

## COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 07, 2014

6:00 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 (Arrived: 5:09 P.M.)  
 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**

**6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** **Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance** - the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public.

### PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public on the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance. Chairman Russ requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

### COMMENTS:

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

1. **Commissioner Prevatte:** For clarification, this is an ordinance, and the document we looked at before was a Land Use Plan, and this is the law.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Gary Lanier:** replied stating this is the law that would establish a general use district zoning for the whole county and any area that is not currently zoned, and it would establish certain regulated uses that would have to go before the Planning Board for a conditional use permit and there would have to be public hearings before this Board. It basically gives the surrounding landowners an opportunity to state concerns about these particular regulated uses going on next door. It specifically states that it does not affect bona fide farming operations.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated when a request comes in, it will go to the Planning Board, they will listen to it, they will make a decision, then that will be given to the Board of Commissioners to make the final decision. This document is to help people, and not to prevent growth.  
**Gary Lanier:** That is correct.
3. **Barry Gelezinsky, Chairman of Planning Board:** stated the following:
  - A. This ordinance will give the Commissioners the ability to make some choices to make sure the use of the property fits the area;
  - B. All the uses that are listed as conditional don't say that you can't do it, but it allows people to get a voice where they should be located;
  - C. This is a common sense approach;
  - D. This is a protection document for the County;
  - E. The intent of this document is not to regulate, but to protect the people on the investments they have made in the County;
  - F. This Ordinance can be amended by additions and deletions; **and**
  - G. This is a valuable tool.

4. **Alan Turner, News Media:** If the Planning Board turns a request down, will it still come before the Board of County Commissioners:  
**Barry Gelezinsky:** replied stating the Planning Board only recommends, and it would come before the Board of County Commissioners.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:13 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**6:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** **Re-Naming of Fruit Ridge Road, State Road #1440** - the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments, either oral or written, from any interested party.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the Public Hearing to order and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments, either oral or written, from any interested party on the re-naming of Fruit Ridge Road, State Road #1440. Chairman Russ requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

**COMMENTS:**

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

1. **Marie Simons, 112 Carter Road, Chadbourn, NC:** stated the following:
  - A. Gentlemen, thank you for allowing me to speak;
  - B. I am here on behalf of my mother, Dorothy baker who has been a resident of Fruit Ridge Road for 45 years;
  - C. It is my mother's wish to ask each of you to consider another path to take when it comes to honoring Chester McGlockton;
  - D. A change to the road name would be costly and a lengthy process, and several residents on Fruit Ridge Road are senior citizens with a limited income;
  - E. A monument with an appropriate carving regarding Chester's accomplishments, placed at Whiteville High School or at Legion Field would be a lasting way to honor him;
  - F. Another idea to consider in the process of honoring Chester is to pay tribute to the other outstanding athletes, scholar and armed forces personnel that Whiteville has produced over the last 5 or 6 decades;
  - G. A road sign may end up on the wall of a person's house; **and**
  - H. Please consider leaving Fruit Ridge Road's name the same, and choose another way to honor Chester McGlockton.
  
2. **Reverend Arnold Pierce, 253 Fruit Ridge Road, Whiteville, NC:** stated the following:
  - A. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in regards to Fruit Ridge Road;
  - B. My family owned that property and my uncle cut that road through there;
  - C. I am not against Chester having some trophy to honor him, but to change that road to another name would create problems, at my age;
  - D. I would appreciate very much if you take that under consideration;
  - E. I am the only original person left that lives on that road, I was born on that road;
  - F. My family use to own all that land before my uncle started selling it;
  - G. Chester could have bought that land that his granddaddy once bought right in front of me, but he never did come back;
  - H. He never came back to the community, he did not go to church out there, he did not show any interest in the community, so I can't see naming that road after him; **and**
  - I. Please take this into consideration because it will cause too many headaches.
  
3. **Matt Tedder, 110 Nance Street, Whiteville, NC:** stated the following:
  - A. We don't take for granted the opportunity to speak before you tonight;
  - B. I am here tonight speaking from my heart and a life-long friend of Mr. McGlockton, and I am here in a representative capacity for people in New York, New Jersey,

- Virginia, Tennessee, all throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas and California;
- C. The overwhelming sentiment of these people is that this is long overdue;
  - D. This is a very small gesture, and a small recognition for a man who accomplished unparalleled feats;
  - F. He will always be one of the finest products that Columbus County has ever generated;
  - G. I urge you that effective leadership, as you all know, is not always the most favorable way;
  - H. Effective leadership is doing what is right;
  - I. If it inconveniences a few folks, an effective leader will find a way to sweep that over, and move forward;
  - J. We took the inconveniences to the people that it would affect into consideration before we came before you the first time;
  - K. Compare that to this small measure of recognition to this man and it far outweighs the inconveniences that this will cause;
  - L. I feel that this County has an opportunity to do what is right, whether it is the most popular thing to do is irrelevant; **and**
  - M. I urge and encourage you to do what is right, and the right thing to do is to name Fruit Ridge Road in honor of the late and great Chester McGlockton.
4. **Sherica McKoy, 216 Fruit Ridge Road, Whiteville, NC:** stated the following:
- A. Effective leadership should have started with the residents that live on Fruit Ridge Road being asked and that did not happen;
  - B. If I am not mistaken, Chester McGlockton was born in Florida;
  - C. What he gave- starting in 1992, he bought shoes and uniforms for the basketball team for more than a decade;
  - D. He bought cleats annually for the football teams for more than a decade;
  - E. In 2002, he purchased state championship rings for the entire basketball team and the cheerleaders at Whiteville High School;
  - F. Long overdue, at Whiteville High School, and if it can't happen there, the four corners of Columbus County would look beautiful, the home of Chester McGlockton;
  - G. It will be well seen, and well recognized by the people traveling here;
  - H. In consideration of the family, they had the opportunity to do whatever they wanted to on Fruit Ridge Road and chose not to;
  - I. I have lived on Fruit Ridge Road for 34 years and have not seen Chester McGlockton not one day; **and**
  - J. If he wanted to be well known in our community, then he should have give to our community, and he chose not to, he gave to Whiteville High School.
5. **Calvin Norton (text message and telephone call to Chairman Russ):** I am not in favor of changing the name of Fruit Ridge Road.
6. **Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie:** stated the following:
- A. I have listened to everything that has been stated, and I have heard many comments from the residents that live on Fruit Ridge Road;
  - B. When any decision is made or before a recommendation is made, you should consult the people that live on the road;
  - C. Two (2) years ago, when we gave the authorization to proceed, we were going on the assumption that everyone had been contacted on Fruit Ridge Road;
  - D. I contacted Mr. Tedder and recommended that he should contact the residents on Fruit Ridge Road and ask if it would be okay to change the name; and he stated that he would;
  - E. Everyone that has objected to the road name change has stated they love Chester, are very proud of his accomplishments, and that he deserves something better than a road name change;
  - F. It has been recommended by many for a monument to be erected at Whiteville High School or Legion Stadium in recognition of Chester McGlockton only; **and**
  - G. I would like to ask Matt Tedder to head up a committee to proceed in getting a monument to honor Chester McGlockton.

**Matt Tedder:** replied stating I would be honored to do that, but still on behalf of Chester McGlockton and the people that I represent, I still strongly urge you to consider the name change

of Fruit Ridge Road, in addition to any monument that is erected in Columbus County and the State.

**Commissioner Bullard:** I would like to take this under advisement until we come to an agreement on what could be done.

**Commissioner Prevatte:** When I think of Chester McGlockton, I think of Legion Stadium and Whiteville High School. His heart was at Whiteville High School. One alternative to think about is to not change the name of Fruit Ridge Road, but place a sign under the road sign stating the home of Chester McGlockton. I will support you on that and will be happy to donate to it.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:54 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**6:55 P.M.  
REGULAR SESSION**

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

At 6:55 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the July 07, 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 James E. Prevatte.

**ADJUSTMENT of AGENDA:**

Chairman Russ stated that Agenda Item #9 needed to be deleted.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to delete Agenda Item #9, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to WHITEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WOLFPACK:**

Commissioner McDowell requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition to Whiteville High School Wolfpack, for presentation.

***RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to  
WHITEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL WOLFPACK***

**WHEREAS**, within Columbus County, you will find a vast array of athletes that range from a very young age to adulthood, who possess abilities in a wide variety of sports; **and**

**WHEREAS**, these talented athletes devote endless hours of training, discipline, dedication, and sacrifices of the condition of their physical bodies to accomplish their goals; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County is blessed to have numerous athletes who are willing to participate in the game of baseball; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the *Whiteville High School WOLFPACK* won the 2014 State 1A Baseball Championship in Zebulon, North Carolina on June 07, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, would like to recognize the following players and coaches for their achievement of winning this championship:

**Back Row - Left to Right: *Ryan Dudney, Gerardo Maggioli, Zach Pait, Connor Grainger, Nick Hood, Nydir Carr***

**Front Row - Left to Right: *Hunter Harwood, Grayson Ward, Turner Brown, Byron Leggett, Taylor Smith, Hunter Cartrette, Mackenzie Gore***

***Athletic Director: David Smith***

***Head Coach: Brett Harwood***

***Assistant Coaches: Fielding Hammond, Todd Burney and Bunky Williams***

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to each player and coach who gave of their time and abilities to accomplish this victory.

**APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

### **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**, Chairman, D-IV

/s/ **AMON E. MCKENZIE**,

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**, D-III

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**, D-VII

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**, Vice Chairman, D-V

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**, D-II

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, D-VI

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition to Whiteville High School Wolfpack, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. The document was presented to the ball team by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell.

**Agenda Item #5: PRESENTATION - RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to WHITEVILLE LADY WOLFPACK:**

Commissioner McDowell requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition to Whiteville Lady Wolfpack, for presentation.

#### ***RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to WHITEVILLE LADY WOLFPACK***

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County is blessed with numerous athletes who range in many ages and many talents, inclusive of the male and female gender; **and**

**WHEREAS**, these talented athletes devote endless hours of training, discipline, dedication, and sacrifices of the condition of their physical bodies to accomplish and excel in the sport they are participating in; **and**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County has many athletes who participate and excel in the game of softball; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the ***Whiteville Lady WOLFPACK*** is the first Whiteville High School softball team to reach the state championship series since 1982, and is the Eastern State Champions of North Carolina, and the 2014 NCHSAA State 1A Runner-up.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, would like to recognize the following players and coaches for their achievement of winning this championship:

**Back Row - Left to Right: *Coach Jimmy Williams, Lauren Worley, Sayeh Campbell, Amber Ransom, Sage McLelland, Coach Donnie Hannah, Lauren Edwards, Hannah Campbell, Malerie Leviner, Head Coach Olivia Scott***

**Front Row - Left to Right: *Grace Nance, Summer Hinson, Lorna Jackson, Autumn Wilcox, Laura Blair Thompson, Eden Brown***

***Athletic Director: David Smith***

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to each player and coach who gave of their time and abilities to accomplish this victory.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman, D-IV

/s/TRENT BURROUGHS, Vice Chairman, D-V

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, D-I

/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE, D-II

/s/ GILES E. BYRD, D-III

/s/ RICKY BULLARD, D-VI

/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL, D-VII

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition to Whiteville Lady Wolfpack, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

The document was presented to the entire ball team by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell.

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

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the June 16, 2014 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes, as recorded, and the June 16, 2014 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Chairman Russ opened the floor for public input. No public input was received either orally or written.

**Agenda Item #8: TAX - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Needom Hughes, Columbus County Tax Administrator, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

1. The Tax Office is staying very busy;
2. As of June 30, 2014, the collection rate was 96,32%
3. We are working very hard to prepare the tax bills for 2014;
4. I would like to encourage all the taxpayers that will and can to take advantage of the 2% discount in the month of August, 2014;
5. The vehicle tax collection rate has improved dramatically since the news ETS system has come into effect in September, 2013; **and**
6. We processed 1,783 deed transfers and 115 wills.

**Agenda Item #9: ROAD NAME CHANGE - RE-NAMING of FRUIT RIDGE ROAD:**

Commissioner Amon McKenzie is requesting Board approval to re-name the road in honor of Chester McGlockton. (The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:30 P.M. on this date.)

**DELETED**

**Agenda item #10: SOLID WASTE - APPROVAL of LEASE AGREEMENTS for CONVENIENCE CENTERS:**

Danny Fowler, Solid Waste Director, requested Board approval of the Lease Agreements for the Byrdville Convenience Site and the Mollie Iron Hill Convenience Site.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Lease Agreements for the Byrdville Convenience Site and the Mollie Iron Hill Convenience Site, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of the Lease Agreements will be marked as Exhibits "A" and "B", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #11: PLANNING - COLUMBUS COUNTY LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE:**

Gary Lanier, Planning Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance. **(The required Public Hearing was conducted at 6:00 P.M. on this date prior to the meeting.)**

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner McKenzie withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion for this item to be placed on the July 21, 2014 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: PARKS AND RECREATION - RECREATION FACILITY RENTAL FEES:**

Julie Strickland, Parks and Recreation Director, requested an increase in the rental fee for Riegelwood Community Center from \$75.00 to \$100.00, per day, and the establishment of a facility fee of \$75.00, per day, for the Old Dock Community Center.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the increase in the rental fee for Riegelwood Community Center from \$75.00 to \$100.00, and the establishment of a facility fee of \$75.00 per day for the Old Dock Community Center, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: GOVERNING BODY - DESIGNATION of VOTING DELEGATE:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested the Board to designate a voting delegate for the NCACC Annual Conference in Buncombe County.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to designate Chairman P. Edwin Russ as the voting delegate for the NCACC Annual Conference in Buncombe County, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: FIRE and RESCUE - UPDATE on LAKE WACCAMAW FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Mayor Daniel Hilburn delivered the following update on the Lake Waccamaw Volunteer Fire Department.

1. About a month ago, we got re-inspected and passed;
2. We have 40 volunteers and some on standby waiting to receive pagers and turn-out gear;
3. We have a mixed group of people;
4. We have a couple of hiccups as follows:
  - A. Kay Worley has not figured out how to separate Station 9 and Station 30 pagers; **and**
  - B. County's contract for rescue; **and**
5. We are asking for clarification of the County's contract and who they have it with for rescue services, because it is not clear cut.

**Discussion:**

1. The separation of the paging tones from the Columbus County Emergency Services end;
2. The group that left Station 9 and became Station 30 is doing emergency medical service;
3. The Town of Lake Waccamaw Fire Department is doing fire and rescue;
4. Eddy Morgan, Chief of the Lake Waccamaw Auxiliary, has been notified of the immediate need for pagers;
5. The lack of definement of which department owns what equipment;
6. Litigation is in process between the Town of Lake Waccamaw Fire Department and the Lake Waccamaw Auxiliary;
7. The need for a mandated date for Lake Waccamaw Auxiliary to get their pagers; **and**
8. Station 30 was not created by a vote of the Board of County Commissioners, it was given that number by Emergency Medical Services.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion for Lake Waccamaw Auxiliary to take care of purchasing the necessary pagers they need, and this to be done within thirty (30) days, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

After lengthy and in-depth discussion, it was the general consensus, based on the advice of the County Attorney, to allow the Court to run its course on this matter.

**Agenda Item #15: APPOINTMENTS / RE-APPOINTMENTS / REPLACEMENTS:**

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

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DISTRICT/ EB</b>	<b>PERSON(S)</b>	<b>EXPIR. DATE</b>	<b>BOARD ACTION</b>
Department of Aging Advisory Council	III	Raymond Shaw	06-30-2014	<b>HOLD</b>
Four-County Community Services, Inc.	EB	Richard Wilson	06-30-2014	<b>HOLD</b>
Housing Advisory Committee	III	Haynes Graham	06-30-2014	<b>David Solomon</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 7:42 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte 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 #16. COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 16, 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.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - RESOLUTION RELATING to the AUTHORIZATION of WATER and SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS of the COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Relating to the Authorization of Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

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

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner McDowell 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 Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:****Tax Refunds and Releases:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the following Tax Refunds and Releases, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$348.34
Butler, Mary L. (Heirs)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 27877	Total:	\$410.47
Value: Year: 04-13	Account: 15-08120	Bill#:	99999
Release value of dwelling. No deed can be located. Release Acme Delco(52.91) release Columbus Rescue(9.22)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$546.86
Griffin, Desiree Y	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 83742	Total:	\$1,302.08
Value: Year: 11-13	Account: 15-03628	Bill#:	99999
Release value of mobile home. Repoed 9/27/10. Release Acme Delco (81.00) release Columbus Rescue (15.22)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$956.11
Lowery, Bonnie	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$2,718.48
Value: \$0.00 Year: 07-13	Account: 13-03905	Bill#:	99999
Release value of dwelling. Should have been listed act# 13-00706. Release Roseland Fire(70.48) release Columbus Rescue(23.50) release Water II (86.38) release Late List(105.02)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$43.36
Thompson, Wanda Andrews	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$54.72
Value: \$2,520.00 Year: 10-11	Account: 06-04535	Bill#:	99999
Release value of boat. Sold in 2009. Release Yam City(5.32) release Columbus Rescue(1.06) releate late list(4.98)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Bryant, Brenda	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$603.22
Value: \$0.00 Year: 11-13	Account: 13-05654	Bill#:	99999
Refund user fees. 2011-2013. Can picked up 3/16/11. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Register, Wanda S.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 90134	Total:	\$1,084.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 09-13	Account: 03-01460	Bill#:	99999
Refund user fees. 2009-2013. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Creech, Terry L.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28635	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 15-03833	Bill#:	16430
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Donahue, Crystal	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 90404	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 03-02149	Bill#:	17918
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hall, Richard Heirs & Gennie Ree Brown	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28421	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 15-17100	Bill#:	25085
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Kinlaw, Jimmy C. Sr. & c/o Jimmy C	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 78597	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 12-14457	Bill#:	78597
Release user fee. Dwelling Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Southern Mary Ella	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75048	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2013	Account: 01-87523	Bill#:	46825
Release user fee. M/H vacant.			

## Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:

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

### A. Department Manager:

**Kay Worley, Emergency Services Director:** We will be conducting a Disaster Preparedness Training on Thursday, July 17, 2014, at Southeastern Community College, in the T-Building, Room 120, from 8:30 A.M. until 11:30 P.M.

### B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
  - A. In reference to Chester McGlockton, a bronze plaque inside the auditorium or in a high-traffic area, that visitors could see day or night, may be an idea, as well as a monument outside;
  - B. Danny, the dumpsters at Evergreen on the end of Road 242, how effective are they. I think they need to be moved back closer to Evergreen  
**Danny Fowler** replied stating that is the least used site in the County.
2. **Commissioner McDowell:** I understand that a \$2 million upgrade is going on at Legion Field. It would be appropriate for something to be added on while construction is going on to honor Chester McGlockton.  
**Commissioner Prevatte** stated this is the decision of the school and all we can do is recommend.
3. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
  - A. The 2014-2015 Budget has been approved, and it is water hookup fee reduction time;
  - B. I am recommending that the reduced water hookup fee be reduced to \$150 for six (6) months, but I will take what I can get;

Discussion was conducted about the reduced water hookup fee to be \$340.00, granting the courtesy of this decision to the Water Board who will meet the first Tuesday in August, there being several congested areas in the County that are requesting County water, taking these requests for County water to the Water Board and let them make recommendations to this Board, and the County water system appears to be growing.

- C. I have received a few telephone calls, and I went by to see for myself, and the landscape at Southeastern Community College needs to be spruced up.
4. **Vice Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
  - A. Danny, have you checked into the driveway on Highway 701 that we discussed?  
**Danny Fowler:** replied stating yes I did, and the contractor is suppose to be taking care of this, and if he doesn't do it by the end of the week, we will do it.
  - B. Gary, have you looked at the scattered burned out sites?  
**Gary Lanier** replied stating that there is a grant for the removal of abandoned mobile homes, and we are checking into this.
5. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
  - A. Kay, I have been getting some complaints on your 911 operators. The fire and rescue people are stating they are not cooperating like they should, and you need to speak to them, and ask them to handle the calls in a professional manner; **and**
  - B. We have two (2) employees at the Tax Office, one for 42 years, and one for 31 years, and they are not even in the middle of the pay scale.

### C. County Manager (William S. Clark): stated the following:

1. At the last Board Meeting, you asked me to look into the County Vehicle Policy;
2. I have compiled a list of all of the vehicle assignments for the Sheriff's Department vehicles and all of County vehicles; **and**

3. You can look at this information and decide how you would like to handle this.

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

1. I broke a cardinal rule earlier in my discussion with Mr. Hilburn, and apologize for that to this Board and the citizens sitting out here, I let my emotions dictate the tone of my voice if it appeared that I was getting a little upset;
2. I felt like some comments were being made, and you being my client, and Mr. Clark being my client, I felt I needed to respond and clarify some statements that had been made, but I should have handled in a different manner;
3. We have not had an upset bid on the property on Bluebird Lane as of 5:00 P.M. today;
4. Southeast Properties of Columbus, LLC made that offer and he gave what we had paid Mr. Thompson for the property;
5. If you accept his bid of eight thousand, two hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$8,250.00) dollars, we can go forward.

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to accept the bid of eight thousand, two hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$8,250.00) dollars for the property on Bluebird Lane, by Southeast Properties of Columbus, LLC, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 8:11 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter 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 McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #20: 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 8:47 P.M., Vice Chairman Burroughs 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:**

Chairman Russ requested Mike Stephens to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: "Attorney Dennis Worley addressed the Board of Commissioners on the status of the litigation involving Carolina Southern Railroad Company."

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

**Agenda Item #21: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:48 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. 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, July 07, 2014**

**7:42 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 7:42 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 #16. COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 16, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the June 16, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, July 07, 2014**

**7:42 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 7:42 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 #16. COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 16, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the June 16, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, July 07, 2014**

**7:42 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 7:42 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 #16. COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 16, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the June 16, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, July 07, 2014**

**7:42 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 7:42 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 #16. COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 16, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the June 16, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - RESOLUTION RELATING to the AUTHORIZATION of WATER and SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS of the COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Relating to the Authorization of Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:30 P.M., on July 7,

2014.

Present: Chairman P. Edwin Russ, presiding, and Commissioners Amon E. McKenzie, James E. Prevatte, Giles E. Byrd, Trent Burroughs, Ricky Bullard and Charles T. McDowell.

Absent: None.

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Commissioner P. Edwin Russ introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina (the “District”), owns certain public utility or public service enterprise facilities comprising a water system of the District;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the District (the “Board”), has determined that it is necessary to acquire, construct and equip certain improvements to the water system of the District, including the construction of additional water mains, an additional elevated water storage tank and appurtenant facilities, the improvement of existing water supply wells and the acquisition of any necessary land, rights of way and equipment therefor (the “Project”), in order to provide water service at an acceptable level in the areas served or to be served by the District;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is necessary to issue revenue bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,337,000, secured by a pledge of the net receipts of the District’s water and sewer system (the “Bonds”), for the purpose of providing funds, with other available funds, for paying the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project; **and**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to take certain related action at this time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED** by the Board, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Board hereby finds and determines in connection with the issuance of the Bonds that (i) the issuance of the Bonds is necessary or expedient for the District to pay the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project to provide water service at an acceptable level in areas served or to be served by the District, (ii) the proposed principal amount of the Bonds will be sufficient but not excessive for the proposed purpose of such issue because it is based on the best estimates of the District of the cost of the Project (which is greater than the principal amount of the Bonds) and the amount of other funds that will be available to supplement the proceeds of the Bonds to pay such cost, (iii) the proposed financing described above is feasible because the net receipts of the District’s water and sewer system are expected to be sufficient to pay the costs of operating and maintaining such system and debt service on the Bonds, (iv) the District’s debt management

procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law and (v) under current economic conditions the Bonds can be marketed at a reasonable interest cost to the District.

**Section 2.** The County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of the District are each hereby designated as a representative of the District to file an application for approval of the Bonds with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the “Local Government Commission”) and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with authorizing the issuance of the Bonds; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers relating to such matter on behalf of the District are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

**Section 3.** The Local Government Commission is hereby requested to sell the Bonds at private sale without advertisement to any purchaser or purchasers thereof, at such prices as the Local Government Commission determines to be in the best interest of the District, subject to the approval of the District.

**Section 4.** The law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, is hereby confirmed as bond counsel in connection with the authorization and issuance of the Bonds.

**Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Ricky Bullard, seconded by Commissioner Trent Burroughs, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Amon E. McKenzie, James E. Prevatte, Giles E. Byrd, P. Edwin Russ, Trent Burroughs, Ricky Bullard and Charles T. McDowell.

Noes: None.

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I, June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on July 7, 2014 as relates in any way to the matters described therein and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 34 of the minutes of said Board, beginning on Page 1 and ending on page \_\_\_\_.

**I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY** that notice of said meeting was duly given in accordance with G.S. §143-318.12.

**WITNESS** my hand and the corporate seal of said District, this 7th day of July 2014.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Resolution Relating to the Authorization of Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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, July 07, 2014**

**7:42 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 7:42 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 #16. COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 16, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the June 16, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:43 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**