### **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Monday, December 05, 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:**

### **APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

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

### **Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the December 05, 2016 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. Chairman Byrd stated the Oaths of Office would be delivered to the re-elected Board Members as follows.

### **OATHS OF OFFICE:**

December 05, 2016

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

"I, **TRENT BURROUGHS**, do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God."

## /s/ TRENT BURROUGHS, District V COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to or affirmed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

(SEAL)

/s/ JERRY A. JOLLY CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ATTESTED BY: /s/ JUNE B. HALL Clerk to the Board

December 05, 2016

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

"I, GILES E. BYRD, do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully

discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God."

## /s/ GILES E. BYRD, District III COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to or affirmed before me this 5th day of December, 2016.

(SEAL) /s/ JERRY A. JOLLY

CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ATTESTED BY: /s/ JUNE B. HALL Clerk to the Board

December 05, 2016

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

"I, JAMES E. PREVATTE, do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God."

## /s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE, District II COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to or affirmed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

(SEAL)

/s/ D. JACK HOOKS, JR. RETIRED SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

ATTESTED BY: /s/ JUNE B. HALL Clerk to the Board

December 05, 2016

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

"I, **P. EDWIN RUSS**, do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God."

## /s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, District IV COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to or affirmed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

(SEAL) /S/ JERRY A. JOLLY

CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ATTESTED BY:

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

## Agenda Item #2: RE-ORGANIZATION of BOARD - ELECTION of CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN:

Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, presided as Acting Chairman for the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Stephens stated the following:

- 1. At this time, we will proceed with the election of officers for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman for a term of one (1) year;
- 2. We will proceed with the election of the officers pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-39, and also the Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, as adopted on February 04, 2008;
- 3. Rule Number 6 states in part, of which I will read, "...the present Chairman shall relinquish the chairmanship of the meeting to the County Attorney who shall preside over the Board only for the election of officers. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve for a one (1) year term. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members, who, at the conclusion of the election of officers, shall then immediately assume those positions for the ensuing year. The Board shall take nominations and vote for or against persons nominated for Chairman and Vice-Chairman separately and for each individual office.";
- 4. In order to do that, if we have more than one (1) person nominated for either of the offices, then the election will take the manner of going in reverse order, until we get a majority vote; and
- 5. At this time, I will open the floor for the nomination for the position of Chairman.

### **Nominations for Chairman:**

Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie nominated Commissioner James E. Prevatte as Chairman.

Commissioner P. Edwin Russ nominated Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie for the position as Chairman.

Mr. Stephens stated the nominations are now closed. We will vote in reverse order. Those in favor of Commissioner McKenzie to serve as Chairman, vote aye and those opposed vote nay. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

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

The motion fails on a four (4) to three (3) vote.

Those in favor of Commissioner Prevatte to serve as Chairman, vote aye and those opposed vote nay. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

**AYES:** Chairman Byrd, Vice Chairman McDowell, Commissioners Burroughs, Prevatte,

Bullard and McKenzie; and

**NAYS:** Commissioner Russ.

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

Mr. Stephens stated with no further votes, Commissioner Prevatte has the majority for the position of Chairman for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year. I will now open the floor for the nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

### **Nominations for Vice Chairman:**

Commissioner Prevatte nominated Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie for the position of Vice Chairman.

Mr. Stephens stated the nominations for Vice Chairman are now closed. Those in favor of

Commissioner McKenzie to serve as Vice Chairman, vote aye and those opposed vote nay. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

**AYES:** Chairman Giles E. Byrd, Vice Chairman Charles T. McDowell, Commissioners

McKenzie, Prevatte, Russ, Burroughs and Bullard; and

**NAYS:** None.

The nomination unanimously passed.

Mr. Stephens stated that Commissioner McKenzie will serve in the position of Vice Chairman to the Board for the ensuing one (1) year term. Congratulations to both gentlemen, and I will now turn the meeting over to Chairman James E. Prevatte.

### NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN PRESIDES

**Agenda Item #3: SURETY BONDS:** Examination and Approval:

NAME	TITLE	BOND \$	EXPIR DATE
Bobbie Faircloth	Finance Officer (Columbus County)	\$50,000	Indefinite
Bobbie Faircloth	Travel and Tourism Board	\$50,000	Indefinite
Lewis L. Hatcher	Sheriff	\$25,000	01-07-2017
Needom G. Hughes, IV	Tax Administrator	\$25,000	11-25-2017
Douglas E. Ward	Deputy Tax Administrator	\$25,000	Indefinite
Betty McKeithan	Public Housing Director	\$25,000	10-22-2017
Linwood Cartrette	Coroner	\$15,000	12-06-2017
William H. Hannah, Sr.	Assistant Coroner	\$15,000	12-06-2017
Kandance Bullock	Register of Deeds	\$10,000	12-04-2020

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the listed Surety Bonds, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

### Agenda Items #4 and #5: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ.

## Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - PLAQUE TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN GILES E. BYRD:

Newly elected Chairman James E. Prevatte presented the following plaque to outgoing Chairman Giles E. Byrd.

### PRESENTED TO:

### GILES E. BYRD

THIS THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2016

in GRATEFUL APPRECIATION of YOUR DEVOTED LEADERSHIP

### as CHAIRMAN to the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### 12-07-2015 - 12-05-2016 \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

### COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### Agenda Item #7: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the November 21, 2016 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded,, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

### Agenda Item #8: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

### Marlando Pridgen, 820 Toon Road, Whiteville, North Carolina: stated the following:

- 1. I stand before you as an advocate of Columbus County Schools and Whiteville City Schools;
- 2. As a former student raised up in the school system, I witnessed many deficients in the school system;
- 3. Students could not compete for scholarships due to their school not being able to afford the classes needed; **and**
- 4. In the consideration of investing in the buildings, you need to consider investing in preparing the kids for the future.

## Agenda Item #9: SCHOOLS - WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS PRESENTATION REGARDING REDUCED COST of NEW HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY:

Kenny Garland, Superintendent of Whiteville City Schools, and Paul Boney, architect for LS3P, presented the following update regarding a significant reduction in costs for a new high school facility.

- 1. How did we get from \$73,378,810 to \$49,024,639?;
- 2. Whiteville High School Needs:
  - -Security
  - -Space Utilization
  - -Academic Excellence
  - -Collaboration between Students, Staff, Parents and Community
  - -Athletics
  - -Extra Curricular Activities (Arts, Band, Theater, etc.)
  - -Balanced Judgement with Cost and Quality;
- 3. Big Ticket Items:

### **Legion Stadium:**

- -Football Stadium remains
- -Baseball Stadium remains
- -Field Houses/ Concessions/Storage Buildings remain
- -Soccer Field/Track turns into NEW parking lot for football/baseball

### **New Athletics:**

- -Soccer, track (6 lane), softball, and tennis (6 courts)
- -Softball and Soccer Field House @ 10,366 SF (before @ 25,909 SF)

### **New Academic Building:**

- -No designated collaboration space use extra classroom space
- -3 less core classrooms
- -3 less science labs
- -Less general storage
- -Less teacher workroom/lounges
- -Less bleachers in gym now at 1,750 seats from 2,000 seats before
- -Auditorium has 700 seats rather than 1,000 seats before

Agenda Item #10: <u>COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM - REPLACEMENT of VACANCIES on BOARD OF TRUSTEES:</u>

Carla Hollis, CEO, is requesting the replacement of the two (2) vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Ms. Hollis stated the following:

- 1. I would like to thank you for allowing me to speak to the Board;
- 2. I want to congratulate the new Chairman and the new Vice Chairman, and thank the outgoing Chairman for the fine job he has done over the last year;
- 3. I have Freeda Gore, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, with me tonight;
- 4. We have many initiatives ongoing as follows:
  - -Pediatric practices;
  - -Donayre practice expansion;
  - -Expanded Urgent Care;
  - -Orthopedics;
  - -Received two (2) significant grants; and
  - -We have strong teammate engagement;
- 5. Last year, we gave our employees a two (2%) percent salary increase, and we increased our minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour;
- 6. We have strong support from our Board of Trustees;
- 7. In 2014, two (2) Board positions were vacated from the Board of Trustees, Forrest Riggs and Bob Deans, both represented District IV;
- 8. We have nine (9) Board members, and our by-laws allow us to have eleven (11) Board members;
- 9. It is sometimes hard to have a quorum to conduct business, and we need those two (2) positions filled;
- 10. I have two (2) names for the vacated positions, and they are Brenda Jolly and Rick Edwards, and I would like to make it transparent that we have a difference of opinion on the interpretation of the by-laws;
- 11. It is my opinion that the terms are too long, four (4) ten (10) year terms, equating to forty (40) years; **and**
- 12. We need age limitations on the Board members.

Lengthy discussion was conducted on the following:

- -The need for a Commissioner to be on the Executive Committee;
- -The need for each Commissioner District to be represented on the Board of Trustees;
- -The difference in interpretation of the by-laws for Columbus Regional Healthcare System Board of Trustees:
- -The need for the by-laws to be amended before any more Board members are appointed; and
- -The Commissioner District that the present nine (9) members are located in.

Chairman Prevatte stated that this matter would be taken under consideration.

# Agenda Item #11: NC HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY 2016 ESSENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION LOAN POOL PROGRAM (ESFRLP)-ASSISTANCE, DISBURSEMENT and PROCUREMENT POLICIES and GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval of the following listed two (2) documents and Project Ordinance:

- 1. Assistance Policy for the 2016 Cycle of the Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool; and
- 2. Columbus County Procurement and Disbursement Policy, Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool.

# COLUMBUS COUNTY ESSENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION LOAN POOL 2016 GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE Adoption Date: December 05, 2016

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is **HEREBY ADOPTED:** 

and occupied by elderly and/or disabled low and moderate income homeowners.

**Section 2.** The project administrator is hereby directed to proceed with the implementation of such project.

**Section 3.** The project will be executed in full during fiscal years 2016 through 2019.

**Section 4.** The following revenues will be available to the County to complete the project.

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency \$175,000

TOTAL: \$175,000

**Section 5.** The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Hard Cost \$ 125,000 Soft Cost \$ 50,000

TOTAL: \$175,000

**Section 6.** The Finance Officer is hereby directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. He/she shall keep the Governing Body informed at each regular meeting of any unusual occurrences.

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

ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2016.

## **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** /s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK, County Manager**

### ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Assistance Policy for the 2016 Cycle of the Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool, the Columbus County Procurement and Disbursement Policy, Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool, and the Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool 2016 Grant Project Ordinance, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of these documents will be marked as Exhibits "A" and "B", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

## Agenda Item #12: 2016 ESSENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION LOAN POOL PROGRAM (ESFRLP) - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval of the Professional Services Agreement for the 2016 Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Program (ESFRLP).

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Agreement For Services between Sandra Ridley and Columbus County for the NCHFA Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool Program, for the amount not to exceed fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$50,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "C", and kept on file in Minute Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

## Agenda Item #13: AIRPORT - GRANT AGREEMENT MODIFICATION PROJECT NUMBER: 36237.53.12.1:

Phil Edwards, Airport Director, requested Board approval of the following Airport Grant Agreement Modification between the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Columbus County - "8-Unit Hangar (Design, Bidding) and Construction", Grant Project Number: 36237.53.12.1.

### N.C. Department of Transportation - Division of Aviation State Aid to Airports Program

AIRPORT NAME: Columbus County Airport PROJECT NUMBER: 36237.53.12.1

**DESCRIPTION:** 8 Unit T-Hangar (Design and Bidding) and Construction

### **Certification of Local Funds and Accounting Information**

2012 NPE	\$48,208.00
2013 NPE	\$150,000.00
2014 NPE	\$150,000.00
2015 NPE	\$150,000.00

### 858

2016 NPE \$124,386.00

Total State Aid Grant: Federal Block Grant: \$622,594.00

Previously Certified: \$5,357

Local Matching Funds Required: \$69,178.00, representing a 10% Local Share of the Project.

### 1. **Accounting System Information**

Official Name of Sponsoring Agency: Columbus County Airport

Name of Budget Official Responsible for Project Accounting: William S. Clark Title of Budget Official Responsible for Project Accounting: County Manager

Budget Official Address: 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC 28472

Budget Official Telephone Number: (910) 640-6600 FAX: (910) 640-1654

### 2. Certification of Local Funds Availability and Single Audit Accounting

I hereby certify that the local matching share \$69,178.00 required for this project has been officially approved, placed into the budget of the Sponsoring local governmental unit and will be available for expenditure upon execution of State Aid to Airports Grant Agreement and start of this project. I further certify that the authority of the Sponsoring local governmental unit to enter into contracts with the state of North Carolina has been reviewed by the governmental attorney, and, in his opinion, the Sponsoring local governmental unit is duly authorized to commit the Sponsor to an Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

I further certify that all expenditures on this project will be accounted for in a manner consistent with the requirements of the State auditor, that the Sponsor has made appropriate arrangements to have its accounts audited on an annual basis in conformance with the Single Audit Act of the State of North Carolina, and that each annual Single Audit will contain the required information about this project.

Signed: /s/ WILLIAM S. CLARK

Title: County Manager

Name of the Sponsoring Local Government Unit: Columbus County

Date: December 05, 2016

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the Airport Grant Agreement Modification between the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Columbus County - "8-Unit Hangar (Design, Bidding) and Construction", Grant Project Number: 36237.53.12.1, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

### Agenda Item #14: **TAX - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Needom Hughes, Tax Administrator, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

TAX YEAR	BILLED	PAID	OUTSTANDING LEVY	PERCENT COLLECTED
2007	23,216,757.38	23,122,416.55	94,340.83	.9959
2008	24,044,459.58	23,938,645.45	105,814.13	.9956
2009	24,304,291.94	24,191,845.81	112,446.13	.9954
2010	24,734,625.35	24,594,178.06	140,447.29	.9943
2011	24,859,992.14	24,702,233.46	157,758.78	.9937
2012	25,233,198.27	25,045,288.04	187,910.23	.9926
2013	25,530,940.46	25,292,922.92	238,017.54	.9907
2014	25,646,783.70	25,386,880.39	259,903.31	.9899
2015	26,064,333.21	25,530,124.00	534,209.21	.9795
2016	26,723,471.42	16,299,277.73	10,424,193.69	.6099

### **Agenda Item #15: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:**

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following monthly administrative update to the Board.

On November 2, 2016 I held a short agency staff meeting. During this meeting, I thanked the Supervisors and line staff for all their hard work during Hurricane Matthew and the Disaster Food & Nutrition process. I also read an e-mail from a citizen thanking our agency for their kindness and help during the storm. I have received many calls and talked with many citizens who were very grateful for the service they received.

Staff was informed we will begin the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) on November 7, 2016 to assist with heating costs.

Staff was also reminded about the annual safety training for all county employees; being held at the community college.

We recognized new staff and staff accomplishments and the meeting was adjourned.

On November 17 and 18, 2016 I attended the Eastern Regional Director's meeting at Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. During the meeting, we received updates from NCFAST concerning document management in Child Welfare. The State is working with the pilot counties to begin in July 2017. There is still a lot of work to do before it is fully implemented in 2018. Training will be provided for county staff. The Directors are requesting the State provide regional face to face training, in addition to webinars.

We discussed Hurricane Matthew and Disaster Food & Nutrition. This was a big event and there were a lot of lessons learned at the State and local levels. County Directors voiced concerns of not having enough time to prepare and train staff. We would like to have the program guidelines prior to the evening before starting a disaster program, if possible; and more time to take and key applications. Kevin Kelly, with Child Welfare, gave an update on the State's Program Improvement Plan, which they are still working on. They are continuing to work with the Feds on the State's issues; safety of children, case decision making and training for county staff. They are working with county staff as the plan is being developed and they will inform County Directors when it is approved.

Finally, we received information about Hope 4 North Carolina; which is a crisis counseling program to assist individuals affected by the disaster to deal with the stress of recovering and rebuilding their lives.

During the month of November, our Child Welfare workgroup met to discuss our program improvement plan and to look at what is needed for us to achieve continuous quality improvement. During the meeting, we looked at ways to reorganize Child Welfare. We looked at staffing needs and discussed the need for more technology (laptops, new cell phones, etc.). At this point, staff are now able to conduct criminal record checks required by policy. We are working with our local sheriff's department on the national checks. This will help ensure safety for children and meet policy requirements. We have determined, we will need three or four additional staff to help with our current work requirements; to keep work current when we experience turnover; and to implement the new policy requirements around safety and risk beginning January 2017. We also discussed current funding sources and the possible need for increased funding in the coming fiscal budget. The group also looked at some counties that are similar in size to seek ideas to help us as we explore ways to improve our Child Welfare program. In order for us to continue to improve and provide services to families and children, we will also need additional office space and we are exploring some options in the county.

On November 22, 2016 we met with our State Child Welfare representative. She talked about the new policy that will begin in January, which will require workers to spend more time in court with children placed out of their homes. This new policy will also mean workers will be providing more services to these children to ensure their safety.

We discussed ways to use State and Federal funds to help us provide services to families. She also provided us with some clarification on criminal records and training for Foster parents. She stated it is important we continue to attend trainings and cluster meetings for Supervisors and Managers. We gave her an update on our program improvement plan; and talked about some of the things we are working on and have already completed.

The Program Evaluation Division of the North Carolina General Assembly conducted an evaluation of North Carolina's Medicaid Program earlier this year. They looked at the timeliness of Medicaid eligibility determination across the 100 counties. Eligibility for Medicaid should be determined within 45 days of application. A county must process applications at a rate of 85% or 90% based on its size. The State as a whole did not meet the processing requirements by the Feds; therefore, the Department of Health and Human Services is required to monitor Medicaid timeliness for all 100 counties and require a corrective action plan if a county is not meeting its standards for 3 or 5 consecutive months. If the corrective action plan does not show

improvement within 12 months, DHHS could take over the operation of that county's Medicaid programs. This policy will be effective January 2017. We should receive more information about this change soon. We are currently monitoring our timeliness to see where we are and what challenges we might have in meeting these requirements as Medicaid is a very complex and time consuming program. It has been a challenge with the NCFAST issues and the Affordable Care Act to keep up with the increased workload in the Medicaid program.

### **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 November 2016

### **Intake/Investigation/Assessment:**

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be short staffed due to losing two Social Workers to other positions, one within the agency and the other in another county for more money. Applications have been received and interviews will soon be scheduled. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan.

### **In-Home Services:**

The In-Home Services Unit continues to be short-staffed, although one new Social Worker was hired, another position remains vacant and was re-advertised. Applications have been received and interviews will soon be scheduled. The recently hired Social Worker has completed Pre-Service training and is taking on a caseload. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan.

### **Foster Care/Adoptions:**

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues was to be fully staffed. New staff have completed Pre-Service training and are beginning to take on caseloads. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan.

### **Adult Services:**

The Adult Services Unit continues to be short-staffed even after interviewing recently. This position was re-advertised. Applications have been received and interviews will soon be scheduled.

### **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. Applications have been received and interviews will be scheduled soon. 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 assisting with Energy Assistance/Crisis Intervention which began full-swing November 7th, later than usual due to Hurricane Matthew and other issues that took precedence within the agency. Temporary staff are employed and retired staff and veteran temporary workers are a great help this year. Thus far 820 applications have been taken, 26 denied, and 13 pending. One temporary staff member has resigned and we are currently working on replacing that person. We will begin the Low Income Energy Assistance Program December 1st, which will be for those citizens that are 60 and older and those that are disabled and receiving services from the Division of Aging and Adult Services. 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: November 2016** 

### News/Updates/Vacancies

### Family and Children's Medicaid and Adult Medicaid:

Open enrollment began November 1st for applicants that wanted to apply for the Affordable Care Act Insurance thru the Federal Marketplace. These applications are first sent to us to determine if the client is eligible for Medicaid. If they are not eligible, the application is denied at the agency and then automatically sent by computer to the Marketplace.

Family and Children's Medicaid workers have been helping Adult Medicaid with redeterminations on MQB-E (Medicare for Qualified Beneficiaries) cases. All reviews for this category comes due December 31st every year which puts this team in a "crunch" to get these reviews completed timely along with their regular monthly reviews

Family and Children's Medicaid team has also help key some Food and Nutrition replacements for those clients that lost food due to Hurricane Matthew.

### Food and Nutrition:

Food and Nutrition has been steadily keying Food and Nutrition replacements since Hurricane Matthew, while trying to keep up with applications and recerts that came in each day. Maybe December will bring some stability to getting work completed.

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

- WorkFirst workers have also been helping Adult Medicaid with their recertifications along with keeping their work current.
- We are training in Transportation to switch over to a new billing system where vendors will key their claims and we will send a spreadsheet to the state and in turn, vendors will be paid directly from the State Office for their claims.
- The interpreter, maintenance, housekeeping and the deputy remains busy as the Energy Programs were implemented in November.

### **Child Support and Paralegal:**

Child Support prepared 357 cases for court and the paralegal continues to help us get caught up with the orders that were behind in her absence.

## Agenda Item #16: FINANCE - RESOLUTION and AGREEMENT for DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS with BB&T and FIRST BANK:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, is requesting Board approval and adoption of the Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Accounts with BB&T and First Bank.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the BB&T Resolution, and Agreement for Deposit Account and Corporate Authorization Resolution for Health Reimbursement Account and Columbus County Water District IV Reserve Fund with First Bank, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. These documents will be marked as Exhibits "D", "E" and "F" and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

### **Agenda Item #17: GOVERNING BODY - VOTING DELEGATE DESIGNATION:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested the Board to appoint a voting delegate for the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference on January 12-13, 2017.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to appoint Chairman James E. Prevatte as the voting delegate for the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference on January 12-13, 2017, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

## Agenda Item #18: NOTICE and RESOLUTION - CANCELLATION of DECEMBER 19, 2016 BOARD MEETING, UNLESS NEEDED:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Notice and Resolution.

NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING of the
BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

\_\_\_\_ The **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 5th day of December, 2016, to adopt the following **Resolution**.

### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 6:30 P.M. on the first Monday and at 6:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; **and** 

**WHEREAS**, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of cancelling the meeting scheduled for the third Monday in December, only.

**BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY**, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, to cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for December 19, 2016, be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Tuesday, January 03, 2017.

**BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED** by the **Board of County Commissioners** that a copy of this **Resolution** and **Notice** shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as forwarded to all of the news media who has requested notice.

**ADOPTED** this the 5th day of December, 2016.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

## Agenda Item #19: RESOLUTION - APPROVAL and ADOPTION of SIGNATORY RESOLUTION by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

## SIGNATORY RESOLUTION by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS,** in the execution of business matters and other pertinent transactions pertaining to the operations of local government affairs, it is necessary, and legally required, to have on board a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve on behalf and in the best interest of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County; **and** 

**WHEREAS,** at the first regular scheduled meeting in the month of December, annually, a Chairman and Vice Chairman is voted on and elected from the now seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners; **and** 

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the said Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, have due authority to sign, execute and administer any and all documents on behalf, and in the best interest, of Columbus County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by popular vote of the seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners, on the 5th day of December, 2016, Commissioner James E. Prevatte has been duly elected to serve as Chairman and Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie has been duly elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, to sign, execute and administer any and all documents necessary in the normal operation of business and related affairs for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County. The aforementioned will serve in these capacities until the first regular scheduled meeting in December, 2017.

## **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** /s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

## ATTESTED BY: /s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

### **Agenda Item #20: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:**

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Animal Control Advisory Council	III VII	Rick Hammonds Donna Watson	01-17-2016 07-17-2016	HOLD Re-Appoint
Chadbourn Planning and Zoning Board Motion: Bullard Second: McDowell	ЕВ	Johnny Honeycutt	01-2017	Re-Appoint
Columbus Regional Healthcare System (Bylaws - 2 Sitting County Commissioners) Motion: McDowell Second: Bullard	ЕВ	Giles E. Byrd Trent Burroughs	12-2016 12-2016	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Emergency Communications Oversight Committee	II III IV V	Mike Bartley William Rushing John Russ Jerry Hodges	12-2016 12-2016 12-2016 12-2016	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
EMS Peer Review Committee (Bylaws - 2 Sitting County Commissioners) Motion: Byrd Second: McKenzie	ЕВ	James E. Prevatte P. Edwin Russ	12-05-2016 12-05-2016	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Fire Peer Review Committee (Bylaws - 2 Sitting County Commissioners) Motion: Byrd Second: McKenzie	ЕВ	Charles T. McDowell Ricky Bullard	12-05-2016 12-05-2016	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Board of Health (Columbus County)  Motion: McDowell Second: McKenzie	EB I VI VII EB	-Vacancy- (At Large) Franklin Boone Shane Cartrette Patty Hobbs Dr. Thomas R. Kirby (At Large)	12-31-2017 12-31-2016 12-31-2016 12-31-2016 12-31-2016	HOLD  Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority	EB	-Vacancy-	06-30-2016	HOLD
Literacy Council Motion: Bullard Second: Russ	ЕВ	Amon E. McKenzie	2016	Re-Appoint
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	III	Sandra Lewis (Resigned)	2018	HOLD

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	III IV V	Fannie Walden Karlyn Stephens Charles Milligan	12-2016 12-2016 12-2016	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Re-Appoint
Planning Board Motion: Mc Dowell Second: Byrd	ЕВ	James Sarvis	08-23-2016	Re-Appoint
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (Cape Fear Area) Motion: McDowell Second: McKenzie	EB EB EB	Giles E. Byrd P. Edwin Russ Trent Burroughs (Alternate)	12-31-2016 12-31-2016 	Re-Appoint Re-Appoint Appoint
Tourism Development Authority (Columbus County) (Formerly Travel and Tourism Board)	II III IV V VI VII	Greg Parker Ernestine Keaton Nancy Sigmon Vacancy Chandler Worley Rhonda Dutton	12-2016 12-2016 12-2016 12-2016 12-2016 12-2016	Re-Appoint HOLD Re-Appoint HOLD Re-Appoint HOLD
Whiteville (City of) Planning and Zoning Board	EB	Jackie Ray (Resigned)	05-16-2016	HOLD
Whiteville (City of) Zoning Board of Adjustment	ЕВ	-Vacancy- ETJ	08-01-2016	HOLD

<sup>\*</sup>Alternate member will need to file ethics forms with the State Ethics Commission and have the forms approved prior to serving.

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

At 8:07 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs 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 Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

## Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 21, 2016 <u>Combination Meeting</u> 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 <u>COMBINATION MEETING</u> of COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V BOARD MEETING:

At 8:08 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

### Agenda Item #22: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

### A. **Budget Amendments:**

ТҮРЕ	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOU NT
Expenditures	10-4324-512230	Overtime - Hurricane Matthew	450,000
	10-4324-522000	Food and Provisions	10,000

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	10-4324-525000	Vehicles Supplies and Materials	5,000
	10-4324-525105	Gas - Hurricane Matthew	5,500
	10-4324-526000	Office Supplies 0 Hurricane Matthew	2,500
	10-4324-526001	Departmental Supplies - Hurricane Matthew	15,000
	10-4324-531000	Travel and Transportation	5,000
	10-4324-531107	Hotel - Personnel from out-of-town	2,500
	10-4324-535110	M&R Bldg/Grounds - Hurricane Matthew	5,000
	10-4324-535200	Maintenance and Repair Equipment	1,500
	10-4324-535310	M&R Body	1,500
	10-4324-541900	Rental	75,000
Revenues	10-3301-423000	Federal Shared Revenues - Hurricane Matthew	433,875
	10-3315-433000	State Shared Revenues - Hurricane Matthew	144,625
Expenditures	10-9600-560062	Special Child Adoptions	21,605
Revenues	10-3991-499115	Various Fund Balance Appropriated	21,605
Expenditures	10-5301-549986	Crisis Intervention	257,359
	10-5301-533001	CP&L Energy (Energy Neighbor)	(4,487)
	10-5302-519922	Adult Daycare	1,290
Revenues	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	257,359
	10-3530-430076	CP&L Energy (Energy Neighbor)	(4,487)
	10-3530-430090	Daycare	1,290
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	2,283
	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	5,210
	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	1,123
	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	847
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue	9,463

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:			
Property Value Amount: \$565.	54		
Blarcom, Joyce Van	PROPERTY: 85823	Total:	\$662.98
Value: \$8,700.00 Year: 07-14	Account: 15-05942	Bill#: 99999	
Release value of home. Sold at Tax sale in	June 2016. Release Acme Delco(83	.52) release	
Columbus Rescue(13.92)			
Property Value		Amount:	\$281.74
Coleman, RC c/o Kathy Coleman	PROPERTY: 6624	Total:	\$960.74
Value: \$150,600.00 Year: 14-16	Account: 03-03865	Bill#: 99999	
Release value and user fee. House has term	nite and roof damage. Release Nakir	ıa	
Fire(28.00) release Columbus Rescue(7.00)	)		
Property Value		Amount:	\$233.69
Dow, Janice Vanderford	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$470.72
Value: \$29,030.00 Year: 2016	Account: 03-03903	Bill#: 95357	
Release property value and user fee. DBL	Act#3-04831. Release Nakina Fire(2	23.22)	
release Columbus Rescue(5.81)			
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Alexander, James Edward (Heirs)	PROPERTY: 18466	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 11-00140	Bill#: 84579	
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Barron, Lisa	PROPERTY: 6468	Total:	\$208.00

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Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Can picked up 2/10/14 V	Account: 03-04049	Bill#: 86078	
User Fee Best, Hubert L(JR)	PROPERTY: 20636	Amount: Total:	\$0.00 \$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Can picked up 3/16/11	Account: 12-03341	Bill#: 87193	<b>\$2</b> 00.00
User Fee Hammond, Elbert Dane (ETAL)	DDODEDTY, 700/2	Amount: Total:	\$0.00 \$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. House incomplete.	PROPERTY: 78863 Account: 16-07063	Bill#: 2742	\$208.00
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Hayes, A L & Martha Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	PROPERTY: 29864 Account: 16-03904	Total: Bill#: 3592	\$208.00
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Hayes, A L & Martha Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	PROPERTY: 86619 Account: 16-05957	Total: Bill#: 3590	\$208.00
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Hughes, James Madison Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Can picked up 7/15/09	PROPERTY: 86486 Account: 03-11540	Total: Bill#: 5919	\$208.00
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Jacobs, George & Minnie Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can pic	PROPERTY: 8971 Account: 04-08120 cked up 2004	Total: Bill#: 6702	\$208.00
User Fee	eked up 2001	Amount:	\$0.00
Lavin, Alfred Stanley Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. 1 dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28779 Account: 15-23260	Total: Bill#: 9328	\$208.00
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Lawrence, James Edward(III) Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 5409 Account: 01-51432	Total: Bill#: 9351	\$121.00
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Lawrence, James Edward(III) Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 339 Account: 01-02378	Total: Bill#: 9349	\$121.00
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Murray, Arlene Flowers (Heirs) Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	PROPERTY: 29088 Account: 15-28300	Total: Bill#: 15259	\$208.00
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Soles, Lorena Jordan Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. 1 dwelling vacant.	PROPERTY: 24172 Account: 13-00346	Total: Bill#: 24632	\$208.00
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Strickland, Joe Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 16-05553	Total: Bill#: 26709	\$208.00
User Fee		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Purl Otto, Jr. Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016 Release user fee. Can picked up11/27/12.	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 02-02134	Total: Bill#: 30582	\$208.00

### 23. Comments:

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

### A. **Department Manager:**

**Sheriff Lewis Hatcher:** I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### B. Board of Commissioners:

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

-I would like to know the status of the fencing at Evergreen;

**Danny Fowler:** replied stating it would start tomorrow.

- -I would like to thank everyone for the year's work that has been done;
- -I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, safe travel and a Happy New Year; and
- -I would like to congratulate the new Chairman and the new Vice Chairman, and thank Chairman Byrd for the good job he performed serving as Chairman.

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

- -I would like for you to work with our citizens who have taxes that are due, or delinquent, in cases of hardships related to the hurricane;
- -I would like to know the status of the Senior Center in Fair Bluff;

### William S. Clark: replied stating the following:

- -I have spoken with Neil Smith with the church and one (1) month is okay;
- -We lost everything in the Senior Center in the hurricane, and approximately \$70,000 of inventory lost; **and**
- -They are willing to rent the Masonic Lodge, but it needs repairs done to meet the code, and the repairs will be at our expense, and the building does not have any windows;
- -I would like to thank everyone for their work; and
- -I wish each and everyone a very nice and safe holiday.

### 3. **Vice Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:

- -Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our employees and all of our citizens;
- -In 2017, we need water on Silverspoon Road;
- -In Fair Bluff, there is a \$50.00 charge for electrical inspection before the electricity can be turned on:
- -I would like for this Board to have the County Electrical Inspector to inspect the houses in Fair Bluff with no charge;
- -I do support the Senior Center in Fair Bluff;
- -We do not need to move the convenience center at Evergreen; and
- -I would like to congratulate our new Chairman, and to thank Commissioner Byrd for the good job he performed as Chairman.

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

- -I would like to reiterate what has been said about the holidays to everyone;
- -It was an honor and service to serve as the Chairman, and would like to thank each and everyone to allow me that opportunity;
- -With the school needs we are facing, we have our plates full; and
- -I look forward to working with the new Chairman and the new Vice Chairman.

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

- -We need to work with our citizens who have spent money on storm damage to keep their business going with paying property tax; and
- -A good payment plan would help the taxpayers.

### 6. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:

- -Congratulations to the new Chairman and the new Vice Chairman;
- -I would like to thank the outgoing Chairman for all of his hard work;
- -I would like to thank all of our employees for all of their hard work;
- -I wish everyone a very Merry and safe Christmas and Happy New Year; and
- -We do not need to take our eyes off the needs our schools have.

### 7. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:

- -I would like to thank the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the good job they have done, and keeping the Board members well informed;
- -I would like to wish everyone a very nice and safe Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; and
- -I appreciate your confidence in electing me as Chairman and we will work as a Board collectively.

- C. County Manager (William S. Clark): stated the following:
  - 1. I would like to congratulate the new Chairman and Vice Chairman, and look forward to working with you;
  - 2. I would like to thank the outgoing Chairman for the fine job he performed;
  - 3. I would like to remind the four (4) Board members who are on the State Health Plan they need to get registered by the end of December, 2016; **and**
  - 4. There will be a critique tomorrow night, for Hurricane Matthew, at 7:00 P.M., at DSS.
- **D.** County Attorney (Michael H. Stephens): stated on the N-Focus contract that the Board allowed me to negotiate, I was able to get the cost down to \$7,500 in lieu of \$9,000.

### Agenda Item #24: <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>:

At 8:37 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

	APPROVED:
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board	JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

### COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS <u>I</u>, II, III, IV AND V COMBINATION BOARD MEETING Monday, December 05, 2016

8:07 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

### 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 8:07 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 21, 2016 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

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

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

	APPROVED:
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board	JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

# COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V COMBINATION BOARD MEETING Monday, December 05, 2016 8:07 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

### **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 8:07 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 21, 2016 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

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

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

	APPROVED:
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board	JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

# COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, <u>III</u>, IV AND V COMBINATION BOARD MEETING Monday, December 05, 2016 8:07 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

### **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 8:07 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 21, 2016 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

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

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

	APPROVED:
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board	JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

## COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, <u>IV</u> AND V COMBINATION BOARD MEETING Monday, December 05, 2016

8:07 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

### 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 8:07 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 21, 2016 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

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

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

	APPROVED:
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board	JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

### COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND $\overline{\mathbf{V}}$

### COMBINATION BOARD MEETING Monday, December 05, 2016 8:07 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

### **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 8:07 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #21: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 21, 2016 <u>Combination Meeting</u> of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

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

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

	APPROVED:
JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board	JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman