

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, April 04, 2016****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:

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

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 Giles E. Byrd called the April 04, 2016 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Trent Burroughs.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 21, 2016 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, with one (1) correction on Page 590, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Byrd opened the floor for Public Input. The following spoke:

Ervin Stocks, 2767 Waccamaw Shore, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450: stated the following:

1. I am here tonight to discuss the purpose of selling Home Health;
2. Many years ago, there was a big need for setting up Home Health, and it took a long time to get this done;
3. No private enterprise would come forth with this idea unless they could see a profit being made;
4. When you can help a fellow citizen in need, you need to do that;
5. Don't concentrate only on gaining material things in life, concentrate on helping people in need;
6. You need to leave the world in better shape than you found it;
7. You will not take material things with you when you depart from the earth, you will only leave memories of what you have done;
8. When you consider Home Health, don't think on only the dollar;
9. If Home Health is not making money or is losing money, the question should be addressed to the person in charge;
10. We are having outside counties being called to come to Columbus County and help with the patients needing Home Health; **and**
11. Please give the Home Health careful thought and consideration.

Agenda Item #6: PROCLAMATION - SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Vickie Pait, Executive Director of Families First, Incorporated, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is

widespread and impacts every person in this community; **and**

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in ve women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011); **and**

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18 (Dube et al., 2005); **and**

WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault (Snyder & Sickmund, 2006); **and**

WHEREAS, on campus, one in five (5) women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college (Krebs, Lindquist, Warner, Fisher, & Martin, 2007); **and**

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; **and**

WHEREAS, Prevention is possible when everyone gets involved. The first step is increasing education, awareness, and community involvement. It's time for all of us to take action to create a safer environment for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim that April 2016, is **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in Columbus County and we join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. April is **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

APPROVED and ADOPTED, this the 4th day of April 2016.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**, Chairman

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

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

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

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

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: PROCLAMATION - SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2016:

Danny Fowler, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Spring Litter Sweep 2016.

SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2016
by the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus annually organizes a spring countywide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, the Spring 2016 "**LITTER SWEEP**" roadside cleanup will take place **April 16 through April 30, 2016**, and we encourage local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Columbus County cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; **and**

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Columbus County employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, community leaders, local government agencies, community and civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during "**LITTER SWEEP**" and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; **and**

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our County and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all Columbus Countians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; **and**

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering and encourage recycling of solid wastes; **and**

WHEREAS, the Spring 2016 **LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will celebrate the 27th anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway Program and its 5,750 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; **and**

WHEREAS, the “**LITTERSWEEP**” cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this Great County regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **April 16 through April 30, 2016**, as “**SPRING LITTER SWEEP**” time in Columbus County, the Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup Day be scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016, and encourage citizens to take an active role in making their communities cleaner.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this 4th day of April, 2016.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**, Chairman

/s/ **AMON E. MCKENZIE**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

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

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

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

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

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Spring Litter Sweep 2016 Proclamation, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: EMERGENCY SERVICES - APPROVAL to ACCEPT TWO (2) GRANTS:

Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director, requested Board approval to accept the following two (2) grants:

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| 1. | Tier II Grant: | \$1,104.04; and |
| 2. | HMEP Grant: | \$5,500.00. |

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve to accept the Tier II Grant for one thousand, one hundred four and 04/100 (\$1,104.04) dollars, and the HMEP Grant for five thousand, five hundred and 00/100 (\$5,500.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

County Attorney: Michael H. Stephens
Assistant County Attorney: David Tedder
Paralegal: Paulette Varnam

- Attached are Work Productivity Reports of Paulette Varnam from January 1 through March 31, 2016. This information is provided to show the volume of work she does in assisting Mr. **Tedder in DSS Juvenile Court.**
- We currently have eight (8) CHAF tax foreclosures in different stages of litigation.
- New exotic animal ordinance is ready to be presented to the Board of Commissioners for review.
- County Attorney appears in court on behalf of Sheriff's Department regarding Motions for Return of Weapons in Domestic Violence cases.
- County Attorney commends Mr. Tedder and Mrs. Varnam for their outstanding work performance and their dedication to the Legal Department.

December 2015:

- Prepared and sent Statement for David Tedder's payroll expenses for December 2015
- Attended Juvenile Court Regular Session on December 1-2, 2015 (All day plus 15 Min on December 1 and all day on December 2)
- Attended Nonsecure Hearing for Hardie on December 14, 2015 (15 min)
- Attended Nonsecure Hearings for Brown and Johnson on December 17, 2015 (30 min)

- Attended Scott Post TPR Review Hearing on December 21, 2015 (30 min)
- Attended Juvenile Court Regular Session on December 28, 2015 (All day)
- Prepared, filed, copied and served 71 orders
- Prepared and mailed summons re: Hardie petition
- Prepared and filed AFF of Publication re: Ferrari
- Prepared, filed, copied and served Notice of Hearing re: Sibbett Unknown Father
- Prepared Notice of Publication re: McCray
- Prepared and filed Aff of Mailing re: Hardie
- Prepared COS for Sibbett TPR Petition
- Prepared Alias and Pluries Summons for Respondent Father re: McCray TPR
- Prepared and filed Aff of Publication re: Hayes
- Prepared, filed, copied and served Notice of Hearing re: Sibbett TPR Pre-Trial
- Prepared Alias and Pluries Summons for Respondent Father re: McCray TPR
- Sent Notice of Publication re: Sibbett to newspaper

January 2016:

- Prepared and sent Statement for David Tedder's payroll expenses for January 2016
- Attended Juvenile Court Regular Session on January 11-12, 2016 (All day plus 15 min comp time on January 11 and all day on January 12)
- Attended Juvenile Court Regular Session on January 25, 2016 (All day plus 1 hour comp time)
- Prepared, filed, copied and served 61 orders
- Prepared and filed Aff of Publication re: James
- Prepared and filed Aff of Mailing re: McCray
- Prepared, filed and served Not of Hearing and COS re: King DSS Mtn to Review

February 2016:

- Prepared and sent Statement for David Tedder's payroll expenses for February 2016
- Attended Juvenile Court Regular Session on February 1-2, 2016 (All day plus 1 hour and 30 min comp time on February 1 and all day on February 2 plus 30 min comp time)
- Attended Nonsecure Hearing re: Earp on February 8, 2016 (1 hour 45 min)
- Attended Nonsecure Hearings re: Earp and Campbell on February 15, 2016 (2 hours 30 min)
- Attended Juvenile Court Regular Session on February 22, 2016 (All day plus 1 hour comp time)
- Prepared, filed, copied and served 90 orders
- Prepared and filed Aff of Publication re: Sibbett
- Prepared and mailed certified mail re: Diaz/Moore

March 2016:

- Prepared and sent Statement for David Tedder's payroll expenses for March 2016
- Attended Juvenile Court Regular Session on March 1-2, 2016 (All day plus 1 hour comp time on March 1 and all day on February 2)
- Attended Nonsecure hearing re: Graham on March 22, 2016 (30 Min)
- Attended Nonsecure Hearing re: Acord/Moseley on March 23, 2016 (15 Min)
- Attended Juvenile Court Regular Session on March 28, 2016 (All day)
- Prepared, filed, copied and served 81 orders
- Prepared and filed Notices of Hearing re: Acord/Moseley and Reaves

Agenda Item #10: LEGAL and PROFESSIONAL - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS:

Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Authorizing Upset Bid Process for property located in the Chadbourn Township.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus owns certain property indicated on Attachment A located in Chadbourn Township, Columbus County, State of North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has by this resolution declared the aforementioned property to be surplus to its needs; **and**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-269 permits the County to sell property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer for the property; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County has received an offer to purchase the property described

above, in the amount of \$1,500.00, submitted by Lacy Palmer Suggs, Jr. of Chadbourn, North Carolina.

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes sale of the property described above through the bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute § 160A-269.
2. The Clerk to the Board shall cause a notice of the proposed sale to be published. The notice shall describe the property and the amount of the offer, and shall state the terms under which the offer may be upset.
3. Any person may submit an upset bid to the Clerk to the Board within 10 days after the notice of sale is published. Once a qualifying higher bid has been received, that bid will become the new offer.
4. If a qualifying higher bid is received, the Clerk to the Board shall cause a new notice of upset bid to be published, and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received. At that time, the amount of the final high bid shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners.
5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 of that offer and five percent (5%) of the remainder of that offer.
6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid; the deposit may be in cash, cashier's check, or certified check. The County will return the deposit subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. The County will return the deposit of the final high bidder at closing.
7. The terms of the final sale are that:
 - a. The Board of Commissioners must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed, which it will do within 30 days after the final upset bid period has passed, and
 - b. The buyer must pay with cash, cashier's check, or certified check.
8. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject at any time all bids.
9. The appropriate County officials are authorized to execute the instruments necessary to convey the property.

ADOPTED April 4, 2016.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:

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

ATTACHMENT "A"

TRACT 1

That certain lot or parcel of land situated the Chadbourn Township, Columbus County, State of North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

Lying and begin in Chadbourn Township and being bounded now or formerly on the North and West by other lands held by UCB as Trustee for the Mary B. Burney Trust on the East by S.R. 1580 and on the South by a 60 foot wide street and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake, said stake being located in the Southeastern corner of the lands hereinafter described and said stake being located in the Western margin of S.R. 1580 and in Northern margin of the 60 foot wide street, said beginning stake being located North 30 degrees 29 minutes West 70.75 feet from an old iron stake located in the Southern margin of the 60 foot wide street, which iron stake is located in the Northern line of those properties conveyed to Arthur J.

McAllister, which is recorded in Deed Book 363, Page 125, Columbus County Registry; and runs thence from the beginning stake and with the Northern margin of the 60 foot wide street, north 88 degrees 29 minutes West 260.71 feet to an iron stake, and runs thence North 09 degrees 30 minutes West 160.80 feet to an iron stake; and runs thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes East 291.25 feet to an iron stake located in the Western margin of the right-of-way of S.R. 1580; and runs thence with the Western margin in the right-of-way of S.R. 1580 South 01 degrees 27 minutes West 157.84 feet to an iron stake, the point beginning and containing 1.0 acres, more or less.

The above description was taken from a map made from an actual survey by Soles and Walker, R.L.S., which map is dated April 3, 1989 and is made for John David Mason and is hereby incorporated by reference for more particularity of description.

And being that tract conveyed by deed recorded in Book 401, Page 974, Columbus County Registry.

This property is located at 31 Lady Thompson Road, Chadbourn, NC.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Authorizing Upset Bid Process for property located in the Chadbourn Township, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: APPOINTMENT - COLUMBUS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY:

Phil Edwards, Airport Manager, recommended the appointment of Larry Gene Mercer to fill the unexpired term of Lloyd Pebo Collier, Jr. on the Columbus County Airport Authority.

Commissioner P. Edwin Russ appointed Larry Gene Mercer, 557 Edgewood Circle, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, Telephone: (910) 640-7533, to the Columbus County Airport Authority, to fill the unexpired term of Lloyd Pebo Collier, Jr.

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

At 7:03 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 Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 21, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for each Water District respectively.

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

At 7:04 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs 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 McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles - W.White	12,804
	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles - J.Thomas	14,012

	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles - J.Carter	2,442
	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles - T.Ward	4,075
	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles - D.Fowler	876
	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehciles - S.Nobles	3,472
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Sheriff Office Miscellaneous	37,681
Expenditures	10-5162-512100	Immunization Action Salaries	2,792
	10-5162-518100	IA FICA	100
	10-5162-518200	IA Retirement	450
	10-5162-518300	IA Insurance	100
	10-5162-518910	IA Christmas Bonus	15
Revenues	10-3510-430032	Immunization Action State	3,457
Expenditures	31-4352-599100	Contingency	184,319
Revenues	31-3419-435100	Sales & Uses Tax Refund	131,218
	31-3419-435100	Sales & Uses Tax Refund	53,101

B. Tax Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$183.04
Godwin, Jennifer Marie	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$866.31
Value: \$3,770.00	Year: 11-15	Account: 01-03590	Bill#: 99999
Release value of mobile home. The home listed to Act#01-06730. Release Whiteville Rescue(4.52) release late list(18.75)			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Adams, Charles T.	PROPERTY: 10043	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 06-00025	Bill#: 18274
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Inman, William Milton	PROPERTY: 60250	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2015	Account: 12-12920	Bill#: 60250
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jayroe, Bennett W. & Belinda	PROPERTY: 5657	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 14-15	Account: 01-47241	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Long, Leona P. (Heirs) c/o Retha Sturdivant	PROPERTY: 13403	Total:	\$557.38
Value: \$0.00	Year: 13-15	Account: 07-10840	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Mizzell, Tony	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$872.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 12-15	Account: 12-03008	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. M/H vacant no can. Can picked up 3/26/12			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Tiger on the Shore LLC	PROPERTY: 89455	Total:	\$262.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 14-15	Account: 06-01754	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Only 1 can.			

Agenda Item #14: Comments:

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

A. Department Managers:

1. **Sheriff Lewis Hatcher:** stated the following:
 - a. I have got copies of four (4) Noise Ordinances, from Cumberland, Brunswick, Montgomery and Harnett Counties to give to the attorney;
 - b. I have found out that the meters we need are running anywhere from two hundred and 00/100 (\$200.00) dollars to three thousand and 00/100 (\$3,000.00) dollars;
 - c. I am going to Harnett County to meet with their officers;
 - d. I am going to New Hanover County to meet with the Sheriff and I have found out they have got some meters that are running eight hundred and 00/100 (\$800.00) dollars;
 - e. I am thinking of two (2) meters, and we will need the calibration equipment;
 - f. If the meters are purchased, the required training will be included; **and**
 - g. I will try to have this information at the next Board Meeting.

2. **Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director:** stated the following:
 - a. At the last meeting, I was asked to find a site for the Evergreen community and Commissioner Bullard and I have found a site; **and**
 - b. The following is the cost that will be involved:

Quote for Purchasing Recycling Center Location on Braswell Road:

10' x 28' Concrete Pads for Roll Off Containers (x4)	\$ -
10' x 16' Concrete Pads for Roll Off Containers (x1)	\$ -
8" Gravel to Cover Area of Facility	\$ -
Purchasing Recycling Center Site	\$10,000.00
Move Fencing from Hwy 242 to Braswell Road	\$1,000.00
Move Office Facility from Hwy 242 to Braswell Road	<u>\$500.00</u>
	<hr/> \$11,500.00

Quote for Purchasing New Recycling Center Location:

10' x 28' Concrete Pads for Roll Off Containers (x4)	\$5,000.00
10' x 16' Concrete Pads for Roll Off Containers (x1)	\$1,000.00
8" Gravel to Cover Area of Facility	\$25,000.00
Purchasing Recycling Center Site	\$ -
Move Fencing from Hwy 242 to New Recycling Center Loc.	\$1,000.00
Move Office Facility from Hwy 242 to New Recycling Center	<u>\$500.00</u>
	<hr/> \$32,500.00

- c. If we utilize what we can from the Hwy 242 site at the Braswell site, the cost will not be as much; **and**
- d. The Highway 242 Site is the least used site we have.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to buy a new site, close the site on Highway 242 in Evergreen and relocate to the new site on Braswell Road, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte.

After discussion was conducted, Commissioner Bullard rescinded his motion and Commissioner Prevatte rescinded his second.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to move forward to purchase the property for the new site on Braswell Road, and close the site on Highway 242, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - a. I would like for us to re-visit a leash law;
 - b. I have received a lot of calls from people who are having trouble with animals that are running loose and causing problems; **and**
 - c. I would like to recommend the appointment of Karen Dawsey to the Community Advisory Committee.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to appoint Karen Dawsey, 407 West College Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, Telephone: (910) 770-2111, to the Community Advisory Committee, for a one (1) year term, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - a. We need to handle Home Health in the best way we can; **and**
 - b. Home Health has been very advantageous to our citizens.
3. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - a. The traffic on Highway 410 is heavy;
 - b. I would like for the County to talk to Drew Cox, District Engineer, with North Carolina Department of Transportation, regarding a stoplight on Highway 1005 and the main roads leading into Highway 410; **and**
 - c. I have been contacted by a Department of Social Services employee and they have explained the letter that was discussed at the last meeting.
4. **Vice Chairman McDowell:** stated Danny, is the work going well at Southwood?
Danny Fowler: replied stating they are not doing what they said.
5. **Chairman Byrd:** stated the following:
 - a. We have been advised that if we keep pressing the issue with AT&T, with the Chairman's signature, on extending the internet service on Highway 211, they will, and I would like for the Attorney to send another letter to AT&T;

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion for the County Attorney to send a letter to AT&T regarding extending the internet service on Highway 211, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion for the County Attorney to send a letter to the internet provider in the Braswell Road area and the Fair Bluff area about extension of internet service, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

- b. There is a private school and daycare center in the King Plaza where Highway 87 comes into Highway 74/76, below Delco School, and near the County line;
- c. I am being contacted by many people regarding the speed limit being decreased from fifty-five (55 MPH) miles per hours to forty-five (45 MPH) miles per hour, for the safety of the children; **and**
- d. I am requesting the County Attorney send a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding this matter.

C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:

- a. Tuesday nights are not working out good for the meetings with the schools, and I would like to know if Thursday nights are okay;
- b. We are doing the budget and we need a decision on Home Health;
- c. Columbus Regional Healthcare System has made a proposal on Home Health as follows:
 - Lease for ten (10) years at one dollar and 00/100 (\$1.00) dollar per year;
 - Guarantee six (6) months of employment for any County employee that wanted to stay on;
 - the County to subsidize the first year of the lease for five hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$500,000.00) dollars;
 - the County to subsidize the second year of the lease for two hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$250,000.00) dollars; **and**
- d. I think these dollar amounts for the Lease are negotiable.

After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to authorize William S. Clark, County Manager, to contact Columbus Regional Healthcare System to negotiate the lease with no subsidy, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

At 7:41 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege and (4) Economic Development, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:59 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Byrd requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following, "The County Attorney gave an update on Calvin Norton's lawsuit. Mr. Norton voluntarily agreed to dismiss the lawsuit without prejudice and then a few days later re-file the lawsuit in federal court. The second issue, the County Attorney discussed with the Board of Commissioners, the sublease of County leased property in Tabor City for Project Alexander".

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to accept the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to proceed with the lease with Project Alexander, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:00 P.M., Commissioner Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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

Monday, April 04, 2016

7:03 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:03 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the **combination meeting** 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 and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 21, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 21, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:04 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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

Monday, April 04, 2016

7:03 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:03 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the **combination meeting** 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 and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 21, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 21, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:04 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 04, 2016
7:03 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:03 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the **combination meeting** 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 and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 21, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 21, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:04 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 04, 2016
7:03 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:03 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the **combination meeting** 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 and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 21, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 21, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:04 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 04, 2016
7:03 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:03 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the **combination meeting** 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 and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 21, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the March 21, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:04 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman