

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, July 16, 2018****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, it being the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ (**Excused**)
Charles T. McDowell (**Excused**)

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Attorney /**
County Manager
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

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 Amon E. McKenzie called the July 16, 2018 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard, in the absence of Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chair Trent Burroughs.

Agenda Item #4:

PRESENTATION - RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to WEST COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL VIKINGS;
and
RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to WEST COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING SQUAD:

Chairman McKenzie presented the above listed documents to the West Columbus High School Vikings and the West Columbus High School Cheerleading Squad. These two (2) documents were approved and adopted at the July 02, 2018 Meeting where you may find the contents.

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the July 02, 2018 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

1. **Johnny D. Edge, 470 Happy Home Road, Nakina, NC 28455:** stated the following:
 - The last time I spoke to the Board, I was too hostile, and I apologize;
 - I did not hear what I wanted to hear, and I over-reacted;
 - We both try to help people;
 - Anyone that holds a public position or public office deserves respect;
 - I am truly concerned about the future of Columbus County;
 - I would like to think that we can work together; **and**
 - I publicly apologize to you for anything that I have said that has been offensive and would like for us to work together.
2. **Jimmy W. Caines, 6707 Princess Ann Road, Evergreen, NC 28438:** stated the following:
 - My name is Jimmy Caines, and I am the Pastor of Macedonia Baptist in Evergreen, NC;

- I am the president of the Pastor’s Conference in the Columbus Baptist Association;
- We have 51 churches with conservatively 3,700 members;
- Relative to beer sales in unincorporated areas of the county, don’t we have enough trouble in this county?;
- For little boys and girls and wives and husbands that are abused as a result of alcohol, please don’t make alcohol easier to get and more accessible; **and**
- Please vote it down so it doesn’t have to go to the ballot.

3. **James Wade Duncan, 109 Church Road, Riegelwood, NC 28456:** stated the following:
 -I would like to thank each one of you for your help with the library at Riegelwood; **and**
 -Our computers are not working, and we need some help with that.

4. **Robert Eugene Adams:** stated the following:
 -I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 962 here in Whiteville, for the work they are doing;
 -It is being recognized statewide; **and**
 -Due to the good work they are doing, it is constantly growing.

Agenda Item #7: HEALTH - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Kimberly Smith, Health Director, delivered the following departmental update.

Clinical Stats:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Annual Total</u>
New TB Cases	4 Active 11 latent
HIV Cases	12 HIV 0 AIDS
New Syphilis Cases(RPR)	17
New Hepatitis B Cases	2
New Gonorrhea Cases	188
Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever	3
Chlamydia Cases	335
Non-gonoccal Urethritis (NGU)	12
Campylobacter	3 Cases
Salmonella	22 Cases
Hepatitis C	1 Case
PID	1 Case
Meningitis	1 Case
Shigella	1 Case
Group A Strep	4 Cases
Legionellosis	2 Cases

Vital Records:

of Births: 352
 # of Deaths: 620

Environmental Health Stats:

Encounters 3,014
 Total Revenue: \$100,452.00
 Environmental Health completed a total of 966 restaurant/lodging inspections for 2016/2017.
 Number of Home Burials: 11.

SERVICES	# PATIENTS	# VISITS
Adult Health	2,894	2,914
Child Health	376	378
Dental Health	920	1,242
Family Planning	1,013	1,023
Child Immunizations	1,415	1,415

Adult Immunizations	781	789
Maternal Health	1,068	1,073
Other Services	38	38
Primary Care	19	19
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	663	664
TB Services	1,085	1,091
BCCCP	75	75
Child Flu	432	432
Adult Flu	909	912
Colpo	2	2
TOTAL:	11,690	12,067

Women, Infants and Children (WIC):

WIC continued to provide services to 1,650 participants per month with an annual amount of \$1,168,402 in revenue paid to Columbus County vendors in 2016-2017. The vendors included 14 food markets and 5 pharmacies. WIC switched over to the new electronic record called Cross Roads this year. The transition to EBT type cards occurred in Columbus County in October 2017. Due to declining participation, it was necessary to eliminate one clerical position and close two of the three weekly satellite sites. We feel that the decline in participants is a direct result of Hurricane Matthew.

Laboratory:

Columbus County Laboratory's regulatory policies and procedures are established according to CLIA and OSHA guidelines. In 2016, our lab completed 339 pregnancy tests, completed 616 blood glucose tests, 688 chlamydia tests and 637 HIV tests, 700 Blood Lead tests. The total number of tests completed in our lab - 9,991.

Health Education/Health Promotion:

A total of 1,700 residents have been reached through health education/health prevention efforts during this past year. Health Education/Health Promotion has continued to work with our Teen Pregnancy Prevention grant. Making Proud Choices - a program designed for middle and high school youth, which focuses on adolescent pregnancy prevention, as well as making better decisions to improve the health of youth.

Chronic Disease Self-management Program - a program designed to help those with chronic conditions to improve management of their condition(s). Diabetes Prevention Program - a program designed for those who are "borderline" or have been diagnosed as at risk for Type II Diabetes.

Our Centering Program works with expecting women in providing group education. We have two ongoing classes - one in English and one in Spanish.

Dental:

Dr. Cynthia Taylor and Staff (2 Dental Assistants and 1 Processing Assistant) have worked persistently to obtain permission from the 2 school systems to be able to take the Toothmobile out to the schools. During this year the Dental Bus only visited half of the county schools, but starting in August, 2017, the Dental Bus will visit all the schools.

Columbus County Health Department was funded as follows:

Local Appropriations	30%
State	18%
Third Party Payers	0%
Individual Self Pay	7%
Medicaid	16%
Medicare	13%
Federal (WIC)	6%
Fund Balance	10%

The total budget for 2016/2017 (Health Department and Home Health): \$5,812,103.00

Total Revenues for Health Department Clinics:	\$2,835,864
Total Expenses for Health Department Clinics:	\$3,804,663
Total County Appropriation Health Department Clinics:	\$968,798
Total Revenue for Home Health:	\$561,683
Total Expenses for Home Health: (July 2016 - April 2017)	\$1,086,644

Animal Bites (co-ordinated with Animal Control):

Total Reported:	52
Total Treated:	10

ISSUES DURING THE YEAR:

- July 2016 Continued cleanup of Meth Lab site at Lake Waccamaw
- August 2016 Rainstorm flooded basement and elevator shaft; Home Burial Rules adopted by Board of Health
- October 2016 Hurricane Matthew - 4 shelters opened, 2 opened for extended period; 2nd Meth Lab discovered near tabor City
- November 2016 Fire Home Burial completed since rules adopted
- May 2017 home Health sold to Kindred, 70 patients transferred

CONCERNS FOR 2017 AND BEYOND:

1. Recruiting the needed licensed staff.
2. Competitive pay for staff.
3. Decreasing funds from State and Federal sources while requirements for funds are more rigorous;
4. Medicaid Reform and what the effects will be on public Health.
5. Public Health Medicaid cost settlement.

Agenda Item #8: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

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

On June 12, 2018 we held our agency staff meeting. Staff were given information about hurricane season; which starts June 1st of every year. I reminded staff of our responsibility to work shelter duty during any type of disaster. All staff will be required to take training sponsored by the Red Cross.

Staff was given information about our new mental health and substance abuse provider, Trillium Health Resources.

Staff was also given an update on House Bill 630. They were updated on the Memorandum of Understanding; which is required for every county to sign and the performance measures that each program will be required to meet starting January 2019; although they are effective July 1, 2018. We discussed agency monitoring for each area and accountability of workers for correctly completing their work.

During our meeting, I addressed some issues with outside employment that have occurred.

On June 13, 2018 we held our Summer Blast Luncheon from 12 noon until 2pm. This was sponsored by staff through our dress down days. The luncheon was enjoyed by all who attended. The luncheon was catered by Ray's Grill of Whiteville.

On June 14, 2018 I attended the Director's Association Executive Board meeting. During the meeting, we received information about Medicaid audits, which will be completed every three years. The Division of Medical Assistance will complete regular monitoring of cases for all counties each year as well.

We were also informed in March of 2019; Medicaid Certification will be implemented. This will require all workers in Medicaid and Food and Nutrition to be certified in NCFast Economic Service programs. They will keep us informed as this is developed.

Directors were reminded, the Memorandum of Understandings required by House Bill 630 must be signed and sent in the Wayne Black at DHHS by June 29, 2018; as they are effective July 1, 2018.

We also received an update on Child Welfare Services and NCFAST. Representatives from IBM, who built the system, informed us they have met with the pilot counties and the NCFAST Team. They have identified around 192 items that need to be fixed; and they are working on redesigning some parts of the system; and will work on making it user friendly. Presently, the system is causing duplicate work for Social Workers in Child Welfare and is very time consuming. The go live date for additional counties to start has not been determined at this time.

Lastly, committee reports were given by the co-chairs. There are some policy changes in Children's Services, Foster Care and Child Care that will be coming to counties in the near future.

On June 27, 2018 representatives from the North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, from the Wilmington Regional Office, held a workshop at our agency. Myself, Program Managers, Supervisors and Lead Workers attended this session. We learned about the various ways to communicate with individuals who are deaf or have hearing loss. The team shared many resources and demonstrated devices that are available to individuals and public agencies. One of the devices was a pocket talker; which DSS currently uses in Adult Services. At some point, we may also need to seek the services of a certified sign language interpreter. This was a very informative session.

During the month of June, I attended the following local meetings: Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Community Child Protection Team, Family Empowerment Self Sufficiency Board and the Columbus County Partnership for Children Board of Directors meeting.

June 2018
Economic Services

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 237 Applications Approved: 158 Active Cases: 5,579 Benefits Issued: \$1,318,427.00 Participants Served: 11,864
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 147 Cases Terminated: 60 Redeterminations: 332 Applications Processed: 201
Family & Children's Medicaid	Applications Taken: 101 Applications Processed: 79 Redeterminations: 623 Total Medicaid Cases: 13,278 Total Individuals Receiving: 16,948
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 54 Orders Enforced: 768 Active Cases: 4,036 Collections: \$465,719.87

June 2018
Human Services

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 30 County Wards: 28 Number of Payee Cases: 16 Adults Served APS: 18 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,856 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$34,672.79

Children’s Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 36 Reports Screened Out: 27 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 43 Children Served: 83 Contacts with Families Monthly: 320 Assessments: 25
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 56 Children Placed Outside County: 15 Agency Adoptions: 0 Pending Adoptions: 6 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 5 Total Children in Foster Care: 63
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 35 Applications Approved: 23 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 288 Entered Employment: 5 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 1
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$8,907.03 New Referrals: 4 Cases Established: 5
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 376 Children on the Waiting List: 736 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$169,294.69

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: June 2018
News/Updates/Vacancies

Food and Nutrition:

We are struggling to meeting the compliance timeframes with 6 vacancies on this team. As school is out, we have a trend of more applications during summer months which will put more of a struggle to meet our compliance timeframes. This is also a program where USDA will not allow temporary workers to determine eligibility. The State monitored our files in June and we are awaiting final results of that monitoring. The monitor that came remarked that “this was one of the best counties she has monitored”. We are hoping for good results. Any county that has a least one finding, will be under a corrective action plan and she also told us that all counties right now were under corrective action.

Adult and Family & Children’s Medicaid:

The Adult Medicaid team is also struggling with timeliness of applications with 2 vacancies and still in need of another Long Term Care worker. Family & Children’s Medicaid has 2 vacancies but are able to keep their work timely. The Family & Children’s Intake/Processing Team are trying to help with taking applications for Food and Nutrition while also taking their own applications. This has helped tremendously.

Child Support and Paralegal:

Child Support only had 2 days of court in June and prepared 344 cases for those court days. Child Support continues to be out of compliance with their timeframes with 1 vacancy and 3 in training.

The State office has implemented new policy which allows clients to apply on line for Child Support which I feel will increase their application numbers.

Our paralegal prepared 219 orders and reviewed 56 orders the attorney prepared.

Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Interpreter/Maintenance and

Housekeeping/Deputy:

- WorkFirst Cash continues to meet their timeframes.
- Transportation continues to have new clients each month that need services.
- Maintenance and Housekeeping continue to keep our building and grounds clean.
- Deputy Best continues to do a great job with our security.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager
Vacancies/Updates/News for June 2018

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be fully staffed and busy! All staff have busy caseloads that include allegations of substance abuse, domestic violence, and sexual abuse, among other things. Staff are continuing to take required training. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been indefinitely postponed due to issues within NCFAST. Staff will continue to take required trainings at a slower pace at this time.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit continues to be fully staffed and busy! Staff are continuing to take required training. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been indefinitely postponed due to issues within NCFAST. Staff will continue to take required trainings at a slower pace at this time.

Foster Care/Adoptions:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues to be fully staffed and going strong. Staff are continuing to take required training. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been indefinitely postponed due to issues within NCFAST. Staff will continue to take required trainings at a slower pace at this time.

Transitional Unit:

The Transitional unit continues to plan events for LINKs foster children and Foster/Adoptive Parent Recruitment. Billboards, along with other forms of advertisement for recruitment are in place. MAPP training for new candidates for foster parents has been completed, but the detailed process of becoming licensed continues to progress for the candidates. Staff are continuing to take required training. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been indefinitely postponed due to issues within NCFAST. Staff will continue to take required trainings at a slower pace at this time.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to be fully staffed and very busy. Cases are becoming more complex with more issues. This Unit is encountering more and more issues with homeless adults and adults with mental health issues which creates other problems because of the slow response time of mental health agencies. Members of this Unit continue to cross-train in order to work together more efficiently. The addition of another position in this Unit may be a future request to help with the increasing caseloads.

Work First Employment:

The Work First Employment Unit continues to work within the NCFAST system with daily issues. This Unit continues to assist with 200%.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to work within the NCFAST system dealing with daily issues and updates. The waiting list continues to grow which is a concern for staff, but the state continues to not allow any way to work the list.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity continues to work hard to get caught up with program integrity duties and cases. Collections are increasing due to increasing caseloads and tax refund season. Only one temporary worker continues to take Crisis Intervention Program applications due to remaining funds. In June 63 applications were taken for CIP with 63 approvals. For the first time ever funding in CIP continued to be available throughout the year. New funding for the new state fiscal year is expected after the first of July.

Agenda Item #9: PURCHASING - TWO (2) FEDERAL FUNDING POLICIES AS FOLLOWS:

- A. PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES WITH FEDERAL FUNDS IV-11; AND**
- B. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS IV-12.**

Stuart Carroll, Purchasing Director, requested Board approval of the above listed two (2) policies for federal funding.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion for approval of the policies for Procurement Procedures with Federal Funds IV-11, and the Conflict of Interest: Use of Federal Funds IV-12, on the first reading, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. Commissioner Prevatte stated these were new policies and needed two (2) readings for approval. Commissioner Bullard withdrew his motion and Commissioner Byrd withdrew his second. There will be a second reading for the August 06, 2018 Meeting.

Agenda Item #10: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for PLANNED SAFETY PROJECT ALONG US 74 IMPROVEMENTS in FREEMAN AREA:

Kenneth L. Clark, PE, District Engineer, NC DOT, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Support for Planned Safety Project along US 74 Improvements in Freeman Area.

**RESOLUTION of SUPPORT for PLANNED SAFETY PROJECT
along US 74 IMPROVEMENTS in FREEMAN AREA**

WHEREAS, there exists a planned safety project along US 74 in Delco; **and**

WHEREAS, in continuation of the existing safety project, in the Freeman area, the project would begin approximately one thousand, eight hundred (1,800') feet east of SR 1845 Money Hole Road, and extend to approximately one hundred fifty (150') feet west of SR 1836 Byrdville-Freeman Road; **and**

WHEREAS, once a project is underway, it is more economical to extend the project, if needed, in lieu of ending the existing project and starting a new project at a later date; **and**

WHEREAS, there is a need for the addition to the Planned Safety Project along US 74, and this will allow for smoother traveling and safety for the drivers and citizens of Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners support the Planned Safety Project along US 74 Improvements in the Freeman Area.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 16th day of July, 2018.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ *AMON E. McKENZIE* Chairman

/s/ *JAMES E. PREVATTE*

/s/ *P. EDWIN RUSS*

/s/ *CHARLES T. McDOWELL*

/s/ *MICHAEL H. STEPHENS*, Manager

/s/ *TRENT BURROUGHS* Vice Chairman

/s/ *GILES E. BYRD*

/s/ *RICKY BULLARD*

ATTESTED BY:

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

/s/ *AMANDA B. PRINCE*, Attorney

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Support for Planned Safety Project along US 74 Improvements in Freeman Area, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of ELECTIONS HOLD a SPECIAL ADVISORY REFERENDUM for the LEVY of a LOCAL SALES TAX in COLUMBUS COUNTY:

Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners Requesting the Columbus County Board of Elections Hold a Special Advisory Referendum for the Levy of a Local Sales Tax in

Columbus County.

**RESOLUTION BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUESTING THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
HOLD A SPECIAL ADVISORY REFERENDUM
FOR THE LEVY OF A LOCAL SALES TAX
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the 2007 State Appropriations Act (H1473) amended Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes (§§105-601 through 604 and 105-535 through 538) which provides counties with the authority to levy a local sales and use tax at a rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%); **and**

WHEREAS, the above-referenced statute amendments further provide that prior to the adoption by the County Commissioners of a resolution that would levy a local sales tax, there must first be conducted a special advisory referendum whereby the County voters would have the opportunity to vote for or against the levy of the above referenced local tax by the County Commissioners; furthermore, the County Commissioners could not levy a local sales tax unless a majority of those citizens voting in the special advisory referendum vote for the levy of the tax; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners voted on July 16, 2018, at 6:30 P.M., a motion was duly made and seconded, and passed unanimously by the Board members to request that the Columbus County Board of Elections conduct a special advisory referendum in Columbus County on Tuesday, November 06, 2018 on the question of whether to levy a local sales tax in Columbus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the Columbus County Board of Elections is hereby requested to conduct an advisory referendum between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, for all of Columbus County on the following ballot question:

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ONE-QUARTER CENT (1/4¢) COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX

[] **FOR** [] **AGAINST**

Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes.

.....

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners further request that at such time the special election voting data is tabulated and certified, the Board of Elections forward said advisory referendum results to the Board of Commissioners in order that the Commissioners can further deliberate and proceed as allowed in the above referenced amendments to Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of July, 2018.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE** Chairman
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**
/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS** Vice Chairman
/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

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

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners Requesting the Columbus County Board of Elections Hold a Special Advisory Referendum for the Levy of a Local Sales Tax in Columbus County, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS to
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the Board to appoint, re-appoint or replace members on the following boards, commissions and committees.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Animal Control Advisory Council	I III	Vacant Vacant	--- ---	HOLD HOLD
Economic Development Commission Board of Directors	II	Harry Foley - Resigned	06/30/2018	Tally Bowen
Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority	EB	Carl Meares, Jr.	06/30/2018	HOLD

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

At 7:24 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 02, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

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

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

At 7:25 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, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Item, Budget Amendments, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	11,056
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenues	11,056
Expenditures	25-4140-550000	Capital Outlay	21,500
Revenues	25-3414-399100	Fund Balance Appropriated	21,500

Agenda Item #15: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Managers:

1. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development/Planning Director:** stated the following:
 - We have received \$264,000.00 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Building Reuse Program for Project Chess which is the upgrade of the former Nice Blends;
 - A letter was received today from the North Carolina Department of Commerce Utility Fund for \$2.1 million for the sewer project for the International Logistics Park, and this does not have a match of funds;

-The Toy Plant in Tabor City is doing well; **and**
 -I will have the necessary paperwork for the International Logistics Park on the August 06, 2018 Agenda for approval.

2. **Sheriff Lewis L. Hatcher:** stated the following:
 - Last week, we had three hundred (300) young people, from five (5) states, in Columbus County performing hurricane relief work;
 - The stated young people built ramps, replaced roofs and cleaned up yards from Hurricane Matthew;
 - They did work at the Sheriff's Department and performed fantastic work;
 - I truly appreciate the work they performed and through my own observation, they were most obedient; **and**
 - It is my understanding the young people had to pay \$270.00 to be a part of this program entitled "Mission Help".
3. **Larry Hayes, Maintenance Director:** stated the following:
 - We are doing some work on the Vietnam Memorial at the Courthouse;
 - I have received a bid on this work; **and**
 - There seems to be something missing inside the arch.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - Last week, Trillium presented a \$44,000.00 check to Parks and Recreation for a Day Program for the Intellectually and Developmental Delay Youth for this year;
 - I encourage you to visit the nursing homes and speak to any resident due to the fact that some of the residents never have any visitors; **and**
 - The Historic Courthouse roof is complete.
2. **Vice Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - Thank you Sheriff for the cleanup of drugs and pill pushing you have done in Columbus County;
 - We are moving forward with our ability to finance schools;
 - The Road sign is down on Cherry Grove Road; **and**
 - What items can be dropped off at the convenience centers?
3. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - A lot of political signs are still out and needs to be removed;
 - A salaried employee for the schools is writing grants and is receiving money for writing the grant up and above their salary;
 - We need to look for ways we can assist and help our Inspections Department; **and**
 - Relative to an acre of land being behind \$300.00 in taxes and the legal fees being \$600.00 to handle.
4. **Commissioner Bullard:** I would like to welcome our new County Attorney, Amanda Prince.
5. **Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - I would like to welcome the new County Attorney;
 - The Columbus County Schools would like to have a meeting with the Board of Commissioners as soon as possible, and let's try to meet next Monday; **and**
 - The Sheriff has some good deputies.

C. County Manager (Michael H. Stephens): stated the following:

1. I would like to welcome the new County Attorney; **and**
2. I congratulate Loretta Shipman, Animal Control Director, on the report from the State Inspections that I received at 5:00 P.M. today, that was 100% across the board, and this was a five (5) page report.

D. County Attorney (Amanda B. Prince): stated I thank you and I am happy to be here.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) NEGOTIATING CONTRACT for PROPOSED ACQUISITION on REAL PROPERTY:

At 8:02 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) Negotiating Contract for Proposed Acquisition on Real Property, after a five (5) minutes recess, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) (i) NEGOTIATING CONTRACT for PROPOSED ACQUISITION on REAL PROPERTY:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:37 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman McKenzie requested Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: *“The County Manager discussed with the Board of Commissioners the possible purchase or lease of real property. No decision was made”*.

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:37 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. MCKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 16, 2018
7:24 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:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:24 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 02, 2018 **Combination Meeting** 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 July 02, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:25 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 16, 2018
7:24 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:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:24 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 02, 2018 **Combination Meeting** 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 July 02, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:25 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 16, 2018
7:24 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:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:24 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 02, 2018 **Combination Meeting** 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 July 02, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:25 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 16, 2018
7:24 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:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd
Ricky Bullard

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:24 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 02, 2018 **Combination Meeting** 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 July 02, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:25 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 16, 2018
7:24 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:

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**
 Trent Burroughs, **Vice-Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 Giles E. Byrd
 Ricky Bullard

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

P. Edwin Russ
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
 Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:24 P.M., Chairman Amon E. McKenzie called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #13: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

July 02, 2018 **Combination Meeting** 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 July 02, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:25 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

AMON E. McKENZIE, Chairman