

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472



AGENDA

Monday, November 21, 2022

5:45 P.M. – Closed Session

6:30 P.M. – Regular Session

1. Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Ricky Bullard

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and N.C.G.S § 143-318.11 (A)(6) PERSONNEL

2. Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (A) (6) Personnel.

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

Regular Session begins at 6:30 P.M.

3. Invocation: Commissioner Charles McDowell
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice-Chairman Jerome McMillian
5. Approval of Board Minutes:
 - A. September 19, 2022 – Regular Session
 - B. October 3, 2022 – Regular Session
 - C. October 5, 2022 – Emergency Meeting
 - D. October 17, 2022 Regular Session
 - E. October 28, 2022 Closed Session Special Called Meeting

6. Approval of Agenda and Tax Refunds and Releases

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7. Public Input

- 8. Proclamations of Appreciation** - Presented to Vice-Chairman Jerome McMillian and Commissioner Charles McDowell for their service to Columbus County. **Pages:2-3**
- 9. Employee Spotlight** – County Manager Eddie Madden will spotlight **Sheriff’s Office Employee Deputy Sheriff/Special Assignment Richard L. Adams.** **Page: 4**
- 10. Proclamation of Congratulations:** The Board wishes to congratulate the Southeastern Oratorio Society on their 50th Anniversary. Mr. Steve Smith and Society President Mr. Paul Pope will be in attendance to receive the letter. **Page: 5**
- 11. ACT Associates, Inc. – Approval of Opioid Strategic Plan:** Cynthia “Syd” Wiford is requesting adoption of the Opioid Strategic Plan. **Pages:6-14**
(Cynthia “Syd” Wiford will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
- 12. ACT Associates, Inc. – Agreement with Healing Place:** Cynthia “Syd” Wiford is requesting approval of agreement. Minor modifications made be made by Staff Attorney Amanda Prince with approval by County Manager if needed. **Pages:15-19**
(Cynthia “Syd” Wiford will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
- 13. Administration – Trillium Agreement for Opioid Remediation:** Cindy Ehlers is requesting Board approval with the exception that Columbus County is not subject to regulations applicable to healthcare providers. **Pages: 20-71**
(Cindy Ehlers will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
- 14. SCC – Fire & EMS Safety Program:** Dr. Sylvia Cox, Executive Vice President/Chief Academic Officer, will provide an overview of Southeastern Community College’s Fire & EMS Safety Program. **Page: 72**
(Dr. Sylvia Cox will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)
- 15. Transportation – Request to Establish a Public Hearing:** Joy Jacobs, Director, is requesting Board approval to establish a Public Hearing on December 5th, 2022, at 6:30 P.M or as soon thereafter may be heard. **Page:73**
(Joy Jacobs will be present to explain and answer any questions Commissioners may have.)
- 16. Housing Authority – Approval to Increase Payment Standards for New Voucher Holders:** Rebecca Tyson, Housing Authority Director, is requesting approval to raise Payment Standards to 120% of the Fair Market Rent. **Page: 74**

(Rebecca Tyson will be present to explain and answer any questions Commissioners may have.)

- 17. Sheriff's Office – Approval of Contract with Institutional Correctional Healthcare for Inmate Medical Services:** Sheriff Bill Rogers is requesting Board approval.

Pages:75-92

(Sheriff Rogers will be present to explain and answer any questions Commissioners may have.)

- 18. Emergency Services - Approval of Bid for QRV:** Assistant Manager/EMS Director Nick West is requesting Board approval.

Pages:93-96

(Nick West will be present to explain and answer any questions you may have.)

- 19. Emergency Services – Approval of Smart Gov Software:** Assistant Manager/EMS Director Nick West is requesting Board approval. (Nick West will be present to explain and answer any questions you may have.)

Pages: 97-113

- 20. DSS – Monthly Administrative Update:** Algernon McKenzie, Director, will provide the Board with an update.

Pages:114-122

(Algernon McKenzie will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

- 21. Finance – Acceptance of the Monthly Finance Report:** Melanie Hester, Interim Director, is requesting Board approval.

Pages:123-126

(Melanie Hester will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

- 22. Finance – Approval of Sheriff's Office Budget Amendments:** Melanie Hester, Interim Director, is requesting Board approval of two Budget Amendments:

A. Sheriff's Office Benefit Payments;

Pages: 127-128

B. Sale of CCSO LESO Equipment to Professional Services; and

Pages: 129-130

C. Correction of Account Number for Previously Approved Budget Amendment

Pages:131-134

(Melanie Hester will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

- 23. Finance – Approval of Budget Amendment for Fire Alarm System at Whiteville High School Gym:** Melanie Hester, Interim Director, is requesting Board approval. **Pages:135-136**

(Melanie Hester will be present to explain and answer any questions Commissioners may have.)

- 24. Appointments/Re-Appointments/Replacements:** Staff is requesting appointments, re-appointments or replacements to the following boards, committees and councils.

Legend: EB

= Entire Board

- A. Board of Commissioners; **and**
- B. County Manager.

31. Adjournment