

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, December 02, 2013****6:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Charles T. McDowell, **Chairman**
 Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 P. Edwin Russ
 Trent Burroughs

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
 Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Charles T. McDowell called the December 02, 2013 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2: RE-ORGANIZATION of BOARD - ELECTION of CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN:

Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, presided as Acting Chairman for the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners. The Acting Chairman stated the following:

1. At this time, we will proceed with the election of officers for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman for a term of one (1) year;
2. We will proceed with the election of the officers pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-39, and also the Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, as adopted on February 04, 2008;
3. Rule Number 6 states in part, of which I will read, "*...the present Chairman shall relinquish the chairmanship of the meeting to the County Attorney who shall preside over the Board only for the election of officers. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve for a one (1) year term. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members, who, at the conclusion of the election of officers, shall then immediately assume those positions for the ensuing year. The Board shall take nominations and vote for or against persons nominated for Chairman and Vice-Chairman separately and for each individual office.*";
4. In order to do that, if we have more than one (1) person nominated for either of the offices, then the election will take the manner of going in reverse order, until we get a majority vote;
and
5. At this time, I will open the floor for the nomination for the position of Chairman.

Nomination for Chairman:

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion to nominate Commissioner Russ, seconded by Commissioner McDowell.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion that the nomination be closed.

Acting Chairman Stephens stated that the nomination was closed at this time and requested a vote on the nomination of Commissioner Russ to serve as Chairman. Those in favor of Commissioner P. Edwin Russ to serve as Chairman vote aye, and those opposed vote nay. The vote was unanimous.

Acting Chairman Stephens opened the floor for the nominations for the Vice Chairman.

Nomination for Vice Chairman:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to nominate Commissioner Trent Burroughs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion that the nomination be closed.

Acting Chairman Stephens stated that the nomination was closed at this time and requested a vote on the nomination of Commissioner Burroughs to serve as Vice Chairman. Those in favor of Commissioner Burroughs to serve as Vice Chairman vote aye, and those opposed vote nay. The vote was unanimous.

At this time, Commissioner Russ will assume the position of Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and Commissioner Burroughs will assume the position of Vice Chairman to the Columbus County Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year. I congratulate both gentlemen, I look forward to working with you, and I will now turn the meeting over to Chairman P. Edwin Russ.

NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN PRESIDES

Agenda Item #3: SURETY BONDS:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the following Surety Bonds, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

NAME	TITLE	BOND AMT	EXPIR. DATE
Bobbie Faircloth	Finance Officer	\$50,000	Indefinite
Christopher Lee Batten	Sheriff	\$25,000	12-02-2015
Needom G. Hughes, IV Note: Name on bond is being changed.	Tax Administrator	\$25,000	Indefinite
Douglas E. Ward	Deputy Tax Administrator	\$25,000	Indefinite
Natonya Hassell	Public Housing Director	\$25,000	Indefinite
Linwood Cartrette	Coroner	\$15,000	12-06-2014
William H. Hannah, Sr.	Assistant Coroner	\$15,000	12-06-2014
Kandance Whitehead	Register of Deeds	\$10,000	12-04-2016

Agenda Items #4 and #5: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie.

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - PLAQUE to OUTGOING CHAIRMAN CHARLES T. MCDOWELL:

Chairman P. Edwin Russ presented the following Plaque of Appreciation to outgoing **Chairman Charles T. McDowell.**

PRESENTED TO:

CHARLES T. McDOWELL

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THIS THE 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER 2013
in GRATEFUL APPRECIATION of YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP
as CHAIRMAN to the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

12-03-2012 - 12-02-2013

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner McDowell stated the following:

1. I would like to thank my fellow Commissioners for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Chairman this past year, and for being supportive whenever I had questions;
2. I would like to thank Ms. June, Mr. Clark and Mr. Stephens for their help in answering the questions I had, and that is important to me;
3. Thanks to all the department heads, and to all of the ones that have attended the meetings;
4. This has meant a lot to me and I will remember this for as long as I live;
5. I wish Commissioner Russ and Commissioner Burroughs a good year serving as Chairman and Vice Chairman; **and**
6. I thank you for all of your support.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the following Agenda Add-on and for this information to be Agenda Item #22A, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22A: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

INTRODUCTION:

Chairman Russ introduced Jeremy Strickland as a new Forest Ranger and invited him to attend any and all of the Board Meetings.

Agenda Item #7: Presentation - Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to St. James Volunteer Fire Department

Commissioner Byrd presented the following Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to St. James Volunteer Fire Department which was duly approved and adopted at the November 18, 2013 Board Meeting.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to
ST. JAMES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, over one hundred (100) fire departments in the State of North Carolina have earned the Life Safety Achievement Award this summer; **and**

WHEREAS, the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research and Education Foundation (NASFM) and Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company has awarded **St. James Volunteer Fire Department** the 2012 Life Safety Achievement Award; **and**

WHEREAS, to qualify for this award, a fire department must record zero (0) fire deaths in residential structures or a ten (10%) percent reduction of fire deaths from the prior year, must demonstrate commitment to prevent residential fires in their local communities through active and effective fire prevention programs, and must present evidence by some measure (department-determined) that the department's fire prevention efforts increased over the previous year and made a positive impact; **and**

WHEREAS, the 2012 Life Safety Achievement Award recipients have done the following:

- ☼ Organized educational programs targeted to specific age groups;
- ☼ Participated in fire safety inspections and home fire safety surveys, emergency evacuation drills, smoke alarm giveaways and installation assistance, the National Gasoline Safety Project "Stop Gas Fires", and child car seat installation and safety checks;

- ☼ Provided safety information through open houses, community events, newsletters, YouTube videos, and street boulevard banners, as well as by working with local news stations to provide monthly fire safety video clips; **and**
- ☼ Active in increasing fire sprinkler coverage in homes and encouraging the adoption of fire prevention codes that require residential sprinkler systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners proudly presents this **Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition** to ***St. James Volunteer Fire Department***, for their diligent and endless hours of dedication in their efforts to provide quality fire protection.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 18th day of November, 2013.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**, Chairman

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, Vice Chairman

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE**

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

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

/s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK**, Manager

/s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS**, Attorney

Agenda Item #8: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 18, 2013 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, and the November 20, 2013 Columbus County Officials and NCACC Advocacy Team, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Russ opened the floor for public input. The following spoke.

Debra Jane Ward, 890 Walter Ward Road, Nakina, NC 28455: stated the following:

1. I am here tonight to make one final plea;
2. This has been going on since March 13, 2013, nineteen (19) months, and eighteen (18) payrolls;
3. I am here to represent twenty-seven (27) citizens of Columbus County, all taxpayers and all voters;
4. They have not been paid, and you are withholding their wages;
5. You have a contract with Nakina Fire and Rescue, we have honored our contract, and you have not;
6. We have run our calls since March 13, 2013 without any County money;
7. The contract states that you will provide money for personnel, and you have withheld our personnel money;
8. Our members have went through hardships, you have put stress on our members, we are entitled to our wages;
9. There has been a lawsuit filed but it was not filed until October 03, 2013;
10. Why can't you pay the money from March 13, 2013 and up until the date of the lawsuit?;
11. We have several members undergoing severe hardships due to the withholding of the money;
12. We have an e-mail that Mr. Stephens sent dated June 07, 2013 that says "That if this controversy between whose the board or who is not the board, that Columbus County citizens will suffer;
13. I beg to set the record straight, that Columbus County citizens have not suffered because of Nakina Fire and Rescue because we have run our calls; **and**
14. The only ones that are suffering are these twenty-seven (27) people that are not getting their payroll.

SYNOPSIS of IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION:

1. If Columbus County can remain neutral between the two (2) boards and pay the personnel only?;
2. A lawsuit has been filed, a counter lawsuit has been filed, and an Answer has been filed;
3. Can Columbus County pay the personnel from March 13, 2013 to October 03, 2013?;
4. Columbus County has satisfied their requirements in accordance with the School of Government;
5. Columbus County did not withhold the money, Columbus County has issued the rightful

- checks, and the checks have been returned to Columbus County by the United States Post Office;
6. Is there any way for Columbus County to release the payroll only for the personnel?;
 7. The personnel who has run these calls needs to be paid;
 8. Columbus County cannot issue the payroll without doing the associated paperwork it would entail, thereby placing Columbus County in a biased position; **and**
 9. The decision is in the hands of a judge at this time, and Columbus County cannot solve this matter.

Agenda Item #10: PROCLAMATION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to PHIL EDWARDS, MARY EDWARDS and JOE THOMPSON - COLUMBUS COUNTY AIRPORT TEAM:

Commissioner Ricky Bullard requested the approval and adoption of the following Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to Phil and Mary Edwards and Joe Thompson, Columbus County Municipal Airport Team, for presentation.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to
PHIL and MARY EDWARDS and JOE THOMPSON COLUMBUS
COUNTY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TEAM**

WHEREAS, the *Columbus County Municipal Airport* was in a rundown and stagnant condition, and in need of rejuvenation; **and**

WHEREAS, *Phil Edwards* was working out of Columbus County Municipal Airport doing aerial photography for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and recognized a need for improvement; **and**

WHEREAS, *Mr. Edwards* has been diligently working on improving the airport since 1998, and started managing the airport in October, 2004, along with his wife, Mary Edwards, and Joe Thompson; **and**

WHEREAS, after putting in long hours and extra work days, *Mr. Edwards* and his team has developed an airport which has become known for good service, a friendly atmosphere and low fuel prices; **and**

WHEREAS, the following improvements have been brought to fruition since *Phil Edwards* began managing the airport:

- ☐ Fuel tank cleaned up and back in compliance
- ☐ The addition of a 3,000-gallon JetA tank;
- ☐ County facility with no FBO, and the ability to set the price for fuel as low as possible based on the cost of the fuel load;
- ☐ Availability of a courtesy vehicle to be used by clientele when needed
- ☐ Cleared the approach to Runway 24, added a new fuel system, a new AWOS system and the NDB is still commissioned;
- ☐ A parallel taxiway is underway; **and**
- ☐ New taxiway that will provide access to hangars to be built; **and**

WHEREAS, pilots flying along the east coast take a 50 mile turn inland from Wilmington and Myrtle Beach for the lower fuel prices, and a welcome reception from the staff; **and**

WHEREAS, the traffic at the *Columbus County Municipal Airport* is from transients, regulars from Maine to Florida, corporate jet traffic and quite a few celebrities; **and**

WHEREAS, more than a dozen aircraft are based at the airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners proudly present this **Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition** to *PHIL and MARY EDWARDS, and JOE THOMPSON, the Columbus County Municipal Airport Team* for their diligence and endless efforts to improve and advance the Columbus County Municipal Airport and provide a friendly atmosphere for their clients.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 2nd day of December, 2013.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ *AMON E. McKENZIE*, District I

/s/ *GILES E. BYRD*, District III

/s/ *TRENT BURROUGHS*, District V

/s/ *CHARLES T. McDOWELL*, District VII

/s/ *WILLIAM S. CLARK*, Manager

/s/ *JAMES E. PREVATTE*, District II

/s/ *P. EDWIN RUSS*, District IV

/s/ *RICKY BULLARD*, District VI

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

/s/ *MICHAEL H. STEPHENS*, Attorney

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to Phil and Mary Edwards and Joe Thompson, Columbus County Municipal Airport Team, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: CATALYST GRANT (2011 NC) AMENDMENT - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:

Robert Clinebelle, The Wooten Company, requested the Board to establish January 06, 2014, at 7:00 P.M., as the date and time to conduct a public hearing for an amendment to the 2011 NC Catalyst Grant.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish January 06, 2014, at 7:00 P.M., as the date and time to conduct a public hearing for an amendment to the 2011 NC Catalyst Grant, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: SCATTERED SITE HOUSING GRANT (2011) AMENDMENT - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:

Robert Clinebelle, The Wooten Company, requested the Board to establish January 06, 2014, at 7:30 P.M., as the date and time to conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the 2011 Scattered Site Housing Grant.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to establish January 06, 2014, at 7:30 P.M., as the date and time to conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the 2011 Scattered Site Housing Grant, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following monthly administrative update to the Board.

An agency staff meeting was held on November 5, 2013. Information was shared on NCFAST progress. Staff was also reminded of the flu shots being given on that day by the Health Department.

On November 12, 2013 through November 27, 2013; applications were taken for persons experiencing a heating crisis to receive assistance with their heating source; (electric, power stat, propane, kerosene, fuel oil and wood). During this period we served 922 applicants and spent \$ 239,040.17.

We recently had a report of possible price gouging. Although, we can not regulate the price of any heating source, I have made contact with the vendor and reminded them of their agreement not to discriminate against anyone receiving assistance through any of our assistance programs. We have been assured all customers will be treated fairly. In addition, we will be sending a reminder letter to all vendors, letting them know if they are caught discriminating against customers, they will not be allowed to continue participating in the program. We will seek additional vendors in the various areas to allow more customer choice. Customers choose the vendor they want to use; DSS does not choose vendors.

On November 20, 2013 we received funds for LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) in the amount of \$437,980.00. This program is State mandated to start on December 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014. Only households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) are eligible to potentially receive benefits from December 1st through January 31st; or until funds are exhausted. Disabled persons are defined as receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability.

On February 1, 2014 the general public can apply for this one time payment to help with heating costs until March 31st or until funds are exhausted.

On November 21 – 22, 2013 I attended the Eastern Regional Directors Meeting. During these two days, we received updates on NCFAST and the Affordable Care Act implementation. The NCFAST Team continues to work on system issues, which continue to cause delays in processing Food & Nutrition Applications. Locally, we continue to be behind and workers are working hard to try and get benefits out as quickly as possible. Our two on-site support staff workers are also helping workers trouble shoot and process applications.

The Affordable Care Act and the new Medicaid (Magi) calculations implementation are still being tested and worked on. The State is working on issues with five pilot counties. This is supposed to begin in January 2014. This will change the policy for Family and Children's Medicaid. We are concerned these new calculations and system issues may cause problems with Medicaid cards or benefits. We are waiting for some communication from the Division of Medical Assistance. We hope to have some information at our December Directors Meeting.

During our meeting, we were also told by State officials that January 15, 2014 is uncertain. There is a lot that is not known at this point. The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) reduction is very possible. SNAP funding for Food & Nutrition is protected through February 2014, including administrative funding.

Concerning House Bill 392, drug testing; we were told although this bill passed, the Social Services Commissioner has to adopt rules which could take six to eight months; which could be as late as August 2014. There is a lot of work that has to be done before this is implemented.

Agenda Item #14: BUILDING INSPECTIONS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Waties Greene, Building Inspections Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

TOTAL REVENUE

MONTH	2010-2011 Fiscal Year	2011-2012 Fiscal Year	2012-2013 Fiscal Year	2013-2014 Fiscal Year
July	\$15,653.71	\$17,270.16	\$12,657.45	\$14,334.18
August	\$20,752.53	\$18,485.88	\$13,568.61	\$20,769.88
September	\$17,808.94	\$11,344.04	\$16,078.20	\$16,742.04
October	\$37,764.74	\$17,811.34	\$28,450.01	\$21,027.83
November	\$13,365.75	\$12,680.62	\$28,436.60	---
December	\$11,733.64	\$13,584.84	\$11,326.73	---
January	\$11,555.38	\$10,222.41	\$14,497.69	---
February	\$13,735.35	\$14,798.57	\$12,493.64	---
March	\$17,411.40	\$14,841.43	\$11,751.68	---
April	\$12,899.64	\$11,568.58	\$16,052.51	---
May	\$14,262.45	\$12,723.34	\$12,656.01	---
June	\$17,230.92	\$11,913.04	\$19,052.70	---
SUBTOTAL:	\$204,174.45	\$167,244.25	\$197,021.83	\$72,873.93

TOTAL INSPECTIONS

MONTH	2010-2011 Fiscal Year	2011-2012 Fiscal Year	2012-2013 Fiscal Year	2013-2014 Fiscal Year
July	376	338	282	246
August	386	339	228	244
September	512	329	256	244

October	402	230	308	270
November	307	269	312	---
December	394	193	263	---
January	289	227	279	---
February	244	296	208	---
March	357	289	246	---
April	289	281	332	---
May	313	354	263	---
June	338	303	248	---
SUBTOTAL:	4207	3448	3225	1004

PERMITS ISSUED

07-01-2009 to 06-30-2010 # VALUE	7-01-2010 to 06-30-2011 # VALUE	07-01-2011 to 06-30- 2012 # VALUE	07-01-2012 to 06-30- 2013 # VALUE	07-01-2013 to 10-31- 2013 # VALUE
2241 18,511,290	2468 15,929,455	1725 17,279,380	1759 30,188,989	629 13,788,040

2013 NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

SL 2013-58: An act to exempt from permitting requirements persons installing electric load control switches under the laws of regulating electrical contractors and to make conforming changes under the laws pertaining to building inspection permits for counties and cities.

SL 2013-75: An act to exempt certain primitive structures from the Building Code.

SL 2013-118: An act to require approval from the North Carolina Building Code Council before a unit of local government may require building inspections in addition to those required by the building code; to specify the frequency and effective dates of code updates; and to exempt cable television equipment installation from building code requirements.

SL 2013-160: An act to specify that when appliance installers are licensed to perform all aspects of an installation, just one permit and inspection will be required.

SL 2013-265: An act to enact the North Carolina Farm Act of 2013 to (13) allow a farm building that is used for public or private events to maintain its farm building status for purposes of the state building code; (14) exempt certain structures from the sprinkler system requirements of the North Carolina Building Code.

Agenda Item #15: FINANCE - APPROVAL of RESOLUTION and AGREEMENT for DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS with BB&T:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the BB&T Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Account.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the BB&T Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Account, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, for review.

Agenda Item #16: RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of SIGNATORY RESOLUTION by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

SIGNATORY RESOLUTION
by the
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, in the execution of business matters and other pertinent transactions pertaining to the operations of local government affairs, it is necessary, and legally required, to have on board a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve on behalf and in the best interest of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, at the first regular scheduled meeting in the month of December, annually, a Chairman and Vice Chairman is voted on and elected from the now seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners; **and**

WHEREAS, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the said Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, have due authority to sign, execute and administer any and all documents on behalf, and in the best interest, of Columbus County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by popular vote of the seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners, on the 2nd day of December, 2013, Commissioner P. Edwin Russ has been duly elected to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Trent Burroughs has been duly elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, to sign, execute and administer any and all documents necessary in the normal operation of business and related affairs for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County. The aforementioned will serve in these capacities until the first regular scheduled meeting in December, 2014.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of December, 2013.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

_____ Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: RESOLUTION - NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING of the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested approval and adoption of the following Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING of the
BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

_____ The **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 2nd day of December, 2013, to adopt the following **Resolution**.

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 6:30 P.M. on the first Monday and at 6:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; **and**

WHEREAS, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of cancelling the meeting scheduled for the third Monday in December, only.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, to cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for December 16, 2013, be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 06, 2014.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED by the **Board of County Commissioners** that a copy of this **Resolution** and **Notice** shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as forwarded to all of the news media who has requested notice.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of December, 2013.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: APPOINTMENTS//RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS to BOARDS:

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT/EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIRE DATE	BOARD ACTION
Animal Control Advisory Council	I IV V VI	Ervin Wooten Dr. Jeff Burroughs Susan Shipman Pat Christley	12/05/2013 12/05/2013 12/05/2013 12/05/2013	RE-APPOINT RE-APPOINT HOLD RE-APPOINT
Aging Advisory Council (Region O) Cape Fear COG	EB	Betty Holcomb (Resigned)	06/30/2015	HOLD
Board of Health (Columbus County)	EB I VI VII	Dr. Thomas R. Kirby (At Large) Franklin Boone Jeremy Hooks Patty Hobbs	12-31-2013 12-31-2013 12-31-2013 12/31/2013	HOLD RE-APPOINT RE-APPOINT RE-APPOINT
Columbus Regional Healthcare System (Bylaws - 2 Sitting County Commissioners) Motion: Commissioner Prevatte Second: Commissioner McDowell	EB EB	Trent Burroughs Giles E. Byrd	12-03-2013 12-03-2013	RE-APPOINT RE-APPOINT
EMS Peer Review Committee (Bylaws - 2 County Commissioners) Motion: Commissioner McDowell Second: Commissioner Bullard	EB EB	James E. Prevatte P. Edwin Russ	1st Mtg in December	RE-APPOINT
Fire Peer Review Committee (Bylaws - 2 County Commissioners) Motion: Vice Chairman Burroughs Second: Commissioner Byrd	EB EB	Ricky Bullard Charles T. McDowell	1 st Meeting in December	RE-APPOINT RE-APPOINT

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT/EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIRE DATE	BOARD ACTION
Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority Motion: Vice Chairman Burroughs Second: Commissioner McDowell	EB	Al Leonard	01-02-2014	RE-APPOINT
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee	EB	Donna Watson (Resigned)	01-17-2016	HOLD
Planning Board	II	Haywood Corbett (Resigned)	09/30/2015	RUSTY WORLEY
Water and Sewer Advisory Commission	II III IV V VI VII	NOTE: See existing Water and Sewer Advisory Commission for present membership which is by Water District, not political district.	Bylaws need to be amended or replaced.	HOLD HOLD HOLD HOLD HOLD HOLD

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

At 7:41 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 Burroughs, The motion unanimously passed.

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

November 18, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for each Water District, respectively.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV, HALLSBORO PROJECT - APPROVAL to PROCEED with OPTION to PURCHASE PROPERTY for TANK SITE:

Danny Fowler, Interim Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval for Mike Stephens, County Attorney, to proceed with an option to purchase the property for the tank site in Hallsboro.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

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

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendment:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-5161-512100	FP Salaries	2,000
	10-5161-518100	FP FICA	500
	10-5161-518200	FP Retirement	200
	10-5161-518300	FP Insurance	750
	10-5161-523900	FP Drugs and Medical	2,501
	10-5161-526001	FP Departmental Supplies	2,500
Revenues	10-3510-430031	Family Planning Grant	8,451

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$26.00
Edge, Marvin J.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$250.87
Value: \$3,230.00	Year: 2013	Account: 10-00021	Bill#: 18701
Release property value. DBL Act#10-02812. Release Cole Service Fire(3.23) release Columbus Rescue(.65) release late list(2.99)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$93.21
Gray, Virginia Lora	PROPERTY: 88095	Total:	\$103.97
Value: \$4,300.00	Year: 2004	Account: 03-05342	Bill#: 98713
Release value of 1991 S/W. Not liveable. Release Brunswick Fire(8.37) release Columbus Rescue(2.39)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$193.71
MCNC	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.30
Value: \$23,769.00	Year: 2013	Account: 01-07213	Bill#: 56480
Release portion of value on business equipment. Over Reported value. Release Columbus Rescue(4.75) release Late List(19.84)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$4.62
Wood, Debbie Lynne	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$5.96
Value: \$574.00	Year: 2013	Account: 15-04833	Bill#: 55043
Release value of boat. Listed in Pender County for 2013. Release Acme Delco(.69) release Columbus Rescue(.11) release late list(.54)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Nance, Gregory Darryl	PROPERTY: 78144	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 12-05756	Bill#: 37551
Refund user fee. Only 1 house and charged for 2 cans.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Allgood, Fred T. & Mary Ann	PROPERTY: 4446	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 01-02301	Bill#: 7737
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Edge Marvin J.	PROPERTY: 81408	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 16-03688	Bill#: 18701
Release user fee. M/H vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Frink, Ronny Carroll & Melissa Anne	PROPERTY: 85543	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 04-04745	Bill#: 21742
Release user fee Dwelling Vacant			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Last Chance RV Park	PROPERTY: 92520	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 11-03654	Bill#: 31622
Release user fee. Has commercial hauler			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lyons, A B (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 21630	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 12-16560	Bill#: 33398
Release user fee. Can picked up 3/28/12			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Nance, Gregory Darryl	PROPERTY: 78144	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 12-05756	Bill#: 37551

Release user fee. Only 1 house and charged for 2 cans.

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Smith, Thomas Ray (Sr) & Laurette	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Bill#:	46305
Account: 06-33811		
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.		

<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:	\$0.00
Watts, Clara Suggs (Heirs)	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Bill#:	52826
Account: 03-28327		
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9/22/04		

Agenda Item #22: COMMENTS:

B. Department Head:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, County Planner: stated the following:

1. Since the November 18, 2013 Board Meeting, we have received our Food Site Certification for the Southeastern Regional Park;
2. We are now a food certified park and as far as I know, we are the only food-certified park in North Carolina;
3. We have also been selected to participate in a food-site certification program through Duke with a totally different group; **and**
4. We are one (1) of three (3) sites chosen by Duke that they will sponsor.

C. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. It is time to offer the reduced water hookup fee of one hundred, fifty, and 00/100 (\$150.00) dollars;

Discussion was conducted relative to the following:

- the total cost of a water hookup is \$380.00 - \$390.00;
- the reduced hookup fee will be one hundred, fifty and 00/100 (\$150.00) dollars;
- the possibility of the reduced hookup fee being two hundred, and 00/100 (\$200.00) dollars;
- the reduced hookup fee to start on December 03, 2013 and end on March 31, 2014, and will apply to all five (5) water districts;
- the reduced hookup fee is separate and apart from the fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars deposit; **and**
- to allow customers to make monthly payments on the water hookup fee.

MOTION:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to offer the reduced water hookup fee of one hundred, fifty, and 00/100 (\$150.00) dollars, to start on December 03, 2013 and end on March 31, 2014, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

- b. Robert Adams has lost his house due to a fire from a gas heater; **and**
- c. Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you, especially to staff and their family, and thank you for all of your hard work.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to fine tune the payments for the water hookup fee in the Public Utilities Department to be handled at the January 06, 2014 Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Commissioner Bullard:** I appreciate all the hard work our staff has done this past year, and I wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
3. **Commissioner McDowell:** I wish like to dittoo what has been said about having a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please enjoy your holidays and be careful.

4. **Vice Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - a. I appreciate the confidence you have in me by electing me as the Vice Chairman; **and**
 - b. I wish each and everyone a very happy holiday and be safe.

5. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - a. I wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; **and**
 - b. I would like for everyone to remember the reason for the season.

6. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - a. I am receiving a lot of complaints relative to the paint marking on U.S. 74-76 for the new paving east of Lake Waccamaw to the County line;
 - b. The paint marking is not as visible as other areas;
 - c. We have had a good year, I look forward to working with the new chairman, and hope we have another good year;
 - d. I wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year; **and**
 - e. I think we need to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation about the new paint marking on U.S. 74-76.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation about the painting on the new paving on U.S. 74-76 east of Whiteville toward the County line, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

7. **Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like to thank the Board for electing me as Chairman for this coming year;
 - b. I will work as hard as I can;
 - c. I will be glad to help any of you in any way that I can;
 - d. I would like to thank Phil and Mary Edward for what you have done at the Airport;
 - e. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year;
 - f. If there is a County vehicle that needs washing, contact Major Lewis Hatcher and he will have the inmates to wash the vehicle; **and**
 - g. The Culinary School at Fair Bluff provided some very delicious shrimp and grits for our meeting on the November 20, 2013.

- D. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:
 1. I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Meeting that we had in the County;
 - 2.. They were very pleased with the turnout, and I thank the staff for their work on this meeting;
 3. I would like to thank Mr. McDowell for his term of chairmanship, I think we accomplished a lot, and I appreciate all of your support;
 4. I would like to say to Chairman Russ and Vice Chairman Burroughs, I look forward to working with you; **and**
 5. I hope we have another good year.

- E. **County Attorney (Mike Stephens):** stated the following:
 1. We did close the sales transaction for the pump station on Highway 701 South last Wednesday; **and**
 2. We now own 0.06 acre of property for a pump station.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

At 8:03 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #22A: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11
(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:31 P.m., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Russ requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following, *“The County Attorney advised the Board of County Commissioners in reference to the possibility of litigation. No action was taken at this time”*.

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

Agenda Item #23: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:33 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

Monday, December 02, 2013

7:41 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:41 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

November 18, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the November 18, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

Monday, December 02, 2013

7:41 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:41 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

November 18, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the November 18, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

Monday, December 02, 2013

7:41 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:41 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

November 18, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the November 18, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 02, 2013
7:41 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:41 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

November 18, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the November 18, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV, HALLSBORO PROJECT - APPROVAL to PROCEED with OPTION to PURCHASE PROPERTY for TANK SITE:

Danny Fowler, Interim Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval for Mike Stephens, County Attorney, to proceed with an option to purchase the property for the tank site in Hallsboro.

Discussion:

1. The need to wait on the option until we see if the project is going to materialize;
2. Approval of option being contingent on if the project does materialize; **and**
3. Option being \$200.00 in house.

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A role-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Russ, Vice Chairman Burroughs, Commissioners Byrd, McDowell, Bullard and McKenzie; **and**
NAY: Commissioner Prevatte.

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

UPDATE on HALLSBORO PROJECT:

Danny Fowler, Interim Public Utilities Director, delivered the following update:

1. As of today, we have sixty-two (62) signups;
2. We have a meeting tomorrow night at the Hallsboro Fire Department from 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.; **and**
3. We are past the deadline, but we will make our own deadline.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman

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

Monday, December 02, 2013

7:41 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:41 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

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

November 18, 2013 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the November 18, 2013 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman