## COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Monday, August 04, 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:**

#### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman** Amon E. McKenzie James E. Prevatte Giles E. Byrd Ricky Bullard Charles T. McDowell William S. Clark, **County Manager** Mike Stephens, **County Attorney** June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board** Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer** 

**<u>COMMISSIONER ABSENT</u>:** P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman** 

### Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:

### **MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:30 P.M., Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs called the August 04, 2014 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd.

#### **ADJUSTMENT to AGENDA:**

Vice Chairman Burroughs stated the Agenda needed to be adjusted to add a Veterans Departmental Update which was scheduled for this meeting but not listed on the Agenda.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjust the August 04, 2014 Agenda by adding a Veterans Departmental Update, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

### **INTRODUCTION of SPECIAL GUESTS:**

Commissioner Byrd requested a special guest that would be representing Columbus County at the annual conference in Asheville, North Carolina, to stand and be recognized. Devan Young stood and stated his name, and stated he was a 4-H member, and would representing Columbus County at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference in Asheville, North Carolina.

Commissioner McKenzie requested a special guest to stand and be recognized, and that he was going to sketch the Columbus County Board of Commissioners during the meeting. Javarus Hamer stood and stated his name and that it was an honor to be at the meeting.

### Agenda Item #4: <u>BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL</u>:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the July 21, 2014 County Vehicle Policy Workshop Minutes, as recorded, and the July 21, 2014 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

Commissioner Prevatte stated the July 21, 2014 County Vehicle Policy Workshop Minutes did not reflect the e-mail that was submitted by Vice Chairman Burroughs, and read by Chairman Russ, and this information needs to be a part of the minutes.

Commissioner McDowell amended his motion to approve the July 21, 2014 County Vehicle Policy Workshop Minutes with the correction of adding the e-mail that was submitted by Vice Chairman Burroughs, and read by Chairman Russ, and Commissioner McKenzie amended his second, and to approve the July 21, 2014 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The amended motion and regular motion unanimously passed.

# Agenda Item #5: <u>PUBLIC INPUT</u>:

Vice Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for public input. The following spoke.

## Lynn Worrell, 166 Sam Potts Highway, Whiteville, North Carolina: stated the following:

- 1. I wanted to present on behalf of Lake Waccamaw Fire and Rescue Auxiliary;
- 2. Since the last time we were here, we have come into compliance with your request to purchase pagers;
- 3. All the pagers have been distributed to our members and a letter has been sent to the County for them to be activated, and this is out of our hands and we are waiting for Kay to activate the pagers;
- 4. After several failed attempts to negotiate with the town, we are now looking at land and building options for the Auxiliary to pursue;
- 5. We are looking at the Hallsboro and Lake Waccamaw areas;
- 6. We are still hopeful that the ordered mediation that is going to take place before we go to court in February will prove that we might could get somewhere, but until then, we have to get a spot where we are secure and can operate out of;
- 7. The key to good patient care is to pool all your resources together, and there should have never been a line drawn in the sand;
- 8. There are a lot of talented people on both sides, and they need to come together so we can fix this;
- 9. It appears that pride and circumstances got in the way; **and**
- 10. We hope that we can work together and solve the problems that are being experienced.

# Agenda Item #6:SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION PROGRAM (SFR) 2013 -<br/>APPROVAL of CONTRACTS and NOTICE to PROCEED:

Robert Clinebelle, The Wooten Company, requested Board approval of the low bidder, Ben Stout, and Notice to Proceed for Case #1 and Case #2, from the following Bid Tabulation Summary.

## REHABILITATION BID TABULATION SUMMARY

## DATE and TIME: 11:30 A.M. Tuesday, July 1, 2014 LOCATION: Economic Development Conference Room, Administration Building

CONTRACTOR	CASE #1 Yvonne Geathers	CASE #3 Azalie Graham
D & A Complete	47,950	43,375
Eastern Environmental	54,155	50,945
Robert Strickland	48,065	47,105
Ben Stout	44,250	40,610

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

Contractors present: Ben Stout July 1, 2014

/s/ **ROBERT CLINEBELLE** The Wooten Company /s/ **NATALIE CARROLL** Columbus County Administration

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the low bidder, Ben Stout, the contracts and Notice to Proceed for Case #1 and Case #2 for the Single Family Rehabilitation Program (2013), seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the contracts will be kept on file in the Administration Office for review.

# Agenda Item #7: URGENT REPAIRS PROGRAM (URP) 2014 - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of the FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- A. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING the ADOPTION of the POLICIES for the COLUMBUS COUNTY 2014 URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM;
- **B. ASSISTANCE POLICY;**
- C. **PROCUREMENT and DISBURSEMENT POLICY; and**
- D. GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE.

Robert Clinebelle, The Wooten Company, requested Board approval of the afore listed documents for the 2014 Urgent Repair Program.

### COLUMBUS COUNTY 2014 URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM

### A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Policies for the Columbus County 2014 Urgent Repair Program

**WHEREAS,** the County has received \$100,000 in 2014 Urgent Repair Program (URP14) funds from the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund, administered by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency; **and** 

WHEREAS, the following documents are required under this program:

- Assistance Policy; and
- Procurement and Disbursement Policy.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina:

- 1. That William S. Clark, County Manager, and Natalie Carroll, Special Projects Coordinator, are hereby authorized to execute any and all program related documents; and
- 2. That the policies are hereby adopted and to be used throughout the implementation of the Columbus County FY 2014 URP Program.

**ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

### /s/ TRENT BURROUGHS, Vice Chairman /s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

### GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE 2014 URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

Be it ordained by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Chapter 159, Section 13.2 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is hereby adopted:

**Section 1.** The project authorized is the 2014 Urgent Repair Program described in the work statement contained in the grant agreement between this unit and the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency.

**Section 2.** The officers of the unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following reven	ues are anticipated to be available to complete t	his project:				
79-3300-333015	Urgent Repair Grant	\$100,000				
	TOTAL:	\$100,000				
Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:						
79-5155-549835	Urgent Repair Grant Expenditures	\$100,000				
	TOTAL:	\$100,000				

**Section 5.** The finance officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Project Fund sufficient detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to the grantor agency required by the grant agreement and federal and state regulations.

**Section 6.** Disbursements will be electronically wired to Columbus County in advances equal to 50% of the original approved grant amount. The Second and final disbursement will be made to Columbus County upon written certification to the NC Housing Finance Agency (as certified on the Project Management Report) that 90% of the funds previously advanced have been disbursed for eligible activities.

**Section 7.** Copies of this Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2014

## /s/ TRENT BURROUGHS, Vice Chairman

## ATTESTED BY:

# /s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the following documents for the Urgent Repairs Program (URP) 2014:

- A. A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Policies for the Columbus County 2014 urgent Repair Program;
- B. Assistance Policy;
- C. Procurement and Disbursement Policy; and
- D. Grant Project Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

# **VETERANS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Sherri Blackmon, Director of the Veterans Department, delivered the following Departmental Update.

- 1. We are staying very busy;
- 2. Our veterans received \$30,948,000 in benefits in 2013, and that is \$3,539,000 more than 2012, and is the largest increase that I have seen;
- 3. We try to contact any and all veterans that we know about to inform them of any benefits they are eligible for, and apply for any benefit we can for them;
- 4. At the end of 2013, we had 3,968 veterans in Columbus County, and we have 1,263 that are enrolled in the VA Health Benefit, and those veterans received over \$10,000,000 in healthcare which is a great savings for the County;
- 5. We have four medical centers and many outlying medical clinics;
- 6. One of the biggest problems we have is understaffing at the centers and clinics;
- 7. We have a very nice facility in Wilmington;
- 8. The VA is trying to do things a lot differently, and they are trying to push claims through;
- 9. There is a backlog in adding dependents to their benefits and the VA has recently contracted with a private agency to add these dependents;
- 10. The State has sent a letter to each Congressman informing them not to contact the Veterans Affairs in regards to benefits for veteans unless there is a dire emergency;
- 11. I think the veterans of Columbus County are very satisfied with our service; and
- 12. The North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs is undergoing a re-organization.

### Agenda Item #8: <u>FIRE AND RESCUE - ROSELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>:

Len Fipps, Fire Chief, requested the Board to establish a date and time for a Public Hearing for a two (\$ .02) cents increase in the fire tax rate.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 7:00 P.M., for a Public Hearing to be held at Roseland Fire Department for consideration of a two (\$ .02) cents increase in the fire tax rate, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

# Agenda Item #9:ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and<br/>TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development/Planning Director, requested the Board to establish a date and time for a public hearing to consider an incentive grant for Filtec-Precise.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to establish Monday, August 18, 2014, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a public hearing to consider an incentive grant for Filtec-Precise, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

# Agenda Item #10:PLANNING - APPROVAL of CAPE FEAR RPO COUNTY PRIORITY<br/>WORKSHEET for COLUMBUS COUNTY:

Gary Lanier, Planning Director, requested Board approval of the Cape Fear RPO County Priority Worksheet.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Cape Fear RPO County Priority Worksheet, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. 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 Clerk to the Board 's Office, for review.

### Agenda Item #11: <u>APPOINTMENTS / RE-APPOINTMENTS / REPLACEMENTS</u>:

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board	EB	Everette Lanier - ETJ	08-01-2014	Re-Appoint
Southeast Partners (Meeting: 09-16-2014)	EB	Representative for Board	?	Gary Lanier

### **RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into <u>COMBINATION MEETING</u> of COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING:**

At 7:01 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **<u>combination meeting</u>** 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 #12: <u>COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III,</u> <u>IV AND V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES</u>:

July 21, 2014 <u>**Combination Meeting**</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I and II, and Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts III, IV and V.

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

At 7:02 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 McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

### Agenda Item #13: <u>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS</u>:

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

### A. Budget Amendments:

ТҮРЕ	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT	
Expenditures	10-5191-531100	Minority Health Travel	2,000	
Revenues	10-3510-499130	Health Dept Fund Balance	2,000	

Expenditures	10-5301-549986	Crisis Intervention	232,232
Revenues	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	232,232
Expenditures	10-5121-526001	Comm Disease Departmental Supplies	50
Revenues	10-3510-430057	Communicable Disease State	50

# B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

D. Tax Kelullu	s anu re	icases.					
Property Value					Amour	nt:	\$81.05
Tyler, Franklin S.			PROPERTY	: 00000	Total:		\$96.38
Value: \$2,500.00	Year:	04-08	Account:	09-00841	Bill#:	99999	
Release value of boat. N	loved to	Waynesboı	o, VA. Relea	se Williams Fire(6.25)			
release Columbus Rescu	ıe(2.09) r	elease late	list(6.99)				
Refunds					Amour	nt:	\$0.00
Baker, Arthur			PROPERTY	: 82929	Total:		\$646.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	09-13	Account:	13-00717	Bill#:	99999	
Refund user fees. Yrs 20	)09-2013	. Overchar	ged. Only has	1 can.			
User Fee					Amour	nt:	\$0.00
Baker, Arthur			PROPERTY	: 82929	Total:		\$438.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	10-11	Account:	13-00717	Bill#:	99999	
Release user fee. Yrs 20	10-2011	Only 1 can	at this addres	SS.			
User Fee					Amour	nt:	\$0.00
Hamilton, Gary Marion			PROPERTY	: 00000	Total:		\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	2014	Account:	01-36223	Bill#:	75191	
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant can picked up 10/14/2013							
User Fee					Amour	nt:	\$0.00
Ivey, Sylvester (Heirs)			PROPERTY	: 7205	Total:		\$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	12-13	Account:	03-11775	Bill#:	99999	4
Release user fee. 2012-2013. Dwelling vacant.							
User Fee		U			Amour	nt:	\$0.00
McCrimmon, Jesse & S	adie P (F	Heirs)	PROPERTY	: 28961	Total:		\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	2013	Account:	15-24860	Bill#:	34495	<b>\$210.00</b>
Release user fee. Dwell							
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# Agenda Item #14: <u>COMMENTS</u>:

Vice Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for comments. The following spoke.

# B. Board of Commissioners:

- 1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
  - a. I have received many telephone calls about beaver activity and blocked ditches on Red Store Road, and we need to find a way to alleviate these problems;
  - b. Farmers are disking and plowing into the road ditches which results in much debris left in the ditches; and
  - c. There are some 911 road signs down at the corner of Red Store Road and McMillan Road, and at the corner of Highway 410 and McMillan.

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

- a. The clogged ditches are a result of low maintenance by the State and the deposit of debris by the citizens of Columbus County; **and**
- b. We need to educate our citizens about how to take care of the ditches that we do have.

# 3. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:

- a. I have also received many telephone calls about the flooding problems;
- b. I have been contacted by the citizens in the Dunn Swamp Drainage District about them being charged a fee for maintenance and the maintenance not being done;
- c. If the money is not going for the maintenance, we need to consider the possibility of closing the district;

- d. I would like for this to be checked into and the information to be reported back to the Board; **and**
- e. I would like the Dunn Swamp Drainage District Board to attend our next meeting .
- 4. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:

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What I am going to say is with no criticism of the Tax Department:

-This matter has been brought to my attention by several people;

-Two (2) weeks ago, I received two (2) tax notices on vehicle taxes;

-I got to looking at these notices, they have Water District III taxes listed and guess what it was, it was eleven (\$ .11) cents;

-In July, that tax was changed from eleven (\$ .11) cents to five and one-half (\$ .055) cents;

-I talked to Needom Hughes, Tax Administrator, and told him that something is wrong;

-Needom told me that the Tax Department does not collect the taxes on vehicles anymore, they are collected through the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles;

-Last year, the same thing happened, I went to get the tags on these same two (2) vehicles;

-Last year, we reduced the tax rate by one (\$ .01) cent, and when I got there, the tax rate was listed at eighty-one and one-half (\$ .815) cents;

-I asked if they could adjust this tax rate to reflect the correct amount, and I was told they could not do anything about this, and I would have to talk to Raleigh;

-Needom talked to Travis Isaac of the Division of Motor Vehicles and was informed the tax notices that are received in July are printed off in June, and they tax people according to what the tax rate is at that time;

-My question is, am I paying last year's taxes or 2014-2015?;

-This does not amount to but a couple of dollars that I would pay;

-One man stated if all of this money would go to the County, I would pay it, but part of this money goes to the State;

-The State told Needom that would not make a difference in the income, but it would;

-If we have 14,000 vehicles in Columbus County, broken down by the month, it would amount to \$2,000 - \$3,000 per month;

-What I am asking is for this Board to contact Raleigh to see if the bills can be printed at the correct tax rate;

-These bills are printed up to 90 days before they are due, and the bills should not be generated until the Board of County Commissioners has set their tax rate by law;

-What if I let this go and pay this amount, next year it will be the five and one-half (\$ .055) cents and it should be zero;

-I am asking the County Attorney to talk to Travis Isaac and see what can be done;

-I am asking the County Attorney to send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles regarding this matter;

-If we had to raise taxes, the County would not have the funds for two (2) months; **and** 

-The citizens of this County need to know that it is not the County doing this, it is the State doing this.

- b. The County Attorney has done the title search on the property that is located on the corner of Highway 74, and the title is clear;
- c. The Tax Office has lowered the value of this property to \$4,500.00; and
- d. I have talked to Ms. Turner about this property, and I need to know the cap on how far we can go.

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

- a. If we are not spraying for mosquitos, then we need to start spraying, and I would like for Mr. Clark to check into this;
- b. I have received a letter from a concerned parent regarding drug activity around the Ponderosa, and I would like for the Sheriff's Department to check into this matter;
- c. I have received a letter requesting some folks to move from one fire district to another fire district, and I was informed by our Fire Marshal

that we were suppose to update the voluntary fire district boundaries periodically, and may be delinquent in doing that; **and** 

- d. I would like for Mr. Clark to check into the matter of updating the fire district boundaries.
- 6. **Vice Chairman Burroughs:** stated I would like to update you on the NACo Conference in New Orleans as follows:

-I would like to thank each and everyone of you for allowing me the opportunity to represent you at the 2014 Annual NACo Conference in New Orleans. It was a very informative and eye opening experience for me. For anyone that might not know what NACo does and what it means to our county, let me state NACo's mission statement.

-Mission Statement. The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Funded in 1935, NACo assists America's 3,069 counties in pursuing excellence in public service to produce healthy, vibrant, safe and resilient counties. NACo promotes sound public policies, fosters county solutions and innovation, promotes intergovernmental and public private collaboration and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money.

-As you can tell NACo has a lot going on and is very influential on policy that affects all of the counties across the U.S. including our home county of Columbus.

-The first thing that I can tell you about the trip is that it is HOT in New Orleans in the month of July! Chairman Russ who was appointed as Columbus County's Delegate by the Board of Commissioners prior to our trip, cast our vote on issues brought before the conference. The most controversial being, whether the Minimum Wage issue would be placed on the platform for the upcoming year.

-New leaders were elected, including the new NACo President Riki Hokama, of Maui County, Hawaii, replacing the outgoing President Linda Langston, of Linn County, Iowa. North Carolina's own NACCo President Ray Jeffers, of Person County was elected to the NACo Board of Directors. North Carolina has much to be proud of as we are very active in the NACo organization. Our delegation was one of the largest in attendance in New Orleans as well as one of the most influential in the organization. During our caucuses all of the candidates vying for leadership roles took the time to stop at our delegation to ask for support.

-Some of the meetings and events that were attended were the Opening General Session on Saturday, visiting the Exhibit Hall and spoke with many vendors, including the Ford Representative about the Police Interceptor Program that our county has just participated in, the IPAWS, Public Notification System for emergencies and the Public Service Credentials booth. Early Sunday morning we attended the North Carolina Caucus Breakfast where we cast our votes for several issues including casting our almost 250 votes unanimously for Commissioner Bryan Desloge from Lynn County, Florida for Second Vice President of NACo. We attended the Juvenile Justice: "Kids for Cash" film and discussion workshop and later attended the last session for the day, Strategically Navigating the Business Side of County Health Facilities. On Monday, we attended the Southern Regional Meeting and later attended a session entitled, Learn New Strategies for Your County Economy. The last event for the day was the Closing General Session with new Presiding President Riki Hokama.

-Next year's Annual NACo Convention will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, and we hope to have a good attendance.

-You may ask why we should attend such event. I would respond by saying that they are very informative and give you the opportunity to network with other commissioners in other parts of this vast country that may have experienced the same problems and issues that you may be facing, and possibly have found a better way to deal with them. Ways that you may have never thought of. Additionally, NACo is the Counties' advocate on the national scene helping to develop policies that affect us, the boots on the ground. I would hope that Columbus County would be more active on the State level and therefore have a larger impact on the National level helping to promote policies that have a greater and more positive impact on the Local level.

7. **Commissioner Byrd:** Since the State has adopted its budget and the hydrilla funds for Lake Waccamaw have been included, we need to start the process of allowing the Sheriff to utilize the \$50,000 that was allocated for the treatment of hydrilla.

- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:
  - 1. We have a HVAC unit on the DSS Building that has died;
  - 2. It was installed in June, 1995, and it needs to be replaced; and
  - 3. It is not in the budget, but we have received four (4) bids on the replacement of this unit, and I would recommend that we accept the low bid of \$23,800.00 from Fairfax Heating and Cooling.

## **MOTION**:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the purchase of a 20-Ton HVAC Trane unit for the DSS Building and accept the low bid of \$23,800.00 from Fairfax Heating and Cooling, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

## Agenda Item #5: <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>:

At 7:49 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

# **APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

## COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS <u>I</u>, II, III, IV and V <u>COMBINATION</u> BOARD MEETING Monday, August 04, 2014 7:01 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:**

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** 

## **COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, Chairman

# **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:01 P.M., Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs called the <u>combination meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

# Agenda Item #12:COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>AND V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 21, 2014 <u>**Combination Meeting**</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the July 21, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

# **APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

## COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, <u>II</u>, III, IV and V <u>COMBINATION</u> BOARD MEETING Monday, August 04, 2014 7:01 P.M.

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### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

## **COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

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July 21, 2014 <u>**Combination Meeting**</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the July 21, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

# **APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

## COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, <u>III</u>, IV and V <u>COMBINATION</u> BOARD MEETING Monday, August 04, 2014 7:01 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:**

### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, Vice Chairman Amon E. McKenzie James E. Prevatte Giles E. Byrd Ricky Bullard Charles T. McDowell William S. Clark, **County Manager** Mike Stephens, **County Attorney** June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board** Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer** 

## **<u>COMMISSIONER ABSENT</u>:**

P. Edwin Russ, Chairman

# **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:01 P.M., Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs called the <u>combination meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

# Agenda Item #12:COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>AND V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 21, 2014 <u>**Combination Meeting**</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the July 21, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

# **APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

## COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, <u>IV</u> and V <u>COMBINATION</u> BOARD MEETING Monday, August 04, 2014 7:01 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:**

### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, Vice Chairman Amon E. McKenzie James E. Prevatte Giles E. Byrd Ricky Bullard Charles T. McDowell William S. Clark, **County Manager** Mike Stephens, **County Attorney** June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board** Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer** 

### **COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, Chairman

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:01 P.M., Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs called the <u>combination meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

# Agenda Item #12:COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV<br/>AND V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 21, 2014 <u>**Combination Meeting**</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the July 21, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

### **OTHER:**

# **UPDATE on HALLSBORO PROJECT:**

Commissioner Byrd requested that Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, deliver an update on the Hallsboro Project. Mr. Fowler stated the following:

- 1. This is the last step in getting the plans approved;
- 2. Hopefully, the plans will be approved in two (2) weeks;
- 3. Our goal is August 18, 2014;

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- 4. We can bid the project after we have received state approval; **and**
- 5. We will have to advertise for thirty (30) days.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

### **APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

### COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and <u>V</u> <u>COMBINATION</u> BOARD MEETING Monday, August 04, 2014 7:01 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:**

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** 

### **COMMISSIONER ABSENT**:

P. Edwin Russ, Chairman

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:01 P.M., Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs called the <u>combination meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

# Agenda Item #12:COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IVAND V - APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 21, 2014 <u>**Combination Meeting**</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the July 21, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:02 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

### **APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board