

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, April 07, 2014****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:

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**
 Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie (Arrived: 7:28 P.M.)
 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**

Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the April 07, 2014 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard in the absence of Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Jonathan Lanehart, Troop 512 of the Boy Scouts of America.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the March 17, 2014 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, and March 18, 2014 Joint Meeting with Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees, Whiteville City Schools Board of Education and Columbus Schools Board of Education, with two (2) corrections, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

Shannon Worrell, 166 Sam Potts Road, Whiteville, NC 28472: stated the following:

1. The town fire department has decided to send out law enforcement to pick up the radios of our EMS agency members;
2. This creates a delay in what we can do as far as getting the necessary help; **and**
3. I wanted to ask the question of "Who actually owns the radios? and, Does the town have jurisdiction over the radios or does the County have jurisdiction?"

William S. Clark, County Manager, replied stating the County gave the radios to the Lake Waccamaw Auxiliary when the two (2) groups were together. It would be mine estimation that they no longer belong to the County. We gave them to all municipalities throughout the County and the EMS Departments, and the Fire Departments.

Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, stated that both sides were in litigation now. There was a hearing in front of a Superior Court Judge two or three (2 or 3) weeks ago. At this point, I am thinking they should consult with their individual attorneys.

Commissioner Byrd stated we should check with EMS to see if they have any radios to hand out to the personnel at this time. If they don't have enough radios, we should request that the radios be returned.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion for Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney to check into

the situation of the radios, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PROCLAMATION - PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to NORTH WHITEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT for VOLUNTEERISM:

Commissioner James E. Prevatte requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department for Volunteerism.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to
NORTH WHITEVILLE
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
for VOLUNTEERISM**

WHEREAS, the fire departments in Columbus County are noted for their ability to protect our citizens, their willingness to devote their time and efforts, and when a need arises, their willingness to volunteer their services for the given cause; **and**

WHEREAS, observation has been made that *North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department* is known for their volunteerism to coordinate events that pull many willing volunteers together who work harmoniously to accomplish the task at hand; **and**

WHEREAS, when many people come together as one unit for a given cause, work smoothly together, it increases the ability to accomplish their goal at hand more efficiently and in a shorter time frame; **and**

WHEREAS, it is very rewarding to know that we have citizens who are willing to work together, as a team, for the greater cause of our citizens in Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners proudly presents this **Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to *North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department for Volunteerism***, for their diligent and endless hours of dedication in their efforts to protect our citizens and their willingness to volunteer for events that benefit many people.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 7th day of April, 2014.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**, Chairman, D-IV

/s/ **AMON E. MCKENZIE**, D-I

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**, D-III

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**, D-VII

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

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**, Vice Chairman, D-V

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**, D-II

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, D-VI

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

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department for Volunteerism, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: PRESENTATION - NORTH CAROLINA FORECLOSURE PREVENTION FUNDS:

Gayle Fernandez, Executive Director, Robeson County Community Development Corporation, delivered the following presentation on the North Carolina Foreclosure Prevention Funds.

1. We serve Hoke, Bladen, Columbus Scotland and Robeson Counties;
2. We have been providing housing counseling, new home buying education, pre-purchase counseling, etc. since 2010;
3. We provide information on foreclosure prevention.
4. Hardest Hit Funds were designated from the U.S. Treasury to assist families;
5. The program in North Carolina is managed through the State Housing Finance Agency and we are a partner;
6. What that means is if you have lost your job, through no fault of your own, you have a mortgage

- payment and you are looking for another job, plus a couple of other eligibility criteria, there may be money available to pay your mortgage which includes principal, interest, taxes, insurance, homeowners association dues while you get another job, or are being trained for another job;
7. It is important that you reach out and tell everyone about this program;
 8. North Carolina received \$159 million to assist homeowners;
 9. The funds are a zero percent interest loan;
 10. It subordinates behind any number of liens that are on the property, and it is forgivable if you live in the house for ten (10) years;
 11. Our main goal is to work with the homeowner to try and figure out how to get out of the quicksand that they are in;
 12. We are also partners with the Agency Settlement Fund which is finding banks that are willing to help with home ownership issues;
 13. We have helped many families in Columbus County;
 14. We do require the families to come to our office one (1) time to verify identification, and any further action that needs to be done can be done by fax or e-mail;
 15. We do help with loan modifications which is three (3) pages long; **and**
 16. My challenge to you is to distribute this information to as many people as you can.

Agenda Item #8: Presentation - VA Rural Health Team Program: Joyce Hawkins, Director, will deliver a presentation on the VA Rural Health Team Program.
(Joyce Hawkins will be in attendance to deliver the presentation and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

DELETED (Per: Joyce Hawkins)

Agenda Item #9: PRESENTATION - CIRCLES OF HOPE:

David Scott, private citizen, will deliver a presentation on the non-profit organization entitled Circles of Hope.

1. We represent an anti-poverty initiative in Columbus County called Circles of Hope;
2. Circles of Hope was founded in 1992 to inspire and equip families and communities to escape poverty;
3. Today, the organization operates successfully in 22 states, including 14 counties in North Carolina;
4. We see the symptoms of poverty almost everywhere we look and it puts a heavy burden on our healthcare system;
5. Poverty hurts our schools, the opportunity of upward mobility and the quality of life of our citizens;
6. Poverty has a negative impact on our economy and directly contributes to our 9% unemployment rate;
7. While poverty has a personal and painful impact on those who suffer it, we all suffer from this plight that plaques over 1/4 of our county population;
8. Recently, the need has increased with the cutbacks in Medicaid and unemployment insurance;
9. Over 41% of our children live in poverty and these children are our future and will determine where our county goes and who we become;
10. Circles of Hope is the county's citizens who have decided to do something about it, one family at a time;
11. Circles of Hope was kicked off in Columbus County last September at Southeastern Community College called the Poverty Summit;
12. The 85 people who attended this event had their life changed;
13. Circles of Hope is an anti-poverty organization with a unique approach, and is not a give away program;
14. It doesn't hand out fish, it teaches people how to fish, and it is not a hand out, it is a hand up program;
15. It only helps families who are committed to become self sufficient, and helps them to develop the skills to make it happen;
16. We have already interviewed and selected 14 families for our first class;
17. Circles of Hope has a proven track record in North Carolina and currently serves 14 other counties;
18. As a former business owner, I understand budgets and working with limited funds, and the difference between an expense and an investment;
19. A good investment grows and generates dividends, and Circles of Hope is an investment and would generate human dividends starting from day one;

- 20. The expenses of Circles of Hope must be covered by contributions, and with all the contributions we have received so far, it is not enough;
- 21. We need the county to step up;
- 22. As of now, we have no paid employees, and when we meet our budget, we will have 2 paid employees with combined salaries of \$31,000;
- 23. Our projected budget for the current year is approximately \$70,000 and will increase after that as the organization grows;
- 24. As of today, we have raised approximately \$27,000, and we have many citizens from all over the county who have already been working on this project for 12 months;
- 25. Circle of Hope is asking Columbus County to contribute \$20,000 in seed money to help us get this initiative up to speed; **and**
- 26. Circles of Hope is an example of helping your neighbor so they can help themselves.

Agenda Item #20: OLD DOCK COMMUNITY CENTER, INCORPORATED - ACCEPTANCE of PROPERTY and COMMUNITY CENTER:

Ed Ray, President of Old Dock Community Center, Incorporated, requested the Board to accept ownership of the property and the Community Center in Old Dock.

Mr. Ray stated the following:

- 1. My wife and I have looked after the Old Dock Community Center for the last seventeen (17) years;
- 2. We have been trying to re-organize the board to allow someone to take control;
- 3. After three (3) different meetings, no one has come forth;
- 4. The Old Dock community has given me permission to come and ask the Board to allow the Parks and Recreation Department take over the Old Dock Community Center; **and**
- 5. We are asking Columbus County to accept the property at the Old Dock Community Center.

Commissioner McDowell stated the following:

- 1. There will be no additional expense to the County from what we are already doing;
- 2. We do cut the grass, look after the grounds, and we are presently working on the parking lot;
- 3. There is really nothing in addition to add additional expense if we accept the property;
- 4. If we do not accept the property, we will have to physically remove playground equipment, fencing and all other property that the County does own.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to accept the Old Dock Community Center property, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: CDBG (2011) SCATTERED SITE HOUSING (SSH) - PROGRAM RECONSTRUCTION CONTRACT:

Robert Clinebelle, The Wooten Company, requested Board approval to accept the low bidder and award Case #1 to D & A Complete Construction, as per the following bidders list.

**RECONSTRUCTION
BID TABULATION SUMMARY**

Date and Time: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 11:30 A.M.
LOCATION: Columbus County Administrative Office

CONTRACTOR	CASE #1 Maggie Rogers 150 Pleasant Hill R. Whiteville, NC 28472	CASE #2 Mary White 67 Rose Blue Lane Chadbourn, NC 28431
D & A Complete Contruc.	85,800	86,800
S & S Home Improvements	87,744	87,733
From the Ground Up Construc	104,656	101,376
Robert L. Strickland	126,720	126,720
Gary's Remodeling Construc.	87,500	78,500

This is to notify of the bids opened and read aloud at the time, date and location shown above.

Contractors present:	/s/ NATALIE CARROLL	08/20/13
Lynn Cummings	By:	Date
Gary Locklear	/s/ Robert R. Clinebelle	08/20/13
Shawn Locklear	By:	Date
Patrick Lowery		

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to accept the low bid of eighty-five thousand, eight hundred, and 00/100 (\$85,800.00) dollars for Case #1 of the CDBG (2011) Scattered Site Housing, and award the contract to D & A Complete Construction, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: CDBG (2011) CATALYST PROGRAM RECONSTRUCTION CONTRACT:

Robert Clinebelle, The Wooten Company, requested Board approval to accept the second low bid and award Case #2 to D & A Complete Construction, from the following bidders list.

**RECONSTRUCTION
BID TABULATION SUMMARY**

Date and Time: Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 11:30 A.M.
LOCATION: Columbus County Administrative Office

CONTRACTOR	CASE #1 Maggie Rogers 150 Pleasant Hill R. Whiteville, NC 28472	CASE #2 Mary White 67 Rose Blue Lane Chadbourn, NC 28431
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Shawn Locklear	By:	Date
Patrick Lowery		

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to accept the second low bid of eighty-six thousand, eight hundred, and 00/100 (\$86,800.00) dollars for Case #2 of the CDBG (2011) Catalyst Program, and award the contract to D & A Construction, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13. SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION PROGRAM (2013) - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT and PROJECT AMENDMENT:

Robert Clinebelle, The Wooten Company, requested Board approval of the Professional Services Agreement and the soft cost change in the Project Amendment.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement and the Project Amendment for the Single Family Rehabilitation Program (2013), seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Professional Services Agreement will be kept on file in the Administration Office (signed by County Manager), and a copy of the Project Amendment will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #14: SOCIAL SERVICES - BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, requested the Board to approve the following budget amendment to increase and decrease expenditure and revenue accounts to correct appropriation amount, and transfer funds within expenditure accounts.

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-5302-519945	LIEAP Expenditures	22,215
	10-5301-533001	CP&L Energy	2,789
	10-5302-519912	Daycare Smart Start	153,727
	10-5302-519913	Child Daycare-State	115,556
	10-5302-519922	Adult Daycare	4,978
	10-5301-549702	Chore State In Home	(6,735)
	10-5301-532100	Telephone	16,610
	10-5301-519000	Professional Services	20,000
	10-5301-519001	Contracted Services	(20,000)
	10-5301-531301	Medicaid Transportation	60,000
	10-5302-519919	Foster Care State	(40,000)
	10-5302-519917	Foster Care IV-E	(20,000)
	10-5301-55000	Capital Outlay	33,000
	10-5301-526000	Office Supplies	17,000
	10-5301-531302	Jobs Transportation	(35,000)
	10-5301-549981	Participant Assistance	(15,000)
Revenues	10-3530-432515	LIEAP Expenditures	22,215
	10-3530-430076	CP&L Energy	2,789
	10-3530-430090	Daycare	153,727
	10-3530-430090	Daycare	115,556
	10-3530-430090	Daycare	4,978
	10-3530-430094	State In Home	(6,735)
	10-3530-489000	Social Miscellaneous	16,610

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Social Services Budget Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: PARKS and RECREATION. - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Julie Strickland, Parks and Recreation Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

PROJECTS

140 Completed projects at 28 sites

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance of fields and necessary replacement of bases and pitching rubbers 22 athletic fields
 Replaced/installed bleachers 2 sites (Sandyfield and Ransom)
 Repairs to driveways and parking areas at 7 sites
 Installed/Replaced 3,500' of wire fencing and 1,800' temporary fencing

Mowed approximately 5,500 acres of grass
Maintained 200 acres of land mass

FENCE

Installed/Replaced wire fencing, terminals, post, gates and temporary fence at 27 sites

BLEACHER PROGRAM

Transported 178 sets of bleachers for use at festivals, programs and/or events open to the public

PROGRAMS - SPONSORED AND/OR FACILITATED

41 Programs
13,000 Attendance/Participants

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

200+ Meetings/Trainings/Workshops

LOANER EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

51 Events/Programs

Approximately 100 years of recreation experience - 7 staff members.

Agenda Item #16: FINANCE - APPROVAL of NON-CORPORATE RESOLUTION:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of a Non-Corporate Resolution with Multi-Bank Securities, Incorporated.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Non-Corporate Resolution Form with Multi-Bank Securities, Incorporated, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "B", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

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

At 7:07 P.M., Commissioner Bullard 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 Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

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

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - APPROVAL of CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 for INTERCONNECTION PROJECT:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval for William S. Clark, County Manager, to execute Change Order Number 1, a decrease of three hundred seventy-five thousand and 00/100 (\$375,000.00) dollars, for the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, Interconnection **Project**.

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

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

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #19: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendment:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4320-519301	Medical	75,000
	10-4320-526001	Department Supplies	(75,000)

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$55.20
Abel, Larry Gene	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$60.78
Value: \$1,494.00	Year: 2010- Account: 06-00029	Bill#:	99999
Release value of boat. Listed to Glen McPherson. Release Columbus Rescue(1.41) release late list(4.17)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$9.58
Faulk, Ronnie William & Caletta	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$12.68
Value: \$1,190.00	Year: 2013 Account: 12-07520	Bill#:	20085
Release value of boat and motor. Disposed of as junk. Release Evergreen Fire(.95) release Columbus Rescue(.24) release Water II(.83) release late list(1.08)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$5.96
Gibson, Cindy & Tony	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$99.92
Value: \$4,998.00	Year: 2005 Account: 01-03452	Bill#:	898
Release value of dwelling. No longer owns. Release Whiteville Rescue(1.00)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$185.96
Marl Point, Inc.	PROPERTY: 7566	Total:	\$209.06
Value: \$114,500.00	Year: 2013 Account: 03-16121	Bill#:	33804
Release portion of value to correct value. Release Old Dock(18.48) release Columbus Rescue(4.62)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$132.02
Sessoms, David	PROPERTY: 93573	Total:	\$363.14
Value: \$16,400.00	Year: 2013 Account: 11-05930	Bill#:	44258
Release value of dwelling sold before tax year began. Release Hallsboro Fire(9.84) release Columbus Rescue(3.28)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$3,070.58
Williams, Jackie Whitehead	PROPERTY: 30572	Total:	\$5,314.54
Value: \$51,600.00	Year: 09-13 Account: 16-00141	Bill#:	99999
Release value of dwelling. Home was unliveable. Sold at tax foreclosure. Release Cerro Gordo Fire(396.80) release Columbus Rescue(79.36) release Water II(290.80)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Mintz, Elvin Ray	PROPERTY: 80480	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013 Account: 15-03229	Bill#:	36474
Refund user fee. No can sent until 2014.			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$73.08
Ward, Benjamin Derek & Christy W	PROPERTY: 85636	Total:	\$88.51
Value: \$75,400.00	Year: 11-13 Account: 13-41701	Bill#:	99999
Refund value of mobile home. Sold to TW Best 13 years ago. Refund Klondyke Fire(8.11) refund Columbus Rescue(7.32)			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bordeaux, Willie J. & Joyce S.	PROPERTY: 88154	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013 Account: 01-01909	Bill#:	10949
Release user fee. Never had a can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Pandora L.	PROPERTY: 27690	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013 Account: 15-03654	Bill#:	12143
Release user fee. Only 1 can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00

Council, Leroy	PROPERTY: 18906	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 11-05644	Bill#: 16093	
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cribb, Earl Monroe & Mary	PROPERTY: 12850	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 07-03050	Bill#: 16516	
Release user fee. Can picked up 2011.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Evans, Michelle Y & Rhonald M.	PROPERTY: 78265	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 15-01645	Bill#: 19618	
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2007.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Iron Hill Pentecostal Church	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$2,168.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 09-13	Account: 18-00142	Bill#: 99999	
Release user fees. 2009-2013. Only 1 can at church.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jacobs, George & Minnie	PROPERTY: 8971	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 04-08120	Bill#: 29111	
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 2004			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
MCPerson, John Phillip (II) & Carolyn	PROPERTY: 6202	Total:	\$262.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 01-02365	Bill#: 35584	
Release user fee. 2 dwellings vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Norris, Charles T.	PROPERTY: 90898	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 09-22520	Bill#: 38378	
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Packer, William & Tamika	PROPERTY: 91743	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 12-04452	Bill#: 38984	
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Southeastern Paint & Body Inc.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 13-02639	Bill#: 56315	
Release user fee. Keyed in with container on equipment per Cathy Ivey.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Strickland, Beverly W.	PROPERTY: 91871	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 16-01248	Bill#: 48387	
Release user fee. No can sent. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Thomas, C Franky	PROPERTY: 83770	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 15-03345	Bill#: 49550	
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Thompson, Julian A.	PROPERTY: 9555	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 04-15580	Bill#: 49821	
Release user fee. Never had a can. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
True Way Apostolic Church of Christ, Inc.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 18-00146	Bill#: 55937	
Release user fee. No Can.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
US Postal Service	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$846.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 06-13	Account: 18-00217	Bill#: 99999	
Release user fees. Uses a commercial hauler.			

Agenda Item #20: COMMENTS:

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

A. **Department Manager:**

Julie Strickland, Parks and Recreation Director: stated the Easter Egg Hunts will be held on Saturday, at 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M., at thirteen (13) different sites.

B. **Board of Commissioners:**1. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:

- A. I am receiving many telephone calls in my district about drainage problems from the ditches being obstructed with debris;
- B. Most of the time, I personally go and investigate these sites and then I call D.O.T. and let them know about the situation;
- C. As of today, nothing is being done;
- D. This standing water is deteriorating our roads and creating an ideal situation for mosquito infestation, and health problems
- E. I would like for this Board to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation and request that some action be taken to clear the debris from the state-maintained ditches to eliminate these problems;

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to send the North Carolina Department of Transportation a letter and request them to take action in cleaning out the ditches in Columbus County where the collected debris is blocking proper drainage, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

- F. I was so surprised to hear that the Town of Lake Waccamaw is sending out their police force to pick up radios, and sometimes out of their jurisdiction;
- G. Something is wrong with whoever is issuing orders like that; **and**
- H. I am requesting that the County Attorney get involved in this matter in the morning, and get the necessary radios to the right people.

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

- A. I concur with what Commissioner Byrd is saying about the state highway ditches being obstructed;
- B. I think we had a very productive Board Retreat and look forward to accomplishing the goals that we set; **and**
- C. I thank Troop 512 for being here tonight and participating.

3. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:

- A. I would like to thank Troop 512 for being here tonight also; **and**
- B. I would like to echo what Commissioner Prevatte stated about the Board Retreat.

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

- A. I would like to say that I appreciate all the cards, the letters and the prayers I received during the recent loss of my brother;
- B. I would like to thank the Board for the support on the Old Dock Community Center, and that is a mainstay in that community; **and**
- C. I concur with everyone else in thanking Troop 512 for their participation, and to also thank their leaders, and encourage them to get involved.

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

- A. I would like to say that our Sheriff has busted the Ponderosa, and I am proud;
- B. The Resource Officers at our high schools are driving to Whiteville each week to turn their time sheets in, and that is taking away 2 hours from the school, and the principal is asking if this can be handled in another way; **and**
- C. Justin Hewitt had the drug dog at West Columbus School and hit on some marijuana, and that is good.

Sheriff Hatcher: stated the following:

1. On Sunday afternoon, two (2) weeks ago, we experienced an incident that occurred on Highway 74-76;
 2. I want this Board to know how pleased I was with the fire departments;
 3. Highway 74-76 was closed from 2:30 P.M. until midnight;
 4. Hallsboro and Buckhead Fire Department were there and some members from other departments; **and**
 5. Some EMS crew members of other departments were there also.
6. **Commissioner Russ:** I am proud to say that I am a member of the Volunteer Lake Waccamaw Fire Department, again.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) PERSONNEL:

_____ At 7:28 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #21: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:57 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Russ requested that the Closed Session General Account be orally read. Commissioner Byrd stated the following, "The Board of Commissioners discussed the County Manager's evaluation with him."

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

Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:58 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. 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, April 07, 2014

7:07 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**
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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Amon E. McKenzie

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:07 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 #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the March 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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, April 07, 2014
7:07 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**
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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Amon E. McKenzie

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:07 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 #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the March 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - APPROVAL of CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 for INTERCONNECTION PROJECT:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval for William S. Clark, County Manager, to execute Change Order Number 1, a decrease of three hundred seventy-five thousand and 00/100 (\$375,000.00) dollars, for the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, **Interconnection Project**.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve William S. Clark, County Manager, to execute Change Order Number 1, a decrease of three hundred seventy-five thousand and 00/100

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(\$375,000.00) dollars, for the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, Interconnection Project, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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, April 07, 2014

7:07 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**
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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Amon E. McKenzie

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:07 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 #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the March 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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, April 07, 2014

7:07 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**
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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Amon E. McKenzie

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:07 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 #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the March 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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, April 07, 2014

7:07 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**
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**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Amon E. McKenzie

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:07 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 #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the March 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:11 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman