

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, October 05, 2015****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 a Public Hearing and their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**

**6:30 P.M.****PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Columbus Community Transportation Program Application:** the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from all interested parties.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from all interested parties on the Proposed Columbus County Transportation Program Application. Chairman Burroughs requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

**COMMENTS:**

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

**Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director:** stated the following:

1. This is the annual grant that the Department of Transportation provides for the administrative and capital for the public transportation system;
2. They pay for 90% of all the capital, and that is the vans, and 85% of the administration and the other 10-15% comes out of our reserve funds; **and**
3. There is no cost to the County.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:31 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**6:31 P.M.****REGULAR SESSION****Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:31 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the October 05, 2015 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner James E. Prevatte.

**Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the September 21, 2015 Regular Session Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for Public Input. The following spoke.

**Robert Eugene Adams, 233 Mr. Calvary Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:

1. The road name signs in our county are being torn down and done away with for some reason;
2. I would like for you to correct this;
3. The County boundary signs are gone;
4. Some of the intersection signs are torn down;
5. This has become a problem for the rescue personnel;
6. In my area, listed are some of the problems:
  - Walters Road - County line sign is gone;
  - Page Road - County line sign is missing;
  - Bill Hooks Road and Silverspoon Road - sign is bent and messed up;
  - Arthur Collier Road - sign bent up and messed up;
  - Red Store Road / Merritt Road intersection - sign is bent over; **and**
  - Mt. Calvary Road - on the south end it is misspelled as Calvery; **and**
7. I would like for you to see what you can do about this.

**Agenda Item #6: VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK - UPDATE:**

Randy Norris, President of Veterans Memorial Park, delivered the following update on the Veterans Memorial Park.

1. From the minutes of February 03, 2014, we have procured the land to build the park on;
2. You will see a Warranty Deed and a Deed of Trust in the information that has been provided to you;
3. We have come before you to fulfill the minutes from that meeting;
4. We are doing several fund raisers, we are raffling off a shotgun at the fair, we are having a booth at the pow wow this year, a booth at the Veterans Parade, and we are having a motorcycle ride this year which is getting large;
5. We are doing a first time event November 14, 2015 at the National Guard Armory so entitled "Spinning the Night with the Veterans", as a fundraiser to see how that turns out;
6. We have got the Veterans Parade on November 8, 2015;
7. We are looking at personal and business donations;
8. Two (2) Commissioners have graciously donated;
9. We have contacted a grant writer and looking for grants;
10. I have contacted Representative Waddell;
11. We are looking at putting up a sign, 4' x 8'; **and**
12. We have got tentative groundbreaking ceremony set for January 14, 2016.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion that we release the money that we have set aside for the Veterans Memorial Park, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: PROCLAMATION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH:**

Vickie Pait, Executive Director of Families First, requested Board approval of the following Domestic Violence Month Proclamation.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
PROCLAMATION (2015)**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is more than the occasional family dispute. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, it is the single largest cause of injury to American women, affecting six million of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial and societal barriers; and supported by societal indifference; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting women and children and society as a whole; **and**

**WHEREAS**, in Columbus County, during 2014 - 2015, Families First, Incorporated served six hundred forty-eight (648) victims of domestic violence and provided emergency shelter to one hundred seventy-eight (178) women and children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that October 2015, is **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in Columbus County and call upon all citizens to join in making every home a safe home and to support Families First in working toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED**, this the 5th day of October, 2015.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**  
/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE**  
/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**  
/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**  
/s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, Attorney**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD, Vice Chairman**  
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**  
/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**  
/s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK, Manager**  
**ATTESTED BY:**  
/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation (2015) seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #8: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - NC DOT GRANT RESOLUTION and ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:**

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the NCDOT Grant Resolution and Associated Documents. **(The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:30 P.M. on this date before the regular meeting.)**

**COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION**

**Section 5311  
FY 2017 RESOLUTION**

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Community Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and to provide the required local match.

A motion was made by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie and seconded by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and

conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); **and**

WHEREAS, COLUMBUS COUNTY hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project ,prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state Statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements which relates to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Chairman, of the Columbus County Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

I, **JUNE B. HALL**, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Columbus County Commissioners duly held on the 5th day of October, 2015.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**

Signature of Certifying Official

\*Note that the authorized official, certifying official, and notary public should be three separate individuals.

Subscribed and sworn to me: 10-06-2015

/s/ Debra J. Epps

Notary Public

68 Carucci Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472

*Address*

Seal

My commission expires: October 05, 2019.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Community transportation Program Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: LEGAL - LEASE AGREEMENT:**

Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, requested Board approval of a Lease Agreement between Rural Consumer Services Corporation (RCSC), The Town of Tabor City and Columbus County, and Interlocal Agreement between Columbus County and the Town of Tabor City.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement between Rural Consumer Services Corporation (RCSC), The Town of Tabor City and Columbus County, and the Interlocal Agreement between Columbus County and the Town of Tabor City, with the addition of 23. (g), on Page 7, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Lease Agreement between Rural Consumer Services Corporation (RCSC), The Town of Tabor City and Columbus County, and the Interlocal Agreement between Columbus County and The Town of Tabor City will be marked as Exhibits "A" and "B", 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 #10: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - BUSINESS INCUBATOR BUILDING:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of a Sublease and Lease between Columbus County and the Town of Tabor City and Gann Memorials, LLC and Christopher Gann. **(This item was tabled at the September 21, 2015 Meeting.)**

After lengthy discussion was conducted, Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Sublease and Lease between Columbus County and the Town of Tabor City and Gann Memorials, LLC and Christopher Gann, with the entire deletion of 11.1, listed on Pages 16 and 17,

seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

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

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

The motion passes on a five (5) to one (1) vote. A copy of the Sublease and Lease will be marked as Exhibit "C", 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: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ESTABLISHMENT of PUBLIC HEARING DATE and TIME:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to establish October 19, 2015, at 7:00 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for an Economic Incentive for International Paper.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish October 19, 2015, at 7:00 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing for an Economic Incentive for International Paper, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11: VETERANS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Sherri Blackman, Veterans Director, delivered the following Departmental update to the Board.

1. We are still going through a lot of transitions in our office since the State of Veterans Affairs is;
2. A lot of work at the State level is being tunneled down to us;
3. Kim Sellers and I are both accredited through the VA Central Office in Washington, DC;
4. Some of our applications are being faxed in and we are viewed as a contract worker;
5. We will be entering the applications in directly into their system;
6. If the veteran has a fully developed claim, they may get a decision in 6-9 months;
7. We are very busy;
8. One of the biggest problem that we have is the benefits are not always the same;
9. The appeals status is three (3) years;
10. We have under 4,400 veterans now in Columbus County;
11. We have four (4) medical centers;
12. We have twenty-three (23) outpatient centers;
13. There are 800,000 veterans in the State of North Carolina;
14. Veterans Affairs paid \$35 million in benefits to Columbus County veterans last year; **and**
15. With dependent of the veterans, we have approximately 12,000.

**Agenda Item #13: MONARCH - PUBLIC HEARING:**

Laurie Weaver, Director for Grants and Foundation Relations, Monarch, requested the establishment of October 19, 2015, at 6:30 P.M., for a Public Hearing for a North Carolina Department of Transportation grant.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to establish October 19, 2015, at 6:30 P.M., for a Public Hearing for a North Carolina Department of Transportation grant, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: PROCLAMATIONS - PROCLAMATIONS of APPRECIATION to the FOLLOWING:**

**-DOUG WENDELL for SERVING as CO-CHAIRMAN of the INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE;**

**-DENNIS T. WORLEY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, for SERVING as CO-CHAIRMAN of the INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE;**

**-KENNETH R. MOSS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, for SERVING on the INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE; and**

**-HENRY LOWENSTEIN, PH.D., for SERVING on the INTERSTATE RAILROAD**

**COMMITTEE:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamations which will be presented at a later date.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to *DENNIS T. WORLEY*,  
ATTORNEY at LAW, for  
SERVING as CO-CHAIRMAN of the INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County has experienced an economic downturn for several decades due to the following factors:

- Loss of tobacco production;
- Loss of textile manufacturing;
- Closing of the Georgia Pacific plant; **and**
- Loss of railroad access from Fair Bluff to Tabor City; **and**

**WHEREAS**, an economic turnaround was needed in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, *DENNIS T. WORLEY*, Attorney at Law, is among our citizens who have helped with the process of improving economic conditions in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, *MR. WORLEY* served with distinction as co-chairman of the Interstate Railroad Committee to get rail service restored in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, *MR. WORLEY* worked tirelessly through many hours of meetings, both public and private, to help the Interstate Railroad Committee achieve its goals; **and**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the three (3) years the committee worked together, rail service will become operational again and will help retain existing industries and will assist in the creation of new businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, proudly present this **PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION TO *DENNIS T. WORLEY*** for his expertise, dedication and guidance while serving as **CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE**.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 5th day of October, 2015.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ <i>TRENT BURROUGHS</i> , Chairman	/s/ <i>RICKY BULLARD</i> , Vice Chairman	/s/ <i>AMON E. MCKENZIE</i>
/s/ <i>JAMES E. PREVATTE</i>	/s/ <i>GILES E. BYRD</i>	/s/ <i>P. EDWIN RUSS</i>
/s/ <i>CHARLES T. McDOWELL</i>	/s/ <i>JUNE B. HALL</i> , Clerk to Board	/s/ <i>WILLIAM S. CLARK</i> , Manager
/s/ <i>MICHAEL H. STEPHENS</i> , Attorney		

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to *DOUG WENDELL*, for  
SERVING as CO-CHAIRMAN of the INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County has experienced an economic downturn for several decades due to the following factors:

- Loss of tobacco production;
- Loss of textile manufacturing;
- Closing of the Georgia Pacific plant; **and**
- Loss of railroad access from Fair Bluff to Tabor City; **and**

**WHEREAS**, an economic turnaround was needed in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, *DOUG WENDELL* helped with the process of improving economic conditions in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, *MR. WENDELL* served with distinction as co-chairman of the Interstate Railroad Committee to get rail service restored in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, *MR. WENDELL* worked tirelessly through many hours of meetings, both public and private, to help the Interstate Railroad Committee achieve its goals; **and**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the three (3) years the committee worked together, rail service will

become operational again and will help retain existing industries and will assist in the creation of new businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, proudly present this **PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION TO *DOUG WENDELL*** for his expertise, dedication and leadership while serving as **CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE**.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 5th day of October, 2015.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ <b>TRENT BURROUGHS</b> , Chairman	/s/ <b>RICKY BULLARD</b> , Vice Chairman	/s/ <b>AMON E. McKENZIE</b>
/s/ <b>JAMES E. PREVATTE</b>	/s/ <b>GILES E. BYRD</b>	/s/ <b>P. EDWIN RUSS</b>
/s/ <b>CHARLES T. McDOWELL</b>	/s/ <b>JUNE B. HALL</b> , Clerk to Board	/s/ <b>WILLIAM S. CLARK</b> , Manager
/s/ <b>MICHAEL H. STEPHENS</b> , Attorney		

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to *HENRY LOWENSTEIN, Ph.D.* for SERVING on the INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County has experienced an economic downturn for several decades due to the following factors:

- Loss of tobacco production;
- Loss of textile manufacturing;
- Closing of the Georgia Pacific plant; **and**
- Loss of railroad access from Fair Bluff to Tabor City; **and**

**WHEREAS**, an economic turnaround was needed in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, ***HENRY LOWENSTEIN, Ph.D.***, rendered help with the process of improving economic conditions in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, ***DR. LOWENSTEIN*** served with diligence and dedication on the Interstate Railroad Committee to assist in rail service being restored in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, ***DR. LOWENSTEIN*** worked tirelessly through many hours of meetings, both public and private, to help the Interstate Railroad Committee achieve its goals; **and**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the many years the committee worked together, the rail service will become operational again and will help retain existing industries and will aid in the creation of new businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, proudly present this **PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION TO *HENRY LOWENSTEIN, Ph.D.***, for his expertise, dedication and guidance while serving on the **INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE**.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 5th day of October, 2015.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ <b>TRENT BURROUGHS</b> , Chairman	/s/ <b>RICKY BULLARD</b> , Vice Chairman	/s/ <b>AMON E. McKENZIE</b>
/s/ <b>JAMES E. PREVATTE</b>	/s/ <b>GILES E. BYRD</b>	/s/ <b>P. EDWIN RUSS</b>
/s/ <b>CHARLES T. McDOWELL</b>	/s/ <b>JUNE B. HALL</b> , Clerk to Board	/s/ <b>WILLIAM S. CLARK</b> , Manager
/s/ <b>MICHAEL H. STEPHENS</b> , Attorney		

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION to *KENNETH R. MOSS*, ATTORNEY at LAW, for SERVING on the INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County has experienced an economic downturn for several decades due to the following factors:

- Loss of tobacco production;
- Loss of textile manufacturing;

- Closing of the Georgia Pacific plant; **and**
- Loss of railroad access from Fair Bluff to Tabor City; **and**

**WHEREAS,** an economic turnaround was needed in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS, *KENNETH R. MOSS, Attorney at Law,*** rendered extensive legal services on a **pro bono** basis to help with the process of improving economic conditions in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS, *MR. MOSS*** served with diligence and dedication in support of the Interstate Railroad Committee to assist in rail service being restored in Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS, *MR. MOSS*** worked tirelessly through many hours of meetings, both public and private, to help the Interstate Railroad Committee achieve its goals; **and**

**WHEREAS,** as a result of the three (3) years the committee worked together, the rail service will become operational again and will help retain existing industries and will aid in the creation of new businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, proudly present this **PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION TO *KENNETH R. MOSS, Attorney at Law,*** for his expertise, dedication and guidance while serving on the **INTERSTATE RAILROAD COMMITTEE.**

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ <b>TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman</b>	/s/ <b>RICKY BULLARD, Vice Chairman</b>	/s/ <b>AMON E. McKENZIE</b>
/s/ <b>JAMES E. PREVATTE</b>	/s/ <b>GILES E. BYRD</b>	/s/ <b>P. EDWIN RUSS</b>
/s/ <b>CHARLES T. McDOWELL</b>	/s/ <b>JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board</b>	/s/ <b>WILLIAM S. CLARK, Manager</b>
/s/ <b>MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, Attorney</b>		

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the above listed Proclamations of Appreciation for Doug Wendell, Dennis T. Worley, Kenneth R. Moss and Henry Lowenstein, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:25 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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 Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 21, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for each water district respectively.

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

At 7:26 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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 Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #16: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

**A. Budget Amendments:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	65-7110-549900	Misc Expenses	148,700
Revenues	65-3718-419015	Proceeds from Refunding Bonds	148,700
Expenditures	11-4310-550000	Capital Outlay (for drying cabinet)	10,700
Revenues	11-3431-420000	(Blank on Amendment)	10,700

#### B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$393.65
Cox, James C. (Jr)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 97459	Total:	\$670.33
Value: \$48,900.00	Year: 2015	Account: 06-05448	Bill#: 81487
Release entire value. Rebilling correct amount with same account number and same property number. Release Yam City(48.90) release Columbus Rescue(9.78)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,738.00
Davis, Raymond E. & Bessie R.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 97239	Total:	\$2,171.90
Value: \$215,900.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-07802	Bill#: 81436
Release user fee. Rebilling to Act#1-07802 Release North Whiteville(172.72) release Whiteville Rescue(43.18)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$23.18
Fairfax, Regina B.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$28.04
Value: \$2,880.00	Year: 2015	Account: 09-01250	Bill#: 30772
Release value of mobile home. DBL Act#01-03581. Release Williams Fire(1.73) release Columbus Rescue(.58) release late list(2.55)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$362.25
Fowler, Dorothy	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 3826	Total:	\$402.75
Value: \$45,000.00	Year: 2015	Account: 01-07482	Bill#: 32001
Release value of dwelling. SHB exempted. Release Brunswick Fire(31.50) release Whiteville Rescue(9.00)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$104.83
Grainger, Arthur	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$773.95
Value: \$2,380.00	Year: 11-15	Account: 13-16022	Bill#: 99999
Release value of mobile homes. All junked. Release Columbus Rescue(2.60) release late list(6.52)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$23.35
Lagant, Paula B.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 7366	Total:	\$23.93
Value: \$2,900.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-02549	Bill#: 42528
Release value of acres. DBL Prop# 7384. Release Columbus Rescue(.58)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$71.64
Odham, Leonard R. (Jr)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 17928	Total:	\$73.42
Value: \$8,900.00	Year: 2015	Account: 10-00015	Bill#: 50046
Release value of dwelling only. Destroyed by fallen tree and vandalism. SHB off for 2015. Release Columbus Rescue(1.78)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$176.30
Canady, Paula Kay Jacobs	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 82910	Total:	\$198.20
Value: \$21,900.00	Year: 2015	Account: 03-01339	Bill#: 24718
Release portion of value on dwelling. House not complete for 2015. Release Nakina Fire(17.52) release Columbus Rescue(4.38)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cherry, Michael Jerome Jr. c/o Tax Office	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 83918	Total:	\$145.36
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 15-03758	Bill#: 25683
Refund portion of user fee. Sending can in Sept.			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Wallace, Willie T. & Brenda H.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 63138	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 15-38853	Bill#: 62972
Refund user fee Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bright, Bobby	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19707	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 11-03800	Bill#: 22263
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00

Brown, Patricia A. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release user fee. M/H vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 Account: 12-03918	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 22968
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Buffkin, Kenneth W Jr. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release user fee. M/H vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 Account: 09-00942	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 23406
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Canady, Paula Kay Jacobs Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release portion of user fee. Sending can 9-8-15.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 82910 Account: 03-01339	Total: \$145.40 Bill#: 24718
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Duncan, Peggy H. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 78596 Account: 01-07320	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 29367
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Frink, Jennie Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 96881 Account: 03-03665	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 32700
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Gilley, Forest L. & Mary Faircloth Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 92604 Account: 12-05327	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 33626
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
JCB Men, LLC Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release user fees. Prop#61559/76596 Only has 1 can.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 92604 Account: 06-00347	Total: \$436.00 Bill#: 99999
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Moss, James Oston (Sr) Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release user fee. Only 1 can.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 92884 Account: 14-11420	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 48502
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Powell, Sammy & Peggy Nealey Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release user fee. M/H vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 Account: 06-29581	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 51994
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Prince, Loretta Value: \$0.00 Year: 14-15 Release user fee. House unliveable.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 Account: 01-70470	Total: \$436.00 Bill#: 99999
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
Ward, Rusty & Daphane Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release user fee. M/H not set up. No can sent.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000 Account: 06-03267	Total: \$218.00 Bill#: 63807
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount: \$0.00
White, Cathryn Dutton Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015 Release portion of user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 9/3/15	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 88385 Account: 03-00538	Total: \$72.64 Bill#: 64780

**Agenda Item #17: COMMENTS:**

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

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
  - A. The State is moving to reduce the number of MCO's (Managed Care Organizations) from twelve (12) to possibly three (3) or four (4);
  - B. That was a move by the secretary and the General Assembly got involved in it and the secretary resigned, and the General Assembly left out some language that was in the law they were putting in, and at this time, it is not at that point;

- C. Over the last few years, the MCO's have saved approximately \$75 million;
  - D. They are saying the counties will cover the costs of care that was previously covered by the State, and the money will not last for a long time;
  - E. I do not believe that we are getting the same level of care here in Columbus County since we merged;
  - F. Nash County has withdrew out of Eastpointe;
  - G. In the next 5-7 years, we will go through another transformation;
  - H. In the next 2-3 years, we will be dealing with Medicaid managed care;  
**and**
  - I. In the next 2 months, we will be working on a strategic plan.
2. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
- A. The water will continue to rise from the storm;
  - B. Three (3) deer walked out in front of me today;
  - C. A 5' water moccasin has been killed and they will be stirring more due to the water; **and**
  - D. I appreciate the new chair that I am sitting in.
3. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
- A. We have citizens in Columbus County that have a felony charge on their record and it is preventing them to find employment;
  - B. The felony charge on their record is keeping them from finding employment to better themselves; **and**
  - C. We need to get attention in Raleigh or Washington, DC, about having a felony charge on your record, and how long will this felony be on your record.
4. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
- A. Thanks for the new chair;
  - B. The new Walking Trail needs some trees and a bathroom; **and**
  - C. The veterans have done a good job.
5. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
- A. I would like to commend D.O.T. for putting up signs for high water;
  - B. Please send me any information about how we can help the veterans; **and**
  - C. Mr. Clark, please check into the letter relative to the helicopter at the hospital.
6. **Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
- A. I am glad that Columbus County weathered the storm as well as we did;
  - B. I encourage anyone that can donate to the veterans to please do so;
  - C. We need to make Columbus County veteran friendly;
  - D. We need to be Lifeline friendly;
  - E. The past president of NCACC, Ronnie Beale has been appointed to the Mental Health Board by the governor; **and**
  - F. I agree with the second chance of a felony on your record.
- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I would like for a workshop to be held on October 19, 2015, at 5:00 P.M., to discuss the Historic Courthouse.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (5) REAL ESTATE:**

At 7:55 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (5) Real Estate, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte, after a five (5) minute recess. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (5) REAL ESTATE:**

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 8:19 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Chairman Burroughs requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following, *“The Board of Commissioners gave the County Attorney the position to be taken on behalf of the Board of Commissioners in negotiating the price and material terms to be taken on the proposed contract for the acquisition of real property”*.

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

**Agenda Item #19: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:20 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, October 05, 2015  
7:25 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, Chairman  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Edwin Russ  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
June Hall, Clerk to the Board

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard, Vice-Chairman

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:25 pm, Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 21, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the September 21, 2015 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:26 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, October 05, 2015  
7:25 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:**

Trent Burroughs, Chairman  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Edwin Russ  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
June Hall, Clerk to the Board

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard, Vice-Chairman

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:25 pm, Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 21, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the September 21, 2015 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:26 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**


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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, October 05, 2015  
7:25 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:**

Trent Burroughs, Chairman  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Edwin Russ  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
June Hall, Clerk to the Board

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard, Vice-Chairman

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:25 pm, Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 21, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the September 21, 2015 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:26 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**


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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

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

**Monday, October 05, 2015**

**7:25 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:**

Trent Burroughs, Chairman  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Edwin Russ  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
June Hall, Clerk to the Board

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard, Vice-Chairman

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:25 pm, Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 21, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the September 21, 2015 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:26 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, October 05, 2015**  
**7:25 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, Chairman  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Edwin Russ  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, County Manager  
Mike Stephens, County Attorney  
June Hall, Clerk to the Board

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Ricky Bullard, Vice-Chairman

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:25 pm, Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

September 21, 2015 **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the September 21, 2015 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:26 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**