

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, March 03, 2014****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 a public hearing and their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Amon E. McKenzie  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING OPENED:**

At 6:30 P.M., in the absence of Chairman P. Edwin Russ and Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs, Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, called the March 03, 2014 Meeting to order. Mr. Stephens cited Rule 10: Powers of the Chairperson, contained in the Board's Rules of Procedure, as follows: "... *If the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are both absent from the meeting, the Columbus County Attorney shall convene the meeting and the remaining members shall elect a Board member to preside for that meeting or until either the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson appears . . .*"

**ELECTION of PRESIDING CHAIRMAN:**

Mr. Stephens stated that at this time, I will seek nominations for a Chairman to preside at tonight's meeting.

**NOMINATION for PRESIDING CHAIRMAN:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to submit Commissioner Ricky Bullard to be the Presiding Chairman, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion that the nomination be closed, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

The motion to elect Commissioner Ricky Bullard as the Presiding Chairman unanimously passed.

**6:30 P.M.****PUBLIC HEARING**

**CDBG (FY2013) Funding:** the purpose of this Public Hearing is to obtain the views and proposals of the citizens of Columbus County with regard to the determination of priorities for the community development needs of the county.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:**

At 6:30 P.M., Acting Chairman Ricky Bullard opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to obtain the views and proposals of the citizens of Columbus County with regard to the determination of priorities for the community development needs of the county. Acting Chairman Bullard requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

**COMMENTS:**

Acting Chairman Bullard opened the floor for comments. The following spoke.

**Reed Whitesell:** stated the following:

1. I am with Holland Consulting Group out of Wilimington, and we are doing some other work with you on some planning issues;
2. Over the last thirty (30) years, this program has concentrated on a mix of housing and infrastructure needs, as well as economic development;
3. Typically the allocation, over the last several years, has been about \$42 - \$43 million, and the same allocation was granted by Congress to North Carolina, but the North Carolina Legislature has adopted a senate bill which essentially eliminated housing programs totally for 2013 and 2014, but there is language in the bill about 2015, but obviously there will be a new Legislature of some sort in 2015;
4. There is a lot of pressure about that in east North Carolina;
5. Your three (3) year trimester of scattered site project is not on the table for this year;
6. There is \$26.3 million allocated for this program for water and sewer infrastructure which can range everywhere from modification to a water/sewer treatment plant if there is an area wide benefit over 51%, and that does not apply to Columbus County;
7. It can also apply to water and sewer extensions to areas served by failing, substandard or contaminated wells where there is a need of the community for public water and/or sewer;
8. Those types of projects are the highest priorities;
9. The second tier is the project that Green Engineering has been working with you for some time, and we are proposing that you pursue which is the water extension project;
10. This is the first public hearing, and we hope we will set the public hearing for March 17, 2014, because application is due April 01, 2014;
11. The second public hearing will go into more detail and Mr. Green will be here with maps and more details;
12. The four (4) block groups that will be served are in Water District II and will include the following five (5) roads:
  - A. Ice Plant Road near Fair Bluff;
  - B. Silverspoon Road;
  - C. Braswell Road; **and**
  - D. Two (2) roads in the southwest quadrant of Chadbourn in their ETJ which are Smith Street and Broadway Road;
13. This will benefit the people that is served and improve the overall pressure and delivery in Water District II;
14. One thing that I need to mention is that the way DEHNR is interpreting the senate bill is that the line from the meter box to the house are not eligible;
15. The amount set aside for the project is \$1.19 million;
16. The application is due April 1, 2014, and it is our intention to meet that deadline;
17. It is considered to be a high priority project by our firm, and we will do our best to get the application in by April 01, 2014;
18. There are two (2) cycles, one on April 01, 2014 for \$10 million, and one on May 01, 2014 by \$50 million;
19. The other good news is that they are behind the eight ball with H.U.D.; **and**
20. Historically, North Carolina has never spent more than \$6 or \$7 million dollars a year on this type of project.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:43 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**6:43 P.M.**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:**

**MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:43 P.M., Appointed Chairman Ricky Bullard called the March 03, 2014 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to

the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie.

**Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the February 17, 2014 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Appointed Chairman Ricky Bullard opened the floor for Public Input. The following spoke.

**Kenneth H. Kelly, 181 Pinegrove Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:

1. I had a bad experience when I was in Vietnam about people being treated wrong;
2. I am not up here to criticize anyone;
3. My views and opinions are strictly mine, and has no reflection on the Vietnam Veterans;
4. The spineless politicians that left us over there in 1968, and stated the war was lost, they are liars, because we had that war won if we had continued;
5. The people that went over there are carrying the blunt of losing that war, and when we went over there, we done what we were supposed to do, and we were let down by the politicians of this country who did not stand up and say let's finish this thing and rid it;
6. I am tired of the veterans being treated like they are;
7. We, in this country, are blessed beyond belief;
8. Honor the Vietnam Veterans; **and**
9. Remember, you are up here for people, and not for yourself.

**Agenda Item #6: PROCLAMATION - APPROVAL, ADOPTION and PRESENTATION of PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to ROSELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Commissioner Bullard requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to Roseland Volunteer Fire Department, for presentation to Roseland Volunteer Fire Department.

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to**

***ROSELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT***

**WHEREAS**, the fire departments in Columbus County are noted for their ability to protect our citizens, their willingness to devote their time and efforts, and when a need arises in their community, their ability to coordinate events and fundraisers that will generate the necessary funds for a given cause; **and**

**WHEREAS**, observation has been made that ***Roseland Volunteer Fire Department*** has the ability to coordinate events, including fundraisers, that pulls willing volunteers together who work harmoniously to accomplish the task at hand; **and**

**WHEREAS**, when many people come together as one unit for a given cause, work smoothly together as a unit, it increases the ability to accomplish the goal at hand; **and**

**WHEREAS**, it is very rewarding to know that we have citizens who are willing to work together, as a team, for the greater cause.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners proudly presents this **Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition** to ***Roseland Volunteer Fire Department***, for their diligent and endless hours of dedication in their efforts to protect our citizens and coordinate events that benefit many people.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 3rd day of March, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, D-I**  
 /s/ **GILES E. BYRD, D-III**  
 /s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL, D-VII**  
 /s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK, County Manager**

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, D-II**  
 /s/ **RICKY BULLARD, D-VI**  
 /s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**  
 /s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, County Attorney**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition to Roseland Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: PROCLAMATION - VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 2014**  
**PROCLAMATION:**

Angela Norris requested Board approval and adoption of the following Vietnam Veterans Day 2014 Proclamation.

**VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 2014 PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 1962, United States Army pilots lifted more than one thousand (1,000) South Vietnamese service members over jungle and underbrush to capture a National Liberation Front stronghold near Saigon; **and**

**WHEREAS**, fifty (50) years after that fateful mission, we honor the more than three (3) million Americans who served, we pay tribute to those we have laid to rest, and we re-affirm our dedication to showing a generation of veterans the respect and support of a grateful nation; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Vietnam War is a story of service members of different backgrounds, colors and creeds who came together to complete a daunting mission; **and**

**WHEREAS**, it is a story of patriots who braved the line of fire, who cast themselves into harm's way to save a friend, who fought hour after hour, day after day to preserve the liberties we hold dear, and eleven (11) years of combat left their imprint on a generation; **and**

**WHEREAS**, thousands of soldiers returned home bearing shrapnel and scars, still more were burdened by the invisible wounds of post-traumatic stress, of Agent Orange, of memories that would never fade, and more than fifty-eight thousand (58,000) soldiers laid down their lives in service to our Nation; **and**

**WHEREAS**, now and forever, their names are etched into faces of black granite, a lasting memorial to those who bore conflict's greatest cost; **and**

**WHEREAS**, our veterans answered our country's call and served with honor, and on March 29, 1973, the last of our troops left Vietnam, ... **yet...**, in one (1) of the war's most profound tragedies, many of these men and women came home to be shunned or neglected - - to face treatment unbecoming their courage and a welcome unworthy of their example - - - **WE MUST NEVER LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN** - - - Columbus County had twenty-three (23) men who gave their lives defending our country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners proclaim that March 29, 2014 is **Vietnam Veterans Day** and every March 29 thereafter will be **Vietnam Veterans Day** in Columbus County.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman, D-IV**  
 /s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE, D-I**  
 /s/ **GILES E. BYRD, D-III**  
 /s/ **CHARLES McDOWELL, D-VII**  
 /s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS, Attorney**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Vice Chairman, D-V**  
 /s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, D-II**  
 /s/ **RICKY BULLARD, D-VI**  
 /s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK, County Manger**  
 /s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Vietnam Veterans Day 2014 Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #8: CDBG (FY2013) FUNDING - ESTABLISH DATE and TIME for SECOND PUBLIC HEARING:**

Reed Whitesell, Holland Consulting, requested the Board to establish March 17, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time to conduct a second public hearing on the CDBG (FY2013) Funding.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish March 17, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time to conduct a second public hearing on the CDBG (FY2013) Funding, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC UTILITIES. - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

	D-I	D-II	D-III	D-IV	D-V	TOTAL
New Customers Added	40	23	9	13	25	110
Total Number of Customers	1,125	1,451	1,019	779	470	4,844
Total Gallons Sold (MG)	59	63	42	38	79	281 MG
Total Revenues for Fiscal Year	\$507,330	\$870,810	\$703,084	\$424,285	\$612,942	\$3,118,451
Total Number of Penalties	3,406	3,574	2,380	2,483	1,202	13,045
Total Number of Cut Offs	906	756	427	909	346	3,344
Total Meter Tampering Fees	17	18	10	7	6	58
Total Customer Leaks	27	44	39	11	17	138

Total Revenues Received for Penalty and Cut-Off Fees Charged in All Water Districts: **\$125,195**

Total Processed Work Orders (Average of 356 per month): 4273

Total Utility Locate Requests (Request for NC DOT, Electrical/Telephone/Cable Companies): 725

Chlorine Residuals: Sampled at each well and distribution system daily

Gallons Pumped: Logged at each well daily

Water Quality: Distribution Systems are flushed daily to maintain water quality

**OTHER:****County Water in Farmers Union Area:**

Commissioner Byrd stated the following:

1. Mr. Clark, Mr. Fowler and myself met with the people in the Farmers Union area to discuss their interest in County water;
2. A lot of interest was expressed by the citizens; **and**
3. I would like for Mr. Clark to set up a meeting with Leo Green, Green Engineering, to meet with the citizens of the Farmers Union area.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion for William S. Clark, County Manager, to contact Leo

Green, Green Engineering, and discuss setting up a meeting with the citizens of the Farmers Union area and get input about a viable water system in the Farmers Union area which would involve Water Districts III and IV, and get a cost, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: APPOINTMENTS//RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS TO BOARDS:**

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
Aging Advisory Council (Region O) Cape Fear COG <b>Motion: Commissioner McKenzie</b> <b>Second: Commissioner Byrd</b>	EB	Betty Holcomb <b>(Resigned)</b>	06/30/2015	<b>Ina Brown</b>
Beaver Management Program Committee	V	Lofton Cox <b>(Resigned)</b>	N/A	<b>HOLD</b>
Nursing/Adult Care Home Joint Community Advisory Committee <b>Motion: Commissioner Prevatte</b> <b>Second: Commissioner McKenzie</b>	EB	Donna Watson <b>(Resigned)</b>	01-17-2016	<b>Sue Edmund</b>
Water and Sewer Advisory Commission <b>NOTE: Bylaws need to be amended or replaced.</b>	III IV VI	<b>VACANT</b> <b>VACANT</b> <b>VACANT</b>	<b>TBD</b> <b>TBD</b> <b>TBD</b>	<b>James Gordon, Jr.</b> <b>Kathryn Foley</b> <b>James Worley</b>

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

At 7:13 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

February 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1, for each Water District, respectively.

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

At 7:14 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 McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

## A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-5162-512100	Immunization Salaries	(2,733)
	10-5162-526001	Immunization Departmental Supplies	(5,000)
Revenues	10-3510-430032	Immunization Acton State	(7,733)
Expenditures	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles (Supplement on wrecked car)	802
Revenues	10-3431-489000	Sheriff Office Miscellaneous Revenue	802
Expenditures	10-5120-512100	Bioterrorism Salaries and Wages	3,750
	10-5120-512700	BT Longevity	35
	10-5120-518100	BT FICA	400
	10-5120-518200	BT Retirement	375
	10-5120-518300	BT Insurance	900
	10-5120-518910	BT Christmas Bonus	36
	10-5120-531100	BT Travel	1,000
	10-5120-532100	BT Telephone	530
	10-5120-526001	BT Departmental Supplies	3,474
Revenues	10-3510-430027	Bioterrorism State Grant	10,500

## B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Blanks, Sherman	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 27531	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 15-02640	Bill#:	10715
Refund user fee. Can picked up 2/3/11			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bradley, Ramona	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75773	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 14-02375	Bill#:	11306
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Agnes W.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 27679	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 15-04920	Bill#:	11711
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hinson, Linda Sadler	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 83771	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 09-03816	Bill#:	27457
Release user fee. House burned. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jones, Betty Lennon	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26438	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 14-07681	Bill#:	30141
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 7/8/10			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lawrence Investment Properties, LLC	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 5446	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 01-00273	Bill#:	31657
Release user fee. 2 dwellings vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
McCray, Nathine	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 11420	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 06-04943	Bill#:	34492
Release user fees. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00

Smith, Elizabeth & Gabrielle	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$526.25
Value: \$0.00      Year: 10-13	Account: 06-01649	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. No can sent to this address. Sending Can to home only.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Spivey, Pamela Ruth	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 09-28368	Bill#:	47314
Release user fee. Can picked up 1/23/07			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Suggs, Genevieve Evans	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 7543	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 03-24736	Bill#:	48875
Release user fees. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Thurman, Lucille	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 20285	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00      Year: 2013	Account: 11-27737	Bill#:	50059
Release user fee. Can picked up 9/3/05			

**Agenda Item #13: COMMENTS:**

Appointed Chairman Bullard opened the floor for comments. The following spoke.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
  - a. It is gratifying news coming from Gail on the five (5) roads that we have been working on for nearly a decade;
  - b. Thank you Mr. Clark; **and**
  - c. A good water system is our golden objective.
2. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
  - a. We have made some positive steps and are moving forward on the water system; **and**
  - b. Now that Hallsboro has come to reality, we are moving it forward instead of letting it lay.
3. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
  - a. We need to send a letter to Duke Energy Progress about tree limbs being cut and left on citizens' property after the ice storm which started on February 11, 2014, especially in their driveway which prohibited ingress and egress;
  - b. We need to let them know that blocking driveways with cut limbs is not acceptable, especially for our senior citizens;
  - c. Our citizens deserve equal treatment; **and**
  - d. We all know that good maintenance of the undergrowth and lines would have allowed the repair of the lines to be done quicker.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to send a letter to Duke Energy Progress expressing dissatisfaction about the trimming of the limbs after the ice storm that started on February 11, 2014, and leaving the debris in driveways which prevented ingress and egress to houses, seconded by Commissioner Byrd.

**AMENDED MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte amended his motion to read as follows: "to send a letter to Duke Energy Progress expressing dissatisfaction about the trimming of the limbs after the ice storm that started on February 11, 2014, and leaving the debris in driveways which prevented ingress and egress to houses, and to request a Duke Energy Progress representative to come and address the Board, Commissioner Byrd amended his second. The **amended motion** unanimously passed.

4. **Commissioner McDowell:** we appreciate the Veterans and for all that they do here in Columbus County.

5. **Appointed Chairman Bullard:** I do appreciate the Veterans, a lot of my family members are veterans, and they do have to deal with a lot of issues.

D. **County Attorney (Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:

**Item #1:**

1. Mr. Ronald Lane has requested a hearing before the Commissioners, or their designated representative, as far as a setoff hearing on a debt owed;
2. The Public Utilities Office sent him a notice that he was delinquent on his water bill and some other issues associated with the bill;
3. Pursuant to the statute, he has a right to have a hearing before we actually send it to the Department of Revenue;
4. He has sent a written letter requesting a hearing before the Board of Commissioners and what that hearing would entail would be the following:
  - a. Is there a debt?; and
  - b. The amount of the debt;
5. This Board can hear that or appoint someone to hear that and render a decision on behalf of the County;
6. The Board can hear that in Regular Session;

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion for William S. Clark, County Manager, to handle the setoff hearing on a debt owed by Ronald Lane, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Item #2:**

1. We had a sale this morning on some CHAF property which was foreclosed on for tax purposes which the County had to buy a couple of months ago, and then we had to turn around and try to re-sell it;
2. What I had to bid on it is the appraised value which is required by the State;
3. The only person that showed up this morning is Donald Thompson and he bid \$5,000.00
4. The appraised value is \$17,000 and it is located in Fair Bluff; **and**
- 5.. The taxes owed on this property is approximately \$5,000;

**MOTION:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to accept the bid of \$5,000 submitted by Donald Thompson for CHAF property located in Fair Bluff. The motion dies for the lack of a second.

**Item 3:**

On the Sam's Pitt Stop property, we need to go ahead and exercise that option by the end of next week, if that is still a go.

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

At 7:29 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 7:49 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Appointed Chairman Bullard requested that Mike Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *“The County Attorney discussed with the Board of Commissioners an EEOC complaint and requested direction on how to handle the complaint”*.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:51 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**RICKY BULLARD, Appointed  
Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, March 03, 2014**

**7:13 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:**

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James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:13 P.M., Appointed Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #11: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

February 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the February 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:14 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

**RICKY BULLARD, Appointed Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, March 03, 2014**

**7:13 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  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:13 P.M., Appointed Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #11: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

February 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the February 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:14 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**RICKY BULLARD, Appointed Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, March 03, 2014**

**7:13 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  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:13 P.M., Appointed Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #11: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

February 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the February 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:14 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

**RICKY BULLARD, Appointed Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, March 03, 2014**

**7:13 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  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:13 P.M., Appointed Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #11: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

February 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the February 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:14 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

**RICKY BULLARD, Appointed Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, March 03, 2014**

**7:13 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  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:13 P.M., Appointed Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #11: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

February 17, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the February 17, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:14 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**RICKY BULLARD, Appointed Chairman**