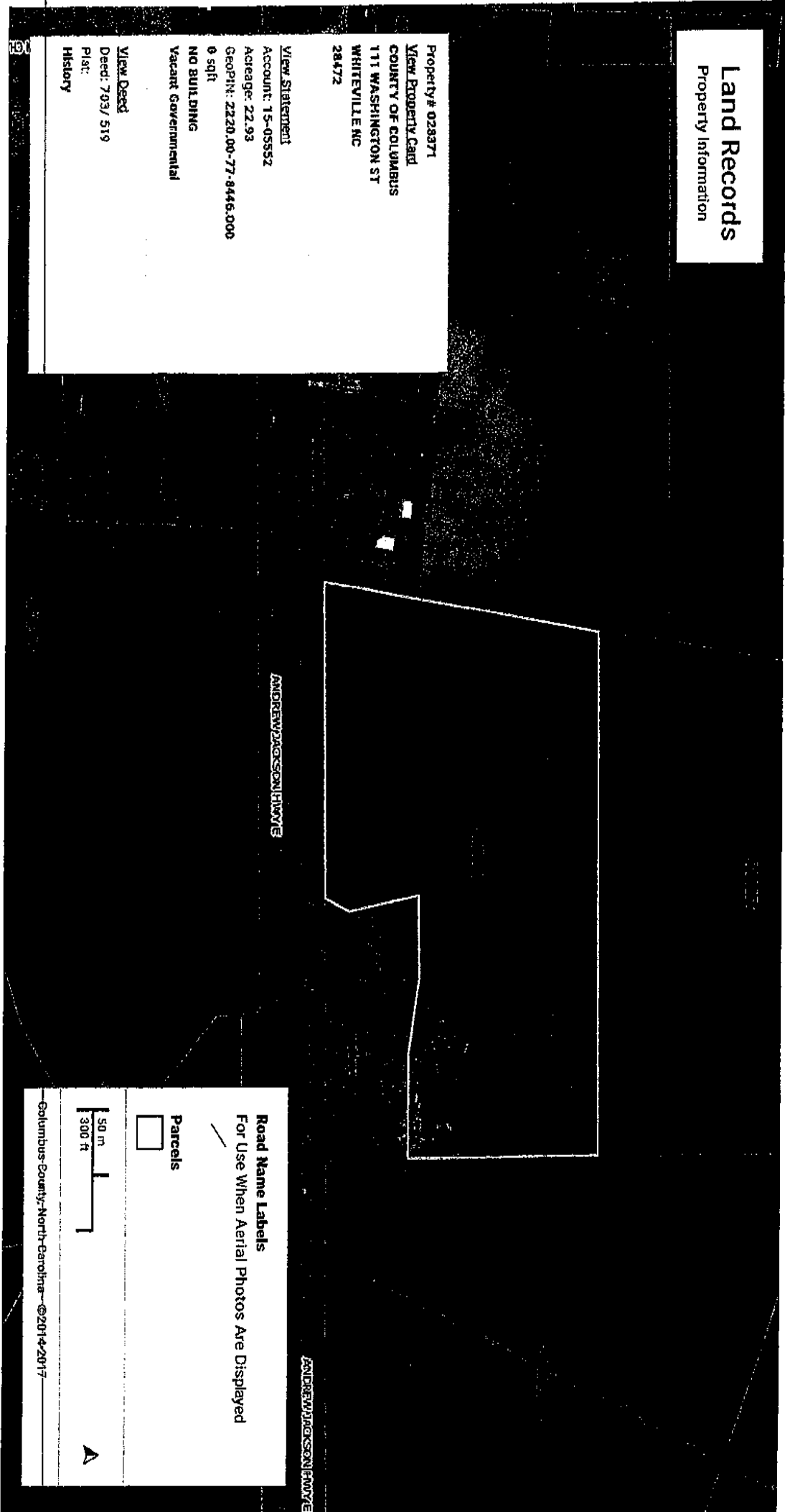
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WHITEVILLE NC  
28472

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**MOTION:**  
Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the easement, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17:    SECOND READING OF MODIFICATION TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Boyd Worley, Board Attorney, requested a second reading and Board adoption of the modification to the rules of procedure.

**Additional Paragraph**  
**Rule 7: AGENDA**

Each Agenda shall either be approved or denied following the Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Board Minutes Approval during a meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners. Once the Agenda is approved by the Board of Commissioners by a majority vote, no substantive motions other than those referenced on the Agenda may be entertained by the Board of Commissioners during said meeting.

**MOTION:**  
Commissioner Coleman made a motion to adopt the modifications, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

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

**Agenda Item #18:    APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS:**

Staff requested appointments, re-appointments or replacements to the following boards, committees and councils.

**Legend: EB                                = Entire Board**  
**Listed Zone #                            = Individual Commissioner**

<b>Zone I:</b>	<b>Jerome McMillian</b>	<b>Zone V:</b>	<b>Brent Watts</b>
<b>Zone II:</b>	<b>Chris Smith</b>	<b>Zone VI:</b>	<b>Ricky Bullard</b>
<b>Zone III:</b>	<b>Giles E. Byrd, Jr.</b>	<b>Zone VII:</b>	<b>Charles T. McDowell</b>
<b>Zone IV:</b>	<b>Lavern Coleman</b>		

COMMITTEE	ZONE/EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Beaver Management Program Committee	III	Vacant	-----	Jonathan Jones
Columbus County Airport Authority	I III VI	Ronnell Williams Jesse L Malpass Frank Horne	10/20/2021 10/20/2021 10/20/2021	Hold Hold Re-Appoint
Columbus County Animal Control Advisory Council	III V	Millie Freeman (attendance) Johnny Worley (attendance)	07/17/2023 05/21/2022	Hold Hold
Columbus County Department of Aging Advisory Council	IV	Emory Worley (resigned)	06/30/2022	Hold
Columbus County Planning Board	III	Marshall Nichols	09/30/2021	Hold
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	V VII	Chip Gore (resigned) Beverlee Nance (resigned)	06/30/2022 06/30/2022	Hold Hold

Tabor City Zoning & Planning Motion: Byrd Second: McMillian	ETJ	Tommy Spivey (resigned)	04/2024	Ricky Thompson
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RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V BOARD MEETING

At 7:05 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV, and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

A. September 20, 2021

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:06 P.M., Commissioner Watts made a motion to adjourn the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Ellis Nanton, 905 Jockey Rd, Hallsboro, NC 28442**, stated the following:

- I’m here to find out why Hallsboro is not incorporated.
- I’ve been here for two years now and they don’t do anything in the town.
- The ditches are constantly clogged up, the bridge at Red Bug Rd is always flooding every time it rains.
- I pay taxes and I don’t see my tax dollars being used in my town.
- Everyone gets a budget and even though Hallsboro isn’t considered a town there has to be some type of budget for that area.
- So I want to know what’s going on with the money and how many years the town has been unincorporated.

**Commissioner Byrd:** I have had a discussion with Mr. Nanton and I’ve told him that there is not a budget for Hallsboro, per say, because it is not incorporated. It’s served just like any other area of the county. He does have questions about the drainage, and I’ve explained to him that the state has total control of that. We’ve mentioned many drainage problems down there and they are short staffed and a lot of time before they can do anything, someone has to come down from Raleigh and approve it. And, since Hallsboro is not incorporated it doesn’t have any kind of budget, no more than Old Dock or Delco or Bolton. Well, Bolton is incorporated.

**Chairman Bullard:** Maybe we can get our county to contact you for the the names of the roads where the ditches need to be cleared out and then they can turn that information in to Mr. Drew Cox.

**Ellis Nanton:** Hallsboro is bigger than Bolton, what sense does it make to incorporate that little town and not Hallsboro? What’s the hold up

**Chairman Bullard:** I believe it’s the population of the town and the town leaders that drive that.

**Ellis Nanton:** So how do we get incorporated?

**Commissioner Byrd:** The residents would have to come together and petition and then have a vote.

**Chairman Bullard:** We’ll have the county to look into it for you, we have your phone number here and I’ll make sure you’re contacted.

Agenda Item #20: **COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Watts** stated the following:

- I do want to echo what Commissioner McDowell said earlier and remember the family of our lost employee.
- Also, Commissioner Byrd brought it up that we do have pink on, so I want to remind everybody to remember it's Breast Cancer Awareness Month and it means a lot to a lot of people.
- It's a lot going on in the county this month, a lot of festivals, the fair, so I want to urge everybody to go out and support your local community.

2. **Commissioner Byrd** stated the following:

- Mr. Sherrill, I want to thank you for the article you wrote in the paper the other day, I could hardly answer all the calls I had pertaining to it.
- Mr. Madden, we were introduced to Mr. West but at what kind of salary? I haven't heard that mentioned.

**County Manager Eddie Madden:** His starting salary is \$85,000.

**Commissioner Byrd** stated the following:

- Mr. Chairman, I need to resign from the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization because I'm going to be dealing with the State for right-a-ways for the Chauncey Town easement and another one down at Byrdville. I haven't been to any meetings since January because I knew it was coming and now I think it's time I step down because I can't negotiate with them and serve on that Board.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion for Commissioner Byrd to resign from the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

3. **Vice Chairman McMillian** stated the following:

- I would just like to thank everyone for coming out tonight and I would like to congratulate all the retirees.
- I want to thank all the County employees for the hard work that they do in this county and we'll keep the family in prayer from the accident we had earlier this afternoon.
- Mr. Madden, I want to thank you and your office for all the hard work that you're doing, it's starting to show.

4. **Commissioner Smith** stated the following:

- A lot of work goes into our county fair and the county needs our support.
- Please remember the family of our lost county employee of the accident that happened in front of Walgreens, please keep them in your prayers.
- It is Cancer Awareness month and I ask that you please remember my wife, October 1<sup>st</sup> was one year.

5. **Commissioner McDowell** stated the following:

- Please keep the Goban family in our thoughts and prayers.
- The County Fair Parade is Monday at 3:30 P.M., and it would be a good opportunity for people to get out and enjoy the good weather.
- I've had a couple of phone calls asking when we were going to begin our mosquito spray.

6. **Commissioner Coleman** stated the following:

- I would like to thank the County employees, I think they're doing a great job and they're working hard to make the county great.
- I did have a problem over the weekend with a blind intersection when pulling out onto Hwy 74/76. The weeds have grown up so high around these signs that people are having to creep out in front 74/76 to see around them.
- We talked to DOT and they said they're going to review it and get out and cut the weeds back.
- If anyone else in the county is suffering from this I hope you will call us and bring it to our attention.
- We need to pull together and not rely on one person or one department to take care of everything, we should all be working together.

7. **Chairman Bullard** stated the following:

- Everyone please remember the County Fair and the Parade and let's come out and support.



**B. County Manager Eddie Madden** stated the following:

- First, as a reminder our office staff will begin the relocation process to our new office, which is currently occupied by the District Attorney, beginning on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- We expect things to go rather quickly but we will be out of sorts for a few days so please keep that in mind.
- Today I started visiting our Senior Centers. I had lunch today at Whiteville, tomorrow I go to Bolton and I think all in all we'll be visiting 7 centers over the next week or so. If anyone is interested in coming along, please let me know as they do provide lunch.
- The North Carolina Department of Public Safety has a grant program called BRICK.
- We have submitted an application for this program.
- The program's purpose is to conduct flood vulnerability and risk assessments to develop a more comprehensive and detailed understanding of the flood risk to our infrastructure, key public services and historically disadvantaged communities as a basis for developing a strategy for reducing flood losses and destructions to communities and residents in the Waccamaw River Basin.
- Columbus County participated in this program in 2019 but was not approved.
- There is a local match that is required, it is within my approval range so I authorized the application to move forward.
- The total grant amount is \$83,000, the county's portion of that is 12% or approximately \$10,000 of a local match.
- The partnering communities within the region of the watershed are Whiteville, Brunswick, Lake Waccamaw, Bolton, Tabor City and the unincorporated areas of the Waccamaw River watershed.
- Also, the county soil and water district, the Cape Fear Council of Governments and the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency.
- That application has already been submitted and we have already received feedback that it is moving forward for full review.
- The assessment will utilize flood projections for the years 2030 through 2070 using FEMA projections as a basis for determining future flood risk to communities and infrastructure, so its essentially a study process at this point based on data and history of flooding in the area as well as projections of flooding in the future.
- the benefit of having that study approved and funded is that obviously if there are recommendations those recommendations would also be considered for future funding.
- Lastly, the NC Association of County Commissioners has agreed to cooperate with us on a study of the county's EMS system.
- They will be providing technical assistance and bringing in experts from other counties who've had similar issues that we have to try and identify priorities and suggestions going forward.
- They have asked for recommendations for persons who can participate in that process.
- We've already reached out to a couple of folks of interest through Dr. Chambers, some hospital representatives, and Mr. Randy Guyton – president of the Fire and Rescue Chiefs Association and he has agreed to participate in this process.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (6) PERSONNEL, (5) (i) REAL ESTATE:**

At 7:24 P.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client privilege and (6) Personnel, (5) (i) Real Estate, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #23: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (A)(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (6) PERSONNEL, (5) (i) REAL ESTATE:**

No official action was taken.

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

At 8:38 P.M., Commissioner Smith 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 Boyd Worley, Board Attorney, to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Worley orally stated the following: “Mr. Chairman the Board went into closed session, the Board discussed two issues of potential litigation, no action was taken by the Board, one issues of pending litigation, no action was taken by the Board, the Board also discussed the opioid settlement negotiation, no action was taken by the Board, one matter of pending County personnel, no action was taken by the Board.”

**MOTION:**

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

**Agenda Item #24:   ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:39 P.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. These minutes typed by LaToya Williams.

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**LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk**

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, October 04, 2021  
7:05 P.M.**

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**  
Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk to Board**  
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:05 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT I BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 20, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 20, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:06 P.M., Commissioner Watts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

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**LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk**

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, October 04, 2021**  
**7:05 P.M.**

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**  
Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk to Board**  
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:05 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus county Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 20, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 20, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:06 P.M., Commissioner Watts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

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**LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk**

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

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

**Monday, October 04, 2021**

**7:05 P.M.**

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**  
Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk to Board**  
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:05 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus county Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT III BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 20, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 20, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:06 P.M., Commissioner Watts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

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**LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk**

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, October 04, 2021  
7:05 P.M.**

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**  
Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk to Board**  
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:05 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus county Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 20, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 20, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:06 P.M., Commissioner Watts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

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**LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk**

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV, and V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, October 04, 2021**  
**7:05 P.M.**

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**  
Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk to Board**  
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:05 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus county Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 20, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the September 20, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:06 P.M., Commissioner Watts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

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**LATOYA WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk**

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**