

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472



AGENDA

Tuesday, March 21st, 2023
5:30 P.M. – Closed Session
6:30 P.M. – Regular Session

1. Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Ricky Bullard

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (5) REAL ESTATE, and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege, 143-318.11(A)(5) Real Estate and 143-318.11(A)(4) Economic Development.

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

Regular Session begins at 6:30 P.M.

3. Invocation: Brent Watts
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Scott Floyd

6:30 PM - Public Hearing –agreement to refinance a portion of the cost of various projects improving Cerro Gordo Elementary School.

6:30 PM or as soon as can be heard- Public Hearing – Water District IV - USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Application.

5. Approval of Agenda and Taxes & Refunds:

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6. **Approval of the Board Minutes:** **Board Minutes Section**
 a. **February 20, 2023**
7. **Proclamations-** Columbus County Commissioners wish to recognize the following Ramps and Rails groups:
 a. **Beaverdam Baptist Men**
 b. **Boardman Pentecostal Holiness Church Men’s Ministry** **Approved on 3.6.23**
8. **Public Input** **presented on 3.21.23**
9. **Administration - Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Library employee Imogene Hinson.
10. **Administration – Staff Accomplishments:** County Manager Eddie Madden would like to acknowledge Economic Development Department’s Existing Industry and Business Retention Specialist, Dylan Bowen for achieving his certification as a Workforce Developer through NC State. **(County Manager Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
11. **Economic Development- The LAB presentation:** Vice President Doug Sherwood or a Representative of the Sawyer, Sherwood and Associate Architecture will present their Building Evaluation for the renovations needed for The LAB project. 20 minutes must be allotted for this presentation. **(Doug Sherwood or a Representative will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 2-24**
12. **Economic Development- Approval of Contract:** EDC & Planning Director Dr. Gary Lanier is requesting the Columbus County Board of Commissioners’ approval of a contract with Alliance Engineering to move forward with their work on the establishment of a pad ready industrial site in the Southeast Regional Park. **(County Manager Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 25-34**
13. **Economic Development- Approval of Contract:** EDC & Planning Director Dr. Gary Lanier is requesting the Columbus County Board of Commissioners’ approval of a contract with the Timmons Group to move forward with their work on the identification of possible future industrial park sites. **(County Manager Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 35-43**
14. **Cooperative Extension- MOA for Aquatic Plants:** Howard Wallace and Program Manager Rob Emens from the NC Department of Environmental Quality are requesting approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Project Ordinance for additional funds to continue the eradication of Giant Salvinia in Columbus County. **(Howard Wallace and Rob Emens will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 44-51**

15. Attorney’s Office: Approval of Lease Agreement, Additional Closing Documents and Authority to County Manager to Execute Documents for West Columbus School– Staff Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the lease agreement between Columbus County and the Columbus County Board of Education, additional closing documents, and authority to the County Manager to execute documents in reference to the loan closing for West Columbus School. **(Staff Attorney Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 52-69**

16. Sheriff’s Department - Approval of Contract for Flock System - License Plate Readers and capital project budget: Sheriff Bill Rogers is requesting approval of the Contract, pending any necessary changes made by Staff Attorney Amanda Prince, and the capital project amendment regarding Flock Group Inc. to order License Plate Readers and related services. **(Sheriff Rogers and Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 70-99**

17. DSS Monthly Update: Social Services Director Algernon McKenzie will present the monthly Social Services update. **(DSS Director Al McKenzie will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 100-109**

18. Finance: Presentation and Approval of Monthly Finance Update - Assistant Finance Director Heather Woody will present the monthly Finance update and is requesting approval of the update. **(Heather Woody will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 110-114**

19. Finance: Approval of Budget Amendments - Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting approval of the following Budget Amendments.

- a. Health Department - TB Funding
- b. Transportation - CARES Act Funding
- c. Finance - Workers Compensation Premium

(Heather Woody will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.) **Pages: 115-118**

20. Appointments/Re-Appointments/Replacements: Staff is requesting appointments, re-appointments or replacements to the following boards, committees and councils.

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

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| Zone I: | Barbara Featherson | Zone V: | Brent Watts |
| Zone II: | Chris Smith | Zone VI: | Ricky Bullard |
| Zone III: | Giles E. Byrd | Zone VII: | Scott Floyd |
| Zone IV: | Lavern Coleman | | |

| COMMITTEE | ZONE EB | PERSON(S) | EXP.DATE |
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| Lower Cape Fear Water & Sewer | EB | Al Leonard | 1/2/2023 |

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

21. Approval of Water and Sewer Combination Minutes:

- February 20, 2023 (5 sets)

Board Minutes Section

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

22. Comments: Commissioners and County Manager.

23. Adjournment