

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, November 21, 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 third 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 November 21, 2016 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie.

ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjust the Agenda by adding (4) Economic Development to Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the November 07, 2016 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Byrd opened the floor for Public Input. No Public Input was received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #6: SCHOOLS - ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROPOSAL:

Robert Ferris, CEO, First Floor K-12 Solutions, presented the following Alternative School Proposal.

1. Sandy Grove Middle School would have cost \$53.5 million with the traditional delivery, and due to energy positive, the cost was \$16.3;
2. I will present a Plan Comparison as follows:
 - A. Current Plan/Traditional Delivery - between \$900 M and \$1 billion;
 - Cerro Gordo School
 - Tabor City School
 - East Columbus
 - Renovations at Remaining Schools
 - New Whiteville City HS
 - Future K-8 Schools
 - B. Current Plan/P3 Delivery - less than \$900 million; **and**
 - C. Alternate Plan/P3 Delivery - \$400 million
 - 2 Small K-8
 - 2 Large K-8
 - 1 High School

- D. Inflation increases 6x as follows:
 1993 - \$33/SF Honeycutt Elementary
 2012 - \$185/SF Sandy Grove Middle School
- E. Projected inflation increases 6x:
 2017 - \$200/SF
 2037 - \$1200/SF
- F. Columbus County Schools: Proposal:

Traditional Solution

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- Close Schools:
 1. Acme-Delco MS
 2. Chadbourn MS
 3. Evergreen ES
 4. Hallsboro MS
 5. Tabor City ES
 6. Tabor City MS
 - Columbus Career and College Academy
 7. (CCCA)
 - In 20 years, 3 new K-8 schools
 - New Schools:
 - Cerro-Gordo (small, 800 student)
 - Tabor City (small, 600 student)
 - East Columbus (small, 400 student)
 - Renovations: Whiteville (800 students)
 - Project Budget: \$180,056,002
 - Future K-8's \$358,653,803

Firstfloor - P3 Solution

- Close Schools:
 1. Acme-Delco ES
 2. Acme-Delco MS
 3. Evergreen ES
 4. Cerro Gordo
 5. Chadbourn ES
 6. Chadbourn MS
 7. Hallsboro-Artesia ES
 8. Hallsboro MS
 9. Guideway
 10. Nakina MS
 11. Old Dock ES
 12. Tabor City ES
 13. Tabor City MS
 14. High School
- New Schools:
 - 2 Small K-8 (770 students)
 - 2 Large K-8 (1250 students)
 - 1 High School (800 students)
- Project Budget: \$221,570,274

- G. Whiteville City and Columbus County Schools: **Proposal**

Basic Plan: close 14 existing facilities, open 4 PK-8 facilities, 1 new high school

- Hallsboro/Artesia Elementary 1250 students near East Columbus
- Hallsboro Middle
- Acme-Delco Elementary
- Acme-Delco Middle

- Evergreen Elementary 1250 students between West Columbus and Chadbourn
- Cerro Gordo Elementary
- Chadbourn Elementary
- Chadbourn Middle

- Tabor City Elementary 770 students Tabor City

-Tabor City Middle

-Guideway Elementary 770 students
 -Old Dock Elementary
 -Nakina Middle

- H. Options: New West High and Career and Technical High School
- I. Columbus County and Whiteville City School Systems:
Traditional: 30 Year Close 8 Schools, build 3 new and renovate schools, New Whiteville HS and 3 new K-8's in 20 years;
P3 - Energy Positive 30 Year Lease: Close 14 schools, build 4 new K-8 schools and new Whiteville HS
P3 - Energy Positive 40 Year Lease: Close 14 schools, build 4 new K-8 schools and new Whiteville HS
- J. Facility Benefits of the Firstfloor K12 Solution:
1. Annual net cost is significantly less.
 2. Firstfloor solution provides maintenance of HVAC and solar panels.
 3. Environmentally friendly.
 4. Systems are optimized by Firstfloor.
 5. Shelter with backup generator and solar PV.
 6. Indoor Air Quality and learning environment.
 7. School as a teaching tool.
 8. East in financing (also, we operate).
- K. Total cost of Ownership with Lease program saves \$580,000,000.

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

The following discussion/questions/comments were conducted.

1. At what point in time, will we be able to purchase the buildings?
2. After five (5) years the buildings can be purchased at the balance owed and the amount of \$100,000.
3. Who will maintain the equipment?
4. West Columbus High School was not included.
5. The need for going to see Sandy Grove Middle School, and this will be after the first of the year.
6. We can afford \$2.8 million per year on the payment for the schools.
7. Three (3) Whiteville City Schools have not been included.

Agenda Item #7: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following Monthly Administrative Update.

On October 4, 2016 we had a monitoring of our Child Care Subsidy Program by the Division of Child Development and Early Education. There were 33 cases monitored in the two day review. The required compliance score for the State is 95%. Our initial score was 97.3%. We will receive our final report with any corrections needed in 90 days and will have 90 days to make corrections to the cases sited. The Day Care Supervisor and staff work very hard to keep records in compliance. This is a great accomplishment and I am proud of the unit.

On October 5, 2016 we held our monthly agency staff meeting. During the meeting, our Child Welfare Consultant was introduced to staff. I informed the staff about the County being accepted into the State Health Plan and the plans being made for County employees to enroll in November and December 2016. I also informed staff about the possibility of us opening shelters due to Hurricane Matthew. Staff was told they would receive a shelter schedule and they needed to update their phone numbers so we can communicate with them any changes. I encouraged staff to be prepared to stay at the shelters if needed and to make plans for their families.

Staff was informed our Energy programs would begin around the end of October or the first part of November. Any staff that wishes to apply for assistance must see the Program Manager or Supervisor of that unit to make an application.

On October 6, 2016 the Program Manager and I attended a meeting at the 911 Center with the

National Weather Service concerning Hurricane Matthew and the possibility of opening shelters. After the call, it was determined four shelters would be opened at 2pm Friday and County offices would close at 12 noon. Upon returning to the office, DSS staff were informed of the shelter locations and schedules were given to staff.

Staff from DSS, along with others, worked in shelters from October 7, 2016 until October 31, 2016. During that time, we also took applications for Disaster Food & Nutrition and replacement benefits for over 4,000 citizens. Our agency was closed for one week due to a power outage. Staff worked very long hard hours during this event and we are now trying to catch up on the work that is behind due to the Hurricane. I am proud of the way staff have worked together and with good attitudes to help those who were affected by Hurricane Matthew.

We are continuing to work on our Program Improvement Plan for Child Welfare Services. During the month, the Consultant, Accounting Specialist and I met with our Local Business Liaison in an effort to look for any State or Federal Funds that can be used to help us meet our program and staffing needs in Child Welfare. It may be possible to use some existing funds to help us shift some work. We are also looking at how other counties similar to Columbus are organized and what changes might help us be more productive and become compliant with State requirements. We are in the process of developing a Child Welfare Workgroup consisting of the Consultant, agency Director, Social Work Program Manager, Child Welfare Supervisors and the line Social Workers to provide input as we work towards continuous quality improvement of our Child Welfare programs. There will be some short term and long term goals established to guide us as we revise our Program Development Plan.

**October 2016
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 370 Applications Approved: 153 Active Cases: 9,215 Benefits Issued: \$2,184,941 Participants Served: 11,825
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 110 Cases Terminated: 43 Redeterminations: 242 Applications Processed: 98
Family & Children's Medicaid	Applications Taken: 98 Applications Processed: 96 Redeterminations: 519 Total Medicaid Cases: 13,936 Total Individuals Receiving: 16,762
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 71 Orders Enforced: 640 Active Cases: 4,052 Collections: \$424,658.86

**October 2016
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 8 County Wards: 22 Number of Payee Cases: 30 Adults Served APS: 30 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,569 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$27,941.97

Children's Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 31 Reports Screened Out: 17 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 40 Children Served: 83 Contacts with Families Monthly: 231 Assessments: 22
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 74 Children Placed Outside County: 16 Agency Adoptions: 3 Pending Adoptions: 7 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 7 Total Children in Foster Care: 81
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 16 Applications Approved: 14 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 362 Entered Employment: 6 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 3
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$10,896.83 New Referrals: 5 Cases Established: 2
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 412 Children on the Waiting List: 449 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$152,169.55

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Children's Protective Services/Intake/Investigation/Assessment

Children's Protective Services/In-Home Services

Children's Protective Services/Foster Care/Adoptions

Adult Services

Work First Employment

Child Day Care

Program Integrity

Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager

Vacancies/Updates/News for October 2016

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit is currently short staffed due to losing two Social Workers to other positions, one within the agency and the other in another county for more money. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan. The state standard for caseloads for this Unit is 10:1 and the current working caseload due mainly to staff leaving is 19.3:1, which is double the caseload standards recommended by the state.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit is continues to be short-staffed, although one new Social Worker was hired, another position remains vacant and will have to be re-advertised for. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan. The state standard for caseloads for this Unit is 10:1 and the current working caseload is 13.3:1.

Foster Care/Adoptions:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues was finally fully staffed at the end of the month and new staff are in training. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan. The state standard for caseloads for this Unit are 15:1 and the current working caseload is 20.5:1 due to new staff just beginning and not having an assigned caseload as of yet.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to be short-staffed even after interviewing recently. This position will be re-advertised. The Unit is currently preparing for a review that will occur later in the fall.

Work First Employment:

The Work First Employment Unit continues to transition to the NCFast system. This Unit

also assists with Emergency Assistance, 200%, and with CPS Intake coverage when needed.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit is currently short staffed due to a Social Worker leaving the agency for more money. This Unit will soon begin training as they become one of the next to transition into the NCFast system. Limited training and information and state support continues to be an obstacle for all services that are becoming a part of the system. However, so far the transition is going smoothly.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity is currently preparing for Energy Assistance/Crisis Intervention which will begin soon. This program is beginning a little late this year due to Hurricane Matthew and other issues that took precedence within the agency. Temporary staff are employed and in training in preparation for the many applicants that will line up. Retired staff and veteran temporary workers will be a great help this year. As with every year, Program Integrity will attempt to work with the Energy Programs while trying to maintain their regular workload.

Economic Services Program Narrative

Child Support/Paralegal and Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Maintenance and Housekeeping
Food and Nutrition and Family and Children's Medicaid
Adult Medicaid//Rest Home and Nursing Home/Community Alternatives Program (CAP)

Submitted by Cyndi Hammonds, Income Maintenance Administrator

Reporting Month: October 2016
News/Updates/Vacancies

Food and Nutrition:

October has been consumed with keying replacement benefits for clients and taking and processing Disaster Food and Nutrition applications (DSNAP). Active recipients could come in and sign a statement of how much food they had lost during the hurricane and get their benefits replaced up to the maximum amount of their allotment. This went on from October 17th until October 28th. Those clients that were not actively receiving Food and Nutrition Benefits could come in and apply for Disaster Food and Nutrition which is a one-time amount. USDA allotted 5 consecutive days to take these applications which went from Saturday thru Wednesday. During these 5 days, we took 4067 applications and approved 3949 of them. It is now that we will have to get caught up on our regular duties that got behind during this time. We received many compliments and thanks of how smooth the process went for the Disaster Food and Nutrition applications. We had a long time employee retire, so this leaves a vacancy within this unit.

A HUGE thanks goes out to ALL of the employees at Social Services for helping with the interviewing for replacements and the disaster Food and Nutrition applications. Without everyone's help, we could not have gotten this accomplished.

Adult Medicaid and Family and Children's Medicaid

Work First/Cash///Transportation////Interpreter/////Maintenance & Deputy:

These units are running a little behind in their work because of having to help with the massive amount of work that was involved in interviewing the clients with replacements and the Disaster Food and Nutrition applications that were taken. Not only were they doing their regular work and the disaster applications, but they also had to work in shelters for 12 hours each time they went. We have 2 vacancies within these units.

Child Support and Paralegal:

Our paralegal that left us for other employment has come back to join our agency as of October 17th. This has taken a great burden off of child support supervisors and our agency attorney. We had 2 workers to transfer to social work and this leaves a vacancy of 3 in this unit. We still have 2 training in this unit also. One court date was rescheduled in October due to the hurricane, however they prepared 366 cases for court. The child support staff and paralegal also helped with the Disaster Food and Nutrition applications and they also served in shelters.

It continues to be a struggle to keep workers from leaving and going to higher paying jobs.

This is the biggest stress factor within Economic Services. Workers leaving and then we have to train new staff which puts the burden of extra work on the rest of the staff and the supervisors within each unit. Workers work comp time consistently trying to keep the work within the compliance time frames.

Agenda Item #8: ADMINISTRATION - EARLY PAYROLL and CHRISTMAS BONUS DISBURSEMENT for DECEMBER, 2016:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval to distribute December paychecks, and Christmas Bonuses, on Friday, December 16, 2016.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve to distribute December paychecks, and Christmas Bonuses, on Friday, December 16, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:20 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, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

11-07- 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 and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:21 P.M., Commissioner Russ made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #10: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

A. Budget Amendment:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-5120-512100	BT Salaries and Wages	1,000
	10-5120-519001	BT Contract Services	3,000
	10-5120-526001	BT Dept Supplies	2,100
Revenues	10-3510-430027	BT/Emergency Preparedness/Ebola	6,100

B. Tax Refund and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$122.36
Beam, Mike	PROPERTY: 93608	Total:	\$134.52
Value: \$7,600.00	Year: 15-16	Account: 11-03936	Bill#: 99999
Release value of boat. Never removed from system. Release Hallsboro Fire(9.12) release Columbus Rescue(3.04)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$5.26
Carolina Insurance Sales & Service	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$5.39
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 01-07719	Bill#: 91218
Release business equipment. No business in Columbus County. Release Whiteville			

847

Rescue(.13)

Property Value

Carter, Jerry & Son Inc. **PROPERTY:** 00000 Amount: \$12.61
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Account: 01-00017 Total: \$14.21
 Bill#: 91391

Release business equipment. Closed. Release Whiteville Rescue(.31) release late list(1.29)

Property Value

Greene, Maurice & Richard **PROPERTY:** 28396 Amount: \$367.36
 Value: \$4,700.00 Year: 08-16 Account: 15-16720 Total: \$430.78
 Bill#: 99999

Release value from prop#28396. Release Acme Delco(54.36) release Columbus Rescue(9.06)

Property Value

Harris, James G. & Pamela S. **PROPERTY:** 00000 Amount: \$134.63
 Value: \$3,125.00 Year: 12-16 Account: 03-03113 Total: \$1,246.45
 Bill#: 99999

Release entire value of S/W. Sold to Marson Long 3-31-11. Release Old Dock(13.34) release Columbus Rescue(3.35) release late list(15.13)

Property Value

Moore, Beverly **PROPERTY:** 00000 Amount: \$81.10
 Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 07-16 Account: 14-01938 Total: \$2,221.26
 Bill#: 99999

Release property value. Home burned 9-22-05. Release Welches Creek(8.00) release Whiteville Rescue(2.00) release late list(9.16)

Property Value

Powell, Stephanie Nicole **PROPERTY:** 00000 Amount: \$9.20
 Value: \$1,143.00 Year: 2016 Account: 06-01205 Total: \$11.63
 Bill#: 18654

Release value of boat. Never deleted. Release Yam City(1.14) release Columbus Rescue(.23) release late list(1.06)

Property Value

Simmons, Tracy Ward **PROPERTY:** 00000 Amount: \$56.44
 Value: \$7,011.00 Year: 2016 Account: 07-04460 Total: \$69.80
 Bill#: 23156

Release value of boat. Sold 2015. Release Nakina Fire(5.61) release Columbus Rescue(1.40) release late list(6.35)

Property Value

Spencer, William Arthur **PROPERTY:** 00000 Amount: \$18.11
 Value: \$2,250.00 Year: 2016 Account: 15-01864 Total: \$23.39
 Bill#: 25251

Release value of boat. Sold in 2015. Release Acme Delco(2.70) release Columbus Rescue(.45) release late list(2.13)

User Fee

Andrews, Barry Lee & Teresa Lewis **PROPERTY:** 92450 Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Account: 11-03028 Total: \$208.00
 Bill#: 84883

Release user fee. No can at storage building.

User Fee

Bradley, Ramona **PROPERTY:** 75773 Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Account: 14-02375 Total: \$208.00
 Bill#: 88405

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

User Fee

Davis, Thomas L. & Mona B. **PROPERTY:** 77691 Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Account: 12-06300 Total: \$208.00
 Bill#: 94654

Release user fee. Vacant.

User Fee

Grady, Marcella S. **PROPERTY:** 85881 Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Account: 09-03717 Total: \$208.00
 Bill#: 1236

Release user fee. Has commercial hauler.

User Fee

Hall, Malacki **PROPERTY:** 91003 Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Account: 16-03734 Total: \$208.00
 Bill#: 2520

Release user fee. Vacant.

User Fee

Johnson, Rashid A. **PROPERTY:** 7218 Amount: \$0.00
 Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Account: 03-04830 Total: \$173.44
 Bill#: 7586

Release portion of user fee. Did not have a can until Nov 16

User Fee

Lewis, Betty J. **PROPERTY:** 00000 Amount: \$0.00
 Total: \$208.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 11-03921	Bill#: 9992
Release user fee. M.H Vacant. Can picked up 12/18/12			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Lewis, L Vernell		PROPERTY: 21621	Total: \$208.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 12-16420	Bill#: 10112
Release user fee. Can picked up 9/23/09			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Page, Paul & Doris		PROPERTY: 25249	Total: \$208.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 13-31720	Bill#: 16903
Release user fee. Has commercial building.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Ray, Ervin Woodrow		PROPERTY: 16679	Total: \$208.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 09-03564	Bill#: 19657
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Robinson, Joan		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$103.98
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 11-22922	Bill#: 20670
Release portion of user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

Agenda Item #11: COMMENTS:

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

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Vice Chairman Charles T. McDowell:** stated the following:
 - I attended a Fire Peer Review Meeting last Thursday, and there was a tremendous amount of frustration for answering calls involving tree limbs and cardboard boxes which needs to be responded to by the Department of Transportation, the Sheriff's Department and an average citizen; **and**
 - I wish everyone a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving.
2. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - I would like to re-appoint Mike Bartley to the Emergency Communications Oversight Committee for a four (4) year term, with term expiring 12-2020;
 - I would like to re-appoint C. Lloyd, Lennon, Jr. to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a four (4) year term, with term expiring 12-2020;

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to re-appoint the following members to the Community Advisory Committee:

Naomi Ward	2 Years;
Michael Creen	3 Years; and
Donna Prince	3 Years.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bullard, and unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion that the Board of County Commissioners formally support the Building Inspector in enforcing the Addressing Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Russ.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS:

1. The public needs to be educated about the Rural Addressing Ordinance through the media, and be given a grace period before any fines are enforced;
2. The fine stated in the Rural Addressing Ordinance is twenty-five and 00/100 (\$25.00) dollars, per day; **and**
3. No fine to be implemented at this time.

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

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

The motion fails on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

-I would like to wish everyone a very nice and safe Thanksgiving and we need to all remember what we are being thankful for.

3. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - Five (5) or six (6) months ago, we voted to put trash dumpsters at Cerro Gordo, and as of today, the trash dumpsters are not there;
 - What does this Board have to do when we vote unanimously and it is not done?;
 - Danny, what can we do to help you get this done? Danny replied stating he needed more help;
 - I wish each and everyone a very nice and safe thanksgiving; **and**
 - I will support the Building Inspector asking the citizens for the numbers on their property but no fine at this time.
 4. **Commissioner Russ:** I wish each and everyone a very nice and safe Thanksgiving.
 5. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - I wish a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone; **and**
 - In 2017, we need a goal of putting water on Silverspoon Road.
 6. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - I would like to know the status of the Courthouse situation;
 - Mike Stephens replied stating that Group III has retained another lawyer. I received a typical letter from the lawyer today, and I will be replying to the letter, and afterwards, I may need to go into Closed Session to discuss some matters with you.
 - I would like to wish each and everyone a very happy and safe holiday; **and**
 - I would like to thank Anthony for all that you have done for Columbus County.
 7. **Chairman Giles Byrd:** stated the following:
 - I would like to wish everyone a very nice and safe Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years;
 - Mr. Clark, I have citizens in my area who are willing to donate some land for a senior center, are there any money, grants or money available that are available for that? Mr. Clark replied stating he would check into this.; **and**
 - I have talked to Mike on the community watch signs, and he states if the sign is in the yard it is the owner's responsibility, in the state's right-of-way it will involve the Department of Transportation.
- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated the following:
1. I would like to publicly thank Representative Kenneth Waddell for his help with the State Health Plan, and also thank Senator Jane W. Smith for her help with the State Health Plan;
 2. We have four (4) Board members who need to enroll in the State Health Plan in the month of December, 2016;
 3. I would like to thank Anthony for all of the good work he has done for Columbus County; **and**
 4. I would like to send a Plaque of Appreciation to Representative Waddell and Senator Smith for their help with the State Health Plan.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to present a Plaque of Appreciation to Representative Kenneth Waddell and Senator Jane W. Smith for their help with the State Health Plan, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:51 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 (Agenda Adjustment) (4) Economic Development, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G. S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, and (AGENDA ADJUSTMENT) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:51 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and Resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Byrd requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the Closed Session General Account in its entirety as follows: *“There were two (2) issues. First Issue: the County Attorney discussed with the Board of Commissioners the Code of Ordinances for Columbus County and related legal issues involving the Code of Ordinances, Second Issue: Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on Project Black and Georgia Pacific Contract”.*

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

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to authorize Mr. Clark and Mr. Stephens to purchase the Georgia Pacific Plant, not to exceed \$2 million, and the funds will be taken from the Fund Balance, seconded by Commissioner Russ.

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

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

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

MOTION:

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, to enter into a contract with N-Focus, not to exceed nine thousand and 00/100 (\$9,000.00) dollars, and the funds will be taken from the Fund Balance, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:01 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 21, 2016
7:20 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 7:20 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 07, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:21 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, November 21, 2016
7:20 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 7:20 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 07, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:21 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, November 21, 2016
7:20 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 7:20 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 07, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:21 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, November 21, 2016
7:20 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 7:20 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 07, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:21 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, November 21, 2016
7:20 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 7:20 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 #9: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 07, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the November 07, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:21 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