

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, November 03, 2014****6:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting two (2) public hearings and 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**

**6:30 P.M.****PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM APPLICATION:**

the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties.

**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 from all interested parties on the Proposed Columbus County Community Transportation Program Application. Chairman Russ requested that Michael Hampton Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

**COMMENTS:**

**Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director:** stated the following:

1. This application is for administrative and capital funds;
2. The State government will pay eighty-five (85%) percent of the Administrative funds and ninety (90%) percent of the capital funds;
3. The remaining funds will come from our reserves, and there is no cost to the County; **and**
4. This is just an opportunity for people to voice their opinion.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 6:33 P.M., Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**6:33 P.M.****REGULAR SESSION****Agenda Items #1, #2 and #3:****MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

At 6:33 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the November 03, 2014 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd.

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

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the October 20, 2014 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

**Robert Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:

1. I would like to thank the Board for passing the resolution at the October 20, 2014 Board Meeting opposing the ruling on same-sex marriage; **and**
2. This Resolution is well needed.

**Agenda Item #6: WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS - WHITEVILLE ACADEMY BUILDING AND PROPERTY:**

Charles K. Garland, Superintendent of Whiteville City Schools, requested approval to lease or sell the former Whiteville Academy Building and property.

William S. Clark, County Manager, stated that the Board passed a motion at the June 04, 2012 Board Meeting, giving them the authority to sell or lease the Whiteville Academy Building and property, and I have informed Mr. Garland of that, and we do not need to take any action tonight.

**Agenda Item #7: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION ADOPTING the COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN for TABOR CITY, NORTH CAROLINA:**

North Carolina Department of Transportation - Transportation Planning Branch, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Adopting the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Tabor City, North Carolina.

**RESOLUTION  
ADOPTING the COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
for TABOR CITY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tabor City, Columbus County and the Transportation Planning Branch, North Carolina Department of Transportation actively worked to develop a comprehensive transportation plan for the Town of Tabor City; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Department of Transportation are directed by North Carolina General Statutes 136-66.2 to reach agreement for a transportation system that will serve present and anticipated volumes of traffic in the County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that the proper movement of traffic within and through Columbus County is a highly desirable element of the comprehensive plan for the orderly growth and development of the County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, after full study of the plan, and following adequate public involvement, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners feels it to be in the best interest of Columbus County to adopt a plan pursuant to General Statutes 136-66.2.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the Tabor City Comprehensive Transportation Plan, dated September 2, 2014, that is within its planning jurisdiction, and endorses the portion of the plan outside the County's planning jurisdiction. This plan should be approved and adopted as a guide in the development of the transportation system in the Town of Tabor City and Columbus County and the same is hereby recommended to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for adoption, the Town of Tabor City for adoption, and the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization for endorsement.

**ADOPTED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 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 and adopt the Resolution Adopting the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Tabor City, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #8: DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

**Columbus County Economic Development Projects - Industrial**

Project Start	Incentive Grant	Project/ Company	Investment Committed	*Actual Investment	New Jobs Committed	*New Jobs Created	Comments
2012	Yes	West Fraser (Phase II)	\$15,500,000	\$13,215,940	0	0	100+ outside logging jobs expected to be created
2012	Yes	Direct Market Access	\$823,000	\$1,293,935	5	7	Expanded into new building
2012	Yes	MaxPro Manufacturing	\$5,180,000	\$8,500,000	26	13	
2012	Yes	Top Tobacco (exp. #3)	\$7,500,000	\$5,735,774	5	12	
2013	Yes	West Fraser (phase III)	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	6	6	
2013	Yes	Ply Gem Industries (Kroy)	\$15,500,000	-	127	30	\$25,000 one-time incentive grant; investment unknown at this time; jobs have been added slowly as process is refined
2013	No	Toad Campers	\$100,000	\$100,000	30	12	
2013	Yes	National Spinning	\$686,776	\$686,776	6	6	
2014	Yes	National Spinning	\$342,195	342,195	9	9	
2014	Yes	Black's Tire	\$1,000,000	-	0	0	Actual investment unknown at this time
2014	Yes	Filtec precise	\$1,445,000		15		Construction to begin soon
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$56,076,971</b>	<b>\$37,874,620</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>95</b>	

\*To Date

**Columbus County Economic Development Projects - Building Reuse & Restoration Rural Hope Grants**

Applied	Awarded	Project/Company	Grant Amt Requested	Grant Amount Awarded	Jobs Committed	Comments
2012	2012	Project Cinema (MaxPro Manufacturing)	\$312,000	\$312,000	26	
2013	2013	Project Green (Ply Gem Industries)	\$194,504	\$194,504	127	145 jobs expected but only 127 committed for grant amt requested
2013	Withdrawn	Project Richard (Community Support Agency)	\$250,000	-	50	Project delayed- planning to revise and resubmit application
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$756,504</b>	<b>\$506,504</b>	<b>203</b>	

**Columbus County Economic Development Projects - Other Grants**

Applied	Awarded	Project/Company	Grant Amt Requested	Grant Amt Awarded	Jobs Committed	Comments
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2012	2012	MaxPro Manufacturing	\$118,617	\$ -	26	Grant in process through Commerce from Industrial Dev Fund to put in water and sewer to Shell Building
2012	2012	MaxPro Manufacturing	\$100,000	\$100,000		Grant through NCDOT to extend Industrial Blvd. Across Chadbourne Hwy.
2012	Denied	Columbus Alternative Energy & Ag-Biotechnology Center	\$100,000	\$ -		Economic Innovation Grant -Application Letter of Intent sent to NC Rural Center
2013	2013	Ply Gem (Kroy)	\$150,000	\$150,00	145	OneNC Grant
2013	2013	Ply Gem (Kroy)	\$25,000	\$25,000		145 jobs expected but only 127 committed for grant amount requested
2013	Withdrawn	Greenhouse Project	\$60,000	\$ -	?	Project put on hold with Tobacco Trust Fund
2014		Carolina Southern Railroad Appraisal	\$200,000	\$200,000		Grant through Golden LEAF & NC DOT to pay for RR Appraisal
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$753,617.00</b>	<b>\$475,000</b>	<b>171</b>	

**Columbus County Economic Development Projects - Restaurant & Retail Establishments**

Project Start	Incentive Grant	Project/Company	Comments
2012	No	Roses	
2012	No	Big Lots	Expansion to new store
2012	No	Family Dollar - Tabor City	
2012	No	Subway - Whiteville North	
2013	No	Dollar Tree	Expansion to new store
2013	No	Papa John's	
2013	No	McDonalds's - Tabor City	
2013	No	Pet Sense	
2013	No	Panchitos Mexican Restaurant	
2013	No	Franco's NY Pizza	
2013	No	Southern Sisters/Country Boy Outfitters	Relocation to new store
2013	No	Byrdville Farm Market	
2013	No	Turner's Restaurant	
2013	No	Cititrends	
2013	No	Dollar General	Expansion to new store
2013	No	Jimmy's Seafood	Expansion (now Mark's Seafood)
2013	No	Nikki Couture Bridal & Formal Wear	
2014	No	Darryl's Bakery	
2014	No	Slugger's Deli	Conversion of former Taco Bell location

<b>Columbus County Renewable Energy Projects</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Date On Line</b>	<b>Developer</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b><u>On Line:</u></b>				
Bowman Farm (Chadbourn Solar Farm)	Midway Road, Whiteville	2012	Strata Solar	Solar
McKenzie Farm	Maultsby St., Whiteville (in city)	2013	Strata Solar	Solar
Garrell Farm	Georgia Pacific Road, Chadbourn	2013	Strata Solar	Solar
Chauncey Farm	Chauncey Town Rd, Lake Waccamaw, NC	2014	Strata Solar	Solar
Columbus County Landfill Gas Project	Former Landfill Site, Whiteville, NC	2013	Columbus Co	LG
<b><u>Under Construction/Funding Approved:</u></b>				
Dessie Farm	Dessie Road, Chadbourn, NC	80% Complete	Heliosage	Solar
Broadway Solar Farm	Dessie Road, Chadbourn, NC	USDA Loan Guarantee Approved	Heliosage	Solar
Graham Solar Farm	471 Graham St., Fair Bluff, NC	Under Construction	Heliosage	Solar
<b><u>Planned for 2015:</u></b>				
Innovative Solar 71	1061 Swamp Fox Hwy E., Tabor City, NC		Innovative Solar	Solar
Innovative Solar 72	200 Barnhill Lane, Tabor City, NC		Innovative Solar	Solar
Cronley Bluffs Farm	Cronley Road, Delco, NC		Strata	Solar
Meares Solar Center, LLC	497 Graham Street, Fair Bluff, NC		Heliosage	Solar
International Paper			Woody Biomass Project	

**Agenda Item #9: COURTHOUSE ANNEX PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 5:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested approval to execute Change Order Number 5, for the Courthouse Annex Project.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve William S. Clark, County Manager, to execute Change Order Number 5, for the Courthouse Annex Project, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #10: RESOLUTION - A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Supporting Efforts to End Human Trafficking

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS**

**to END HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a \$32 billion dollar a year global criminal activity, a public health issue and a human rights violation; **and**

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking enslaves hundreds of thousands of victims every year, 80% female, 50% under age of 18, and at least 200,000 American children are at risk each year for human trafficking; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the United States is a major destination country for international trafficking victims as approximately 17,500 persons are trafficked into the United States each year; **and**

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of forced labor or sexual servitude; **and**

**WHEREAS**, traffickers use force, fraud and coercion to draw victims into lives of servitude and abuse, frequently subjecting victims to rape, beating, debt bondage, confinement, involuntary servitude and psychological and emotional abuse; **and**

**WHEREAS**, victims of human trafficking can frequently be found in domestic labor situations, construction, farmwork, hotel, restaurant and tourist industries, janitorial work and the commercial sex industry; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress responded to the presence of human trafficking by adopting the Trafficking Victims Protection Act in 2000 with current re-authorizations, and North Carolina enacted the NC Trafficking Victims Protection Act in 2007, and signed into law the Safe Harbor Law (NCSB683) in 2013 to protect minors and to better prosecute offenders and those contributing to the crime of human trafficking; **and**

**WHEREAS**, these legislative acts emphasize the prevention, protection and prosecution model implemented through inter-disciplinary cooperation at the local, state and federal level for the elimination of human trafficking; **and**

**WHEREAS**, systematic approaches to detect trafficking, to create protocols for response, and to provide services to trafficked victims, while holding traffickers accountable for their crimes are all crucial steps in eradicating trafficking; **and**

**WHEREAS**, trafficking related incidents place North Carolina in the top ten states for the presence of human trafficking, and FBI analysts estimate that nearly 25% of international trafficking victims are transported to the southeastern United States region; **and**

**WHEREAS**, raising local awareness and providing education is crucial to the successful elimination of human trafficking in Columbus County, our State of North Carolina and our United States; **and**

**WHEREAS**, not-for-profit and faith based organizations within and outside our jurisdiction have provided leadership, philanthropy, advocacy and dedication to combating human trafficking.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners in North Carolina, that this body will support efforts locally, statewide and nationally to combat the atrocity of human trafficking through coordination of efforts with regard to protection, prosecution and the prevention of human trafficking; **and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that our Columbus County leadership will take proactive steps to reduce the vulnerability of all its citizens to human trafficking by promoting a community environment where citizens, families and children thrive, free from trafficking of persons.

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

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman, District IV

/s/ TRENT BURROUGHS, Vice Chairman, District V

/s/ AMON E. McKENZIE, District I

/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE, District II

/s/ GILES E. BYRD, District III

s/ RICKY BULLARD, District VI

/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL, District VII

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

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Supporting Efforts to End Human Trafficking, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - NC DOT GRANT RESOLUTION and ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:**

Charles Patton, Public Transportation Director, requested Board approval and authorization for the Chairman to sign the following resolution and all related documents.

**COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION****Section 5311****FY 2016 RESOLUTION**

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Community Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and to provide the required local match.

A motion was made by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie and seconded by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; **and**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; **and**

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); **and**

WHEREAS, COLUMBUS COUNTY hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project, prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state Statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements which relates to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Chairman of the Columbus County Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural public transportation services.

I, **JUNE B. HALL**, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Columbus County Commissioners duly held on the 3rd day of November, 2014.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL**

Signature of Certifying Official

\*Note that the authorized official, certifying official, and notary public should be three separate individuals.

Subscribed and sworn to me: 11-05-2014

/s/ Debra J. Epps

Notary Public \*

68 Carucci Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472

Seal

My commission expires: October 05, 2019.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to approve and adopt the Community Transportation Program Resolution, and for the Chairman to sign all related documents, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 6:41 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 20 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 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I and II, and Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts III, IV and V.

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

At 6:42 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie 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 Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

**A. Budget Amendments:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-5112-526001	Coop Departmental Supplies	21,250
Revenues	10-3510-430025	General Medicaid	21,250
Expenditures	10-5197-512100	HP Salaries	5,000
	10-5197-518100	HP FICA	200
	10-5197-518200	HP Retirement	100
	10-5197-518300	HP Insurance	500
	10-5197-526001	HP Departmental Supplies	7,957
Revenues	10-3510-430049	HP State Grant	13,757
Expenditures	10-5121-526001	Comm Disease Departmental Supplies	1,000
Revenues	10-3510-430057	Communicable Disease State	1,000

**B. Tax Releases:**

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$22.54
Graham, Ludie Mitchell	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$242.78
Value: \$2,800.00	Year: 2014	Account: 08-00155	Bill#: 74099
Release value of mobile home. Should have received total exemption. Release St. James(1.68) release Columbus Rescue(.56)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Hilburn, Jesse W.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 83304	Total:	\$23.98
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2010	Account: 16-08461	Bill#: 44285
Release Water II. Discharged from bankruptcy. (23.98)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$40.55
Hinson Marion Legrant	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$702.73
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 2010-	Account: 13-04329	Bill#: 99999
Release value of mobile home. DBL Act#16-00538. Release Columbus Rescue(1.00)			



release late list(4.18)

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$9.07
Jacobs, Jacqueline & Tammy W	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 9403	Total:	\$9.07
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 04-08206	Bill#: 79211
Release 2% computer discount amount. Computer error.			

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$59.25
Midway Property Trust (The)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$294.51
Value: \$7,360.00	Year: 2014	Account: 15-00264	Bill#: 86347
Release total value of mobile home. Sold and rebilled with land Act#15-04858. Release Acme Delco(8.83) release Columbus Rescue(1.47) release late list(6.96)			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Barsh, Elizabeth Hyatt	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28565	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 15-00906	Bill#: 59082
Release user fee. Sold and moved.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Lewis, Betty J.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 11-03921	Bill#: 82420
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Long Tanya Mae	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 13390	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 13-14	Account: 07-011231	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant. Can picked up 7/24/09			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Pope, James Morris	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 75852	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 11-20722	Bill#: 90339
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Ward, Faye Housand	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 92506	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2014	Account: 07-02561	Bill#: 2138
Release user fee. Can picked up 2/20/09			

**Agenda Item #14: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Department Manager:**

**Gary Lanier, Economic Development/Planning Director:** stated he has a new assistant, Samantha Alsup, in the office who is working very efficiently.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
  - a. Everybody is invited to Nakina on Sunday, at 2:00 P.M., for the Veterans Day Parade, and we will feed you; **and**
  - b. Tomorrow is election day, and I encourage everyone to vote.
2. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
  - a. I would like to change my vote to yes on the Resolution relative to same-sex marriage that was approved and adopted at the October 20, 2014 Board Meeting;
  - b. There was not time for me to read and interpret the context of the Resolution;
  - c. After reading and proper interpretation of what the resolution was stating, I would like to change my vote to a yes vote; **and**
  - d. I contacted the County Attorney and he has instructed me as to what needs to be done to change my vote.
3. **Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs:** stated the following:
  - a. I would like to congratulate Needom Hughes for acquiring all the needed credentials to be the official Tax Administrator; **and**
  - b. The Ritz Marque Lighting will be held on November 06, 2014, at 6:00 P.M., and we hope to have a big attendance.

4. **Commissioner Prevatte:** Mr. McKenzie, I admire you for wanting to change your vote on the Resolution pertaining to same-sex marriage.
  5. **Commissioner Byrd:** I would like to appoint Milton McLean to the Beaver Management Committee.
  6. **Chairman P. Edwin Russ:** stated the following:
    - a. On October 22, 2014, Cherie Berry, North Carolina Commissioner of Labor, presented the prestigious SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program) Award for 2014 to Metal Recycling Services's (MRS) Whiteville recycling facility; **and**
    - b. This guy has been working with Stuart Carroll with the County on safety.
- C. **County Manager (William S. Clark):** I would like to remind everyone about the naming of the Aging Building on November 17, 2014, at 10:00 A.M., at the Aging Building.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION for a NINE (9) MINUTE RECESS:**

Due to a scheduled 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing, Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session for a nine (9) minutes recess, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**RESUME REGULAR SESSION:**

At 7:00 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:**

At 7:01 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Public Hearing.

**7:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - MONARCH'S APPLICATION for NC DOT 5310 TRANSPORTATION GRANT:** the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 7:01 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties on Monarch's application for a North Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 Grant.

**COMMENTS:**

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

**Amy Chavis, Monarch Program Director:** stated the following:

1. As a requirement of the grant, Monarch requested this Public Hearing be held before the Columbus County Board of Commissioners;
2. This grant will support transportation costs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to and from the day programs at Columbus Industries;
3. No Commissioner vote or additional action is needed;
4. In Columbus County, Monarch provides day programs for nearly sixty (60) individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities;
5. This grant is federal transportation money distributed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation;
6. This grant application is due November 21, 2014 and is for funding for 2015; **and**
7. The grant amount is \$75,127.00.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 7:03 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to close the Public Hearing and

resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) PERSONNEL:**

At 7:04 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (6) PERSONNEL:**

No official action was taken.

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

At 7:27 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Chairman Russ requested Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: "The County Manager discussed with the Board of Commissioners the vacancy at HUD and discussed Ms. Betty McKeithan's qualifications as HUD Director. He recommended Ms. McKeithan to fill the position as HUD Director. The second part of our Closed Session also involved personnel. The Commissioners discussed the position of Columbus County Maintenance Director currently filled by Mr. Tony Soles."

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Vice Chairman Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to accept the recommendation by Mr. Clark to hire Betty McKeithan as the HUD Director, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #16: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:29 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, November 03, 2014  
6:41 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 6:41 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 20, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the October 20, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:42 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. 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, November 03, 2014**

**6:41 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 6:41 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 20, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the October 20, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:42 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. 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, November 03, 2014**

**6:41 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 6:41 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 20, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the October 20, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:42 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. 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, November 03, 2014**

**6:41 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 6:41 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 20, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the October 20, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:42 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. 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, November 03, 2014**

**6:41 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 6:41 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 #12: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

October 20, 2014 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the October 20, 2014 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:42 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**