

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472



AGENDA

Monday, June 5, 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 and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Regular Session begins at 6:30 P.M.

3. **Invocation:** Vice Chairman Laverne Coleman
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Giles E. Byrd

6:30 PM - PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2023-2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE: The purpose of the public hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public regarding the proposed Budget Ordinance.

5. **Approval of Agenda:** **Pages: 1-2**
a) Tax Refunds and Releases
6. **Approval of the Board Minutes:** **Board Minutes Section**
a. May 01, 2023
b. May 15, 2023
7. **Public Input**
8. **Administration - Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Ayanna Avery from Environmental Health. **Pages: 2-3**
9. **Administration – Staff Accomplishments:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Rebekah Benton from Cooperative Extension for earning her Master’s Degree and Human Resources Director Kay Stephens for earning her Human Resources Certificate. **Pages: 4-5**
10. **Administration – Discussion and Adoption of the FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget Ordinance:** County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting board adoption of the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget Ordinance. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 5-6**
11. **Planning Department – Establish a Public Hearing for Text Amendment:** Director Dr. Gary Lanier is requesting the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to establish a public hearing on Monday June 19th, at 6:30, or as soon as can be heard, with regard to the proposed modification of the definition of a Multi-Family Dwelling Unit within the Columbus County Code of Ordinances. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 7-10**
12. **Sheriff’s Office – Approval of the quote to replace locks at the Detention Center:** Chief Jail Administrator Captain Robert Creech is requesting approval of the quote for \$271,536.00 to replace 84 locks on the cells at the detention center. Funds will come from the Detention Center’s additional revenue. **(Captain Robert Creech will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 11-28**
13. **Transportation – Approval to begin the pre-application for the 5311 Grant for FY2025:** Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting the approval to start the pre-application process for the 5311 Grant which helps fund the operations system. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 29-38**
14. **Transportation – Approval of the Proposal for Operations and Management of the Transportation System:** Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting the approval

of the proposal from the chosen vendor, First Transit, for the operations and Management of the Transportation system. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 39-44

First Transit Booklet

15. Transportation – Approval of the Contract and Lease Agreement with First

Transit: Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting the approval of the contract and lease agreement from the chosen vendor, First Transit, for the operations and Management of the Transportation system. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 45-86

16. Transportation – Approval of Annual Contracts with Columbus County Schools,

Whiteville City Schools, and Columbus Regional Healthcare: Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting the approval of the annual contracts with Columbus County and Whiteville City Schools, and Columbus Regional Healthcare for transporting their clients. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 87-100

17. Attorney’s Office – Approval of the NCDIT GREAT Grant Agreement & Budget

Amendment with Focus Broadband: Staff Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the NCDIT (Department of Information Technology) GREAT Grant Agreement and budget amendment with Focus Broadband. **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 101-174

18. Attorney’s Office – Approval of the Resolution to Auction for Sale Chadbourn

Middle School: Staff Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the Resolution to auction for sale Chadbourn Middle School. **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 175-178

19. Finance – April 2023 Monthly Financial Report: Finance Director Lacie Jacobs will

present the April 2023 financial report. **(Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 179-186

20. Finance – Approval of the following Budget Amendments, and Project Ordinances:

Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting approval of the following budget amendments and project ordinances. **(Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

1. Airport - Airfield Drainage Improvements - Project Ordinance Amendment.

2. Airport - Corporate Box Hangars - Project Ordinance Amendment.

3. EDC – NC Southeast Grant Adjustment.

4. Aging – Ramps and Rails Program.

5. Facilities Services – Collections Center Downtown Complex A Building.

Pages: 187-198

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

22. Approval of Water and Sewer Combination Minutes:

- May 05, 2023 (5 sets)
- May 15, 2023 (5 sets)

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

23. Comments: Commissioners and County Manager.

24. Adjournment.