

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472



AGENDA

Monday, March 6th, 2023
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, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (5) REAL ESTATE, and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2. Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege, 143-318.11(A)(5) Real Estate and 143-318.11(A)(4) Economic Development.

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

Regular Session begins at 6:30 P.M.

3. Invocation: Chris Smith
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Barbara Featherson
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Proclamations- Columbus County Commissioners wish to recognize the following Ramps and Rails groups:
 - a. Beaverdam Baptist Men
 - b. Boardman Pentecostal Holiness Church Men's Ministry
 - c. Columbus Baptist Association
 - d. Hallsboro Baptist Men
 - e. Riegelwood Baptist Men
 - f. Cerro Gordo Baptist Men

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7. Public Input

8. Administration - Employee Spotlight: County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Library employee Imogene Hinson.

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9. Presentation – Update on the Healing Place – Syd Wiford with the ACT Associates will present an update on the Healing Place. **(Syd Wiford will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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10. Airport – Approval of Grant Contract- Airport Director Phil Edwards is requesting approval of a \$56,656 grant contract and Capital Project Ordinance for land acquisition and an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) relocation. No county match is required. **(Phil Edwards will be available to answer any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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11. Attorney’s Office: Evergreen Elementary School Property Letter-The Columbus County School Board is offering Evergreen Elementary for sale. **(Staff Attorney Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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12. Opioid Settlement Fund: Resolution– Staff Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of a Resolution for the Opioid Settlement Funds and Project Ordinance. **(Amanda Prince will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.)**

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13. Emergency Services: Acceptance of Grant Funding for the 911 Communications Center-Assistant County Manager Nick West is requesting approval for County Manager Eddie Madden to execute the North Carolina 911 Board FY 2023B PSAP \$4,085,560.00 Grant when received. **(Assistant County Manager Nick West will be available to answer any questions Commissioner may have.)**

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14. Finance: Acceptance of LEAD for NC Fellow for Columbus County Finance Office- Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting acceptance of this position. **(Lacie Jacobs will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.)**

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15. Administration: Approval to Reschedule March 20th Board Meeting – County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting approval to reschedule the March 20th, 2023 Board Meeting to March 21st, 2023. **(Eddie Madden will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.)**

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16. Administration: Notice of Public Hearing – Staff Attorney Amanda prince is requesting to have a public hearing on March 21st, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon as can be heard in reference to the approval of an agreement to refinance a portion of the cost of various projects

improving Cerro Gordo Elementary School. (**Amanda Prince will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.**)

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

Legend: EB = Entire Board
Listed Zone # = Individual Commissioner

Zone I:	Barbara Featherson	Zone V:	Brent Watts
Zone II:	Chris Smith	Zone VI:	Ricky Bullard
Zone III:	Giles E. Byrd	Zone VII:	Scott Floyd
Zone IV:	Lavern Coleman		

COMMITTEE	ZONE EB	PERSON(S)	EXP.DATE
Library Board of Trustees	I	Carol Caldwell	06/2021
Library Board of Trustees	IV	Nancy Sigmon	06/2022
Library Board of Trustees	V	Lou Ann Poickell	06/2022
Library Board of Trustees	VII	Pamela Stanley	06/2021
Board of Adjustments	II	Darren Mills	09/2022
Planning Board	EB	Frank Galloway	

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

18. Water and Sewer District I: Approval of Transfer of Ownership – Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting the transfer of ownership approval for waterlines from District I to Tabor City as a result of an interlocal agreement dated May 29, 2012. (**Staff Attorney Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.**)

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19. Water and Sewer District IV: Approval of Public Hearing – Assistant County Manager Gail Edwards is requesting to hold a Public Hearing on March 21st, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., for the USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Application. (**Gail Edwards will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.**)

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

20. Comments: Commissioners and County Manager.

21. Adjournment