

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, May 05, 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 their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the May 05, 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 Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs.

**ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjust the Agenda as follows:  
 Agenda Item #13 will be deleted;  
 Agenda item #8 will be moved to Agenda Item #16; **and**  
 Agenda Item #16 will be moved to Agenda Item #8.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Byrd and unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE VIDEO:**

Todd McGee, Public Relations Director, NCACC, requested that a Legislative Update Video be shown at a Board Meeting in May. June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, presented the video to the Board.

**Agenda Item #5: Presentation - Historic Columbus County Courthouse:**

Paul Bonsall, Ware, Bonsall Architects, delivered the following presentation on the progress of the architectural plans for the Historic Columbus County Courthouse.

1. I would like to give you an update of the design development phase;
2. I have provided to you the Design Development Estimate Summary and this is pretty much where we want to be on our budget;
3. Built in this estimate is some fluff;
4. We have done some things to reduce the cost that will not show up in the Design Development Estimate Summary;
5. Second Floor drawing - one (1) large courtroom with a 320 seating capacity for the audience, adding modernized toilets that brings it up to current codes;
6. As a functioning building, we need to bring it up to code for today's time;
7. We have a large area for jury assembly and a deliberation area;
8. An area for judges and their staff;

**Discussion:**

- Discussion was conducted relative to the following:
- Space for the Commissioners' Board Meetings in the Historic Columbus County

- Courthouse;
  - The final decision not being made; **and**
  - Multi-purpose room in the new Courthouse Annex for the Board Meetings.
9. First Floor drawing - created a single public entrance at the main front door, which will greatly improve security;
  10. There is capacity for the staff to come in either of the three (3) other entrances; **and**
  11. Space for the Clerk of Court's Office.

**Discussion:**

- Additional discussion was conducted relative to the following:
- Wherever located, the Commissioners' Boardroom needs a platform for visibility;
  - One (1) large courtroom in the Historic Columbus County Courthouse for Superior Court high profile cases;
  - Understanding was for the courtroom in the Historic Columbus County Courthouse to be used for high-profile District Court cases;
  - The decision needs to be made at this time if the Board of Commissioners' Meetings are going to be held in the Historic Columbus County Courthouse;
  - Turning the tables around each time for Board Meetings;
  - Whatever location is decided for the Board Meetings, the arrangement needs to be stationary;
  - Direction is needed at this time to allow the architect to complete the drawings;
  - Architect having trepidation about the large courtroom working for court purposes and Board Meetings; **and**
  - The architect will be given time to think about allowing for Board Meetings in the Historic Columbus County Courthouse, and come back at a later date with a proposal and the costs that will be involved.

**Agenda Item #6: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the April 21, 2014 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes., as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Chairman Russ opened the floor for public input. The following spoke.

1. **Lynn Worrell, 166 Sam Potts Highway, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
  - A. I am addressing you tonight in response to the request made by Mayor Hilburn for you to take the contract away from the Lake Waccamaw Fire and Rescue Auxiliary;
  - B. The Auxiliary members are the exact same members that have run this department ever since it has been there;
  - C. We run every call if they need us;
  - D. Our members did leave, but that is not a matter for the Board to sort out, it is pending in court;
  - C. We answer our calls, we do a fantastic job, and we have had a 17% increase in our calls;
  - E. There has not been one time that we have gone to the Town and asked them to come and talk to us, and that is not your problem either;
  - F. It has been stated that we only did this for the money, and after all of the expenses that I incur, I make 17 cents an hour;
  - G. We only get paid \$25.00 a call with no time limitation on each call;
  - H. We did this before we got paid;
  - I. We have not done one thing wrong, and I have a petition with me requesting that the contract not be taken away from us;
  - J. I just wanted to let you know that the Lake Waccamaw Fire and Rescue Auxiliary has done nothing wrong.
2. **Daniel Timothy Hilburn, 1005 Pine Street, Lake Waccamaw, NC:** stated the following:
  - A. The Lake Waccamaw Board of Commissioners took your recommendation;
  - B. We have a Budget Meeting on Friday and would love to have your plan tonight;
  - C. The Town of Lake Waccamaw and the citizens have been running this department since 1955;

- D. The new insurance rates took effect on May 01, 2014;
- E. By walking out, the Lake Waccamaw Fire and Rescue Auxiliary has caused the taxpayers thousands of dollars;
- F. We are proposing 24-hour coverage and the Town of Lake Waccamaw will bear the expense; **and**
- G. If the members of the Lake Waccamaw Fire and Rescue Auxiliary would have recognized the new Fire Chief, in lieu of walking out, none of this would have happened.

**Agenda Item #8: BUILDING INSPECTIONS - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY and the TOWN of BRUNSWICK:**

Waties Green, Building Inspections Director, requested Board approval of the following Interlocal Agreement Between Columbus County and the Town of Brunswick.

**Interlocal Agreement Between  
Columbus County and the Town of Brunswick**

This resolution/agreement, made and entered into this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, by and between the Town of Brunswick, a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, Party of the First Part and hereinafter referred to as the TOWN, and Columbus County, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina established and operating pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, Party of the Second Part and hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY;

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the TOWN and the COUNTY, pursuant to the authority granted by North Carolina General Statutes 160A-461, hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. That the TOWN hereby contracts with the COUNTY to use the services of the Columbus County Building Inspections Department of the COUNTY to administer the TOWN'S Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance with the corporate limits and extra-territorial jurisdiction of the TOWN.
2. That the services of the Columbus County Building Inspections Department shall be performed at no cost to the TOWN. However, should any claims arise out of the services provided by the COUNTY under this agreement, the TOWN agrees to indemnify and hold the COUNTY, its employees, agents and contractors harmless from any and all claims for liability, loss, injury, damages to persons or property, costs or attorney's fees resulting from any action brought against Columbus County, its employees, agents, contractors and Commissioners arising as a result of these services performed on behalf of the TOWN that are the subject matter of this Agreement.
3. That all fees and charges associated with administering the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, shall be collected by the COUNTY, shall be the sole property of the COUNTY, and no part thereof shall be payable to the TOWN.
4. That all development to take place within the TOWN'S corporate limits or extra-territorial jurisdiction shall be subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the aforementioned Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. No building permits shall be issued for any property until the flood zone is determined and the necessary building standards are met. If the property is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area and if the structure is to be constructed within the flood hazard area, preliminary and final elevation certificates will be required.
5. That the Columbus County Building Inspections Department will use every effort to enforce the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, except that if any civil or criminal action becomes necessary, the TOWN shall bring any legal action as may be required to effectively enforce said Ordinance, upon written notice from the Columbus County Building Inspections Department of such violations. That the Agreement shall continue until such time as either the TOWN or COUNTY resolves to discontinue the Agreement and presents six (6) months written notice to the other party of said termination or upon mutual agreement of both parties.

6. This Agreement may only be modified in writing and executed by both parties.

7. That the effective date of this Interlocal Agreement shall be April 14, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town of Brunswick has caused this Agreement to be signed in its name by its Mayor, attested by its Clerk, and its Official Seal to be hereunto affixed, and Columbus County has caused this Agreement to be signed in its name by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, and attested by the Clerk of its Board and its official Seal to be hereunto affixed, the day and year first above written.

**TOWN of BRUNSWICK**

By: /s/ **NANCY L. HILL**, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ **CHERYL N. SUGGS**, Clerk

(SEAL)

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**

By: /s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**, Chair, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: /s/ **JUNE B. HALL**, Clerk

(SEAL)

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement Between Columbus County and the Town of Brunswick, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #9: PROCLAMATION - OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2014, A PROCLAMATION:**

Amanda Harrelson, Director for Department of Aging, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Older Americans Month 2014, A Proclamation.

**Older Americans Month 2014  
A Proclamation**

**Whereas**, Columbus County Department of Aging and Adult Services includes 13,826 citizens ages 60 and older; **and**

**Whereas**, Columbus County Department of Aging and Adult Services is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; **and**

**Whereas**, the older adults in Columbus County have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; **and**

**Whereas**, we recognize the value of injury prevention and safety awareness in helping older adults remain healthy and active; **and**

**Whereas**, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals young and old by:

- Emphasizing the need to take action to safeguard themselves from unintentional injuries where they live, work and socialize
- Providing information on avoiding leading causes of injury for older adults – falls, motor vehicle-related incidents, suffocation, medication overdose, and fire/burns
- Helping older adults take control of their safety and wellbeing

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that May 2014 be recognized as “**Older Americans Month**”. The Columbus County Department of Aging and Adult Services urge every resident to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

**ADOPTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
 /s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**  
**ATTESTED BY:**  
 /s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Older Americans Month 2014, A Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: PROCLAMATION - MENTAL HEALTH MONTH:**

Connie Price, Executive Assistant to Ken Jones, Eastpointe, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Mental Health Month Proclamation.

**MENTAL HEALTH MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to everyone's overall physical health and emotional well-being and caring for your mind as well as your body is good for your overall health and vital for success in personal life, at work, and at school; **and**

**WHEREAS**, mental illness will strike nearly one (1) in four (4) adults and children in a given year, regardless of age, gender, race., ethnicity, religion or economic status; **and**

**WHEREAS**, mental health problems are as treatable as many physical illnesses, and people who have mental illnesses can recover and lead full, productive lives; **and**

**WHEREAS**, an estimated two-thirds of adults and young people who have mental health disorders are not receiving the help they need; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the cost of untreated and mistreated mental illnesses and addictive disorders to American businesses, governments, and families has grown to \$100 billion annually; **and**

**WHEREAS**, community-based services that respond to individual and family needs are cost effective and beneficial to consumers and the community; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County is engaged in helping people to achieve healthy minds and healthy lives; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners has observed May as "**Mental Health Month**" to raise awareness and understanding of mental illness and mental health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of May, 2014 as

***"MENTAL HEALTH MONTH"***

and calls upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Columbus County to recognize the importance of mental, as well as physical health, and to commit our communities to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people who have mental illnesses.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
 /s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**  
**ATTESTED BY:**  
 /s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board.**

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve the Mental Health Month Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11: PROCLAMATION - COLUMBUS COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION CENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION:**

Dalton Dockery, Cooperative Extension Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Columbus County Cooperative Extension Centennial Proclamation.

**Columbus County Cooperative  
Centennial Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, May 8, 2014 marks the Centennial of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act which established Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational education system operating through land grant universities in partnership with federal, state and local governments; **and**

**WHEREAS**, U. S. Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and U.S. Representative A.F. Lever of South Carolina authored the Smith-Lever Act to expand the “vocational, agricultural and home demonstration programs in rural America” by bringing the research-based knowledge of the land-grant universities to the people where they live and work; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Columbus County is a critical component of the three part land-grant university mission and works collaboratively with research and academic programs associated with the North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University to reach traditional and underserved audiences in all communities across North Carolina; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Extension System continues to receive federal programmatic leadership and support enabled by the Smith Lever Act and other legislation through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Smith-lever Act requires a partnership between county, state and federal governments and encourages priorities be established locally to meet the needs of each county; **and**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Cooperative Extension education disseminated through Columbus County for agriculture producers has helped establish North Carolina as a leading agriculture producing state; 4-H youth development has reached millions of youth and helped prepare them for responsible adulthood by equipping them with citizenship and leadership skills; family and consumer sciences has prepared people for healthy, productive lives and breaking the cycle of poverty; **and**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Columbus County engages with rural and urban learners through practical, community-based and online approaches, resulting in acquisition of knowledge, skills and motivation to strengthen the profitability of animal and plant production systems, protect natural resources, help people make healthful lifestyle choices, ensure a safe and abundant food supply, encourage community vitality and prepare the next generation of leaders.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners recognizes the significance of the Smith-Lever Act to the establishment of Cooperative Extension nationwide. Encourages the people of Columbus County to observe and celebrate the centennial with a focus on congratulating the accomplishments of the past 100 years and ensuring a thriving future for Cooperative Extension. Honors the local Extension Agents and university faculty who dedicate careers to providing trusted education to help people, families, youth, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future. Thanks Cooperative Extension volunteers who provide thousands of hours to promote excellence for 4-H, Master Gardeners, family and consumer sciences and other programs in their communities. Encourages continued collaboration and cooperation among federal, state and local governments to ensure Cooperative Extension’s sustainability as the nation’s premiere non-formal educational network. Celebrates millions of youth, adults, families, farmers, community leaders and others who engage in Cooperative Extension learning opportunities designed to extend knowledge and change lives.

**ADOPTED** this the 5th day of May, 2014.

**Attest:**  
/s/ **June Hall, Clerk**

/s/ **P. Edwin Russ, Chairman**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Columbus County Cooperative Extension Centennial Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - DOWN EAST CONNECT ONLINE FARMERS MARKET, GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE:**

Dalton Dockery, Cooperative Extension Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Down East Connect Online Farmers Market Grant Project Ordinance.

**DOWN EAST CONNECT ONLINE FARMERS MARKET  
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE**

**Adoption Date: May 5, 20154**

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

**SECTION 1.** The project authorized is for the Down East Connect Online Farmers Market.

**SECTION 2.** The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the grant.

**SECTION 3.** The project will be executed in full during fiscal years 2014/2015.

**SECTION 4.** The following revenues are anticipated to be available to the County to complete the project as of April 2014.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	AMOUNT
13-3489-360020	NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Grant Award	\$40,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$40,000.00</b>

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

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TITLE	AMOUNT
13-4901-519955	Salaries and Wages/Executive Director	\$12,000.00
13-4901-519960	Project Manager	\$20,400.00
13-4901-519970	Marketing Specialist	\$4,000.00
13-4901-519965	Delivery	\$3,600.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$40,000.00</b>

**SECTION 6:** The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of this project. She shall keep the Governing Body informed at each regular meeting of any unusual occurrences.

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

**ADOPTED** this the 5th day of May, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ **June B. Hall, Clerk to Board**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Down East Connect Online Farmers Market Grant Project Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:** The Honorable Lewis L. Hatcher, Columbus County Sheriff, will deliver a departmental update to the Board.

**DELETED**

**Agenda Item #14: JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL - APPROVAL of FUNDING ALLOCATION for 2014-2015, CERTIFICATION, and COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Julie M. Strickland, Chair of JCPC, requested Board approval of the 2014-2015 funding allocation, the certification, and the following council members for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Specified Members (G.S. 147-33.61)	Name	Title
School Superintendent or designee	Dr. Heather Wing	Supervisor
Chief of Police	Robert Mumblow	Captain
Local Sheriff or designee	David Heller	Chaplin
District Attorney or designee	T. Heath Nance	Assistant DA
Chief Court Counselor or designee	Lance Britt	Chief Court Counselor
Director, AMH/DD/SA, or designee	William Sellers	AMH
Director DSS or designee	Jim Warlick	DSS Agent
County Manager or designee	William Clark	County Manager
Substance Abuse Professional	Rickie Rouse	Counselor
Member of Faith Community	Buddy Seay	Pastor
County Commissioner	Giles E. "Buddy" Byrd	Commissioner
Two Persons under age 18 (State Youth Council Representative, if available)	Tylah Robinson _____ Monica Williams	Student _____ Student
Juvenile Defense Attorney	David Tedder	Attorney-at-Law
Chief District Judge or designee	William Farley	District Court Judge
Member of Business Community	Sammy Jacobs	
Local Health Director or designee	Kim Smith	Director
Rep. Non-Profit - Families First	Greta Sellers	Victim Advocate
Representative/Parks and Rec.	Julie M. Strickland	Director
County Commissioner appointee	Kelly Cribb	
County Commissioner appointee	Nancy Sigmon	
County Commissioner appointee	Karen George	
County Commissioner appointee	Sandra Lewis	
County Commissioner appointee	Patrick Milligan	
County Commissioner appointee	Missy Creech	
County Commissioner appointee	Rhonda H. Bullard-Dutton	

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 funding allocation, the certification, and the above listed council members for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: HEALTH DEPARTMENT - REQUEST for 4 ½ DAY WORK WEEK:**

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Department Director, requesting Board approval for a 4 ½ day work week for the Columbus County Health Department.

Ms. Smith stated the following:

1. This is a result of a community survey;



2. The Board of Health approved a pilot of this for three (3) months; **and**
3. The Health Department receives revenue based on the number of people seen.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to deny the request for a 4 ½ day work week for the Columbus County Health Department, and for the department to stay with the same hours they have now, seconded by Commissioner Bullard.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Commissioner McDowell made a **Substitute Motion** for the Columbus County Health Department to exercise a 4 ½ day work week on a temporary basis, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie.

A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

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

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

**ORIGINAL MOTION:**

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

The **original motion** passes on a four (4) to three (3) vote.

**Agenda Item #16: PROCLAMATION - ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH:**

Amanda Harrelson, Director for Department of Aging, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation.

**ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse is the broad term used to identify mistreatment of elderly and disabled adults; **and**

**WHEREAS**, abuse and neglect of elderly and disabled adults is one of the most under recognized and under reported social problems in this country; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the magnitude of the problem is likely to increase for several reasons, especially with the anticipated rise in the number of elderly population; **and**

**WHEREAS**, mistreatment can take many forms: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect by a care giver, self neglect, exploitation, and financial exploitation; **and**

**WHEREAS**, between five hundred thousand (500,000) to five million (5,000,000) people suffer elder abuse every year; **and**

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that approximately one (1) out of every fourteen (14) cases of elder abuse is reported; **and**

**WHEREAS**, abuse of the elderly is preventable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that June, 2014, be recognized as “**ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**” in Columbus County, and that all residents and other jurisdictions are encouraged to become more aware of this problem and join in the prevention of elder abuse.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this the 5th day of May, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman, District IV**

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

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve and adopt the Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: COURTHOUSE ANNEX PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval to execute Change Order Number 3 for the Courthouse Annex Project in the amount of a decrease of ninety-seven thousand, six hundred sixty-nine, and 12/100 (\$97,669.12) dollars.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve William S. Clark, County Manager, to execute Change Order Number 3 for the Courthouse Annex Project in the amount of a decrease of ninety-seven thousand, six hundred sixty-nine, and 12/100 (\$97,669.12) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: APPOINTMENTS / RE-APPOINTMENTS / REPLACEMENTS:**

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR DATE	BOARD ACTION
Brunswick Zoning, Planning Board and Board of Adjustments <b>Motion: Commissioner Prevatte</b> <b>Second: Commissioner Byrd</b>	EB	Caletta Faulk	05-17-2014	<b>Re-Appoint</b> <b>Note: On</b> <b>condition</b> <b>willing to serve.</b>
Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority	EB	J. Lionel Todd <b>(Resigned)</b>	06-30- 2018	<b>HOLD</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 7:31 P.M., Commissioner McDowell 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 Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

April 21, 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 7:32 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs 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 Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #20: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the following Tax Releases, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$24.35
English, Thomas c/o Margaret Tart	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$425.46
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 11-13	Account: 10-04388	Bill#: 99999

Release value of s/w mobile home torn down 2010. Release Columbus Rescue(.60)  
release late list (2.51)

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$399.67
Herman, Ricky D.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$488.34
Value: \$13,644.00	Year: 10-13	Account: 01-00676	Bill#: 99999

Release value of boat. Sold in 2009. Release Brunswick Fire(34.44) release Columbus  
Rescue(9.84) release late list(44.39)

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$101.88
Lennon, Robert E. & Geraldine	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$342.38
Value: \$12,500.00	Year: 2012	Account: 15-03908	Bill#: 56565

Release value of dwelling. Billed in error. Release Acme Delco(15.00) release  
Columbus Rescue(2.50)

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$43.80
Willard, Kevin Todd	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$55.30
Value: \$1,612.00	Year: 11-13	Account: 06-02503	Bill#: 99999

Release value of boat. Sold Release Yam City (5.39) release Columbus Rescue(1.08)  
release late list(5.03)

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Gertrude (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 9614	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 05-00720	Bill#: 11913

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Jean v.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 77550	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 11-04021	Bill#: 11984

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 11-29-07

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Joseph Edward & Beverly	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 9616	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 05-00820	Bill#: 12010

Release user fee. Shop vacant. Can picked up 4/24/12

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Conley, Jimmie Shelton & Mary W.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 20894	Total:	\$659.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 11-13	Account: 12-05830	Bill#: 99999

Release user fees. Dwelling vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Creech, Wayne & Janice	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 4454	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 01-18183	Bill#: 16439

Release user fee. Used for Storage and no can.

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Davis, Willie L. & Marilyn	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 17709	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 10-03294	Bill#: 17429

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Enzor, Dwayne L.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 17582	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 10-03233	Bill#: 19333

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Enzor, Dwayne L.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 29984	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 16-00406	Bill#: 99999

Release user fees. Dwellings vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Enzor, Lawrence "Bill"	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18301	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 10-00358	Bill#: 19372

Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Johnson, John Clark	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 11260	Total:	\$43.68
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 06-21240	Bill#: 29891

Release portion of user fee. Dwelling vacant per Town of Tabor City since August  
2013.

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lighthouse Baptist Church	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2013	Account: 18-04357	Bill#: 56481

Release user fee. Paying for can on Act# 18-001322

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Mise Ernest & Virgie	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 15525	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 09-03222	Bill#:	36507
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Mise, Virgie Mae Stanley	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 16497	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 09-21080	Bill#:	36511
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Pierce, James Edward (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19830	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 11-19860	Bill#:	39951
Release user fee. Can picked up 2003			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Powers, Willie L. & Robertha	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19082	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 11-05301	Bill#:	40791
Release one can. Only 1 can.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Smith, James W. & Donna Y	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 88624	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 06-33485	Bill#:	88624
Release user fee. Had commercial hauler.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Worley, Roy Dale (Sr)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13162	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 07-05422	Bill#:	55293
Release user fee. No Can at this address.			

**Agenda Item #21: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Department Manager:**

**Amanda Harrelson, Aging Department Director:** stated the following:

1. Thank you for passing the Proclamations;
2. We are having the Senior Picnic on May 13, 2014 from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M., and everyone is invited to attend; **and**
3. We are going to have some walks in June but they have not set up the dates yet.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:

- a. I encourage everyone to vote tomorrow; **and**
- b. I have met with the people in the Farmers Union Area about the water and passed out petitions, and we will meet again on May 20, 2014.

2. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:

- a. I encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote;
- b. I want to remind everyone that it is tourist season;
- c. We need to make our County as attractive as we can;
- d. I would like to know about the Gore Lake Project or any other water project that is underway;

**Danny Fowler:** the Gore Lake Project should go out to bid in the next two (2) weeks.

3. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:

- a. I went to the Dedication Ceremony at Cerro Gordo Elementary School, Sunday afternoon, and this Board would be very pleased at what they have done; **and**
- b. I am looking forward to the meeting with the Columbus County Board of Education on May 12, 2014 to see what they have to offer.

4. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
- a. The addition at Cerro Gordo Elementary School is very nice and everyone is happy with it;
  - b. Danny, there is old furniture that has been dumped on Georgia Pacific Road; **and**
  - c. I have received some calls about the fire hydrants not being close enough to the peoples' houses.
5. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
- a. I would like for Edward Davis and the Beaver Committee to report to the Board about the Beaver Program before the end of the year; **and**
  - b. I received a call from a lady on Slippery Log Road that would like the water, and I would like for you to check into this.
6. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
- a. I did support the Lake Waccamaw Fire and Rescue Auxiliary up until the Town of Lake Waccamaw fired the Fire Chief;
  - b. When the Fire Chief was fired, all the people on the Lake Waccamaw Fire and Rescue Auxiliary quit, because most all of the members that was on the Auxiliary was on the Fire Department;
  - c. I got this information from the Tax Office this afternoon, and for the last five (5) years, the number of houses that have been sold has declined;
  - d. With a Class 6 Fire Rating, the homeowners insurance has skyrocketed in cost;
  - e. I praise the Town for getting the Fire Department up and running;
  - f. This situation is not all the Town's fault, the Auxiliary did walk out;
  - g. Lake Waccamaw has hydrilla now, and property is not selling like it previously did; **and**
  - h. This is a big hurt to the Town of Lake Waccamaw, and something needs to be done.
- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** stated that I will be presenting the Proposed Budget at the May 19, 2014 Board Meeting.
- D. **County Attorney (Mike Stephens):** stated the following:
1. We had a re-sale of some CHAF property last Monday;
  2. The Board turned down a bid of \$5,000.00 a couple of months ago at 52 Phillips Street, Fair Bluff ; **and**
  3. We had another Public Auction last Monday, and the high bidder was \$9,000.00, and I need to know what the pleasure of the Board is about accepting this bid.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to accept the high bid of nine thousand and 00/100 (\$9,000.00) dollars on CHAF property located at 52 Phillips Street, Fair Bluff, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #22: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:47 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**


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


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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

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

**Monday, May 05, 2014**

**7:31 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:**

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:31 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

April 21, 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 April 21, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:32 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

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

**Monday, May 05, 2014**

**7:31 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:**

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:31 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

April 21, 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 April 21, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:32 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

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

**Monday, May 05, 2014**

**7:31 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:**

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:31 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

April 21, 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 April 21, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:32 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**



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

**Monday, May 05, 2014**

**7:31 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:**

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:31 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

April 21, 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 April 21, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:32 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

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

**Monday, May 05, 2014**

**7:31 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:**

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 7:31 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

April 21, 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 April 21, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:32 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**