

## COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 06, 2015

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:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
 Ricky Bullard, **Vice Chairman**  
 Amon E. McKenzie  
 James E. Prevatte  
 Giles E. Byrd  
 P. Edwin Russ  
 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 Trent Burroughs called the July 06, 2015 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Amon E. McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Randy Norris, President of the Veterans Memorial Park Association, as requested by Commissioner James E. Prevatte.

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

Commissioner Prevatte presented the following Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition to Whiteville High School Wolfpack.

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

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County is blessed with athletes with many talents and strong determination;  
**and**

**WHEREAS**, the athletes in Columbus County give many hours of their time to work together and improve their talents in every way they can; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the *Whiteville High School WOLFPACK* won the 2015 State 1A Baseball Championship at Five County Stadium in Zebulon, North Carolina on June 06, 2015.

**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:

**Front Row (Left to Right): Cameron Cartrette, Hunter Cartrette, Taylor Smith, Turner Brown, Chad Hilburn, Hunter Harwood, Byron Leggett, Brooks Baldwin**

**Back Row (Left to Right): Coach Brett Harwood, Coach Bunkie Williams, Cyrus Jacobs, Nick Hood, Grayson Ward, Kenzie Gore, Zach Pait, CJ Hammond, Connor Grainger, Gerardo Maggioli, Ryan Dudney, Coach Fielding Hammond, Coach Todd Burney**

**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 win this championship.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**, Chairman, D-V  
 /s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE**, D-I  
 /s/ **GILES E. BYRD**, D-III  
 /s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**, D-VII  
 /s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS**, County Attorney

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, Vice Chairman, D-VI  
 /s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**, D-II  
 /s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**, D-IV  
 /s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK**, County Manager

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition to Whiteville High School Wolfpack, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5: Board Minutes Approval:**

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the June 15, 2015 Regular Session Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:**

Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for Public Input. The following spoke.

1. **Kenneth H. Kelly, 181 Pinegrove Road, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
  - I am here tonight in honor of the veterans and my daddy which was a veteran;
  - He was wounded by a German sniper in World War II;
  - He was a devout Christian and he helped make it possible for you to worship Christ; **and**
  - You will never go wrong by supporting veterans, and will be greatly appreciated.
2. **Robert E. Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:
  - I would like to compliment the veterans of Columbus County;
  - My dad and his four (4) brothers were in war and were killed; **and**
  - The veterans in Columbus County are not fly-by-night people.
3. **Anita Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:
  - I am the Vice President of the Columbus County Veterans Association;
  - I am a Vietnam Era victim, and served in the Medac Division;
  - The County needs a Veterans Park;
  - We are working with members of different chapters; **and**
  - We honor past, present and future veterans.

**Agenda Item #7: VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK - UPDATE:**

Randy Norris delivered the following update, and requested allotted money.

1. We are a true 501 (c) (3) entity;
2. We have been actively seeking donations and have held three (3) fund raisers, and are doing the five and 00/100 (\$5.00) dollars challenge currently;
3. Commissioner Prevatte has donated five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars to the Veterans Parks and I challenge the rest of the Commissioners to do the same;
4. Our current balance, as of today, is twenty-six thousand, seventy-eight, and 37/100 (\$26,078.37) dollars;
5. We have spent endless hours searching for land for the Veterans Park;
6. We have been turned down by corporations for financing until we locate land;
7. We have four thousand, six hundred sixty-five (4,665) veterans in cemeteries in Columbus County;
8. We have four thousand (4,000) registered living veterans in Columbus County;
9. There are seven (7) acres of cleared land, and 8.52 acres of uncleared land;
10. This is a public park;
11. This park will bear the name of Veterans Memorial Park of Columbus County, Incorporated;
12. We are asking that you will help with the remaining balance we need to pay for this land; **and**

13. The address is 6354 James B. White Highway South, four (4) miles from New Hope, and the cost of the land is sixty-five thousand, and 00/100 (\$65,000.00) dollars.

After discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board for Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, to check into this to find the best way for the Board to go forward with this matter.

**Agenda Item #8: SHERIFF - CCSO GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

Sheriff Lewis L. Hatcher provided the following information to the Board on grants that have been applied for.

1. One (1) grant is the JAG local solicitation grant which is allocated every year, and they allocated \$10,536;
2. One (1) grant is the Alzheimers Disease Initiative Grant which is to purchase new equipment; **and**
3. There is no match to these grants.

**Agenda Item #9: PLANNING - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:**

Gary Lanier, Planning Director, requested July 20, 2015, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time to be established for a quasi-judicial hearing for a conditional use permit by Strata Solar.

Vice Chairman Bullard made a motion that July 20, 2015, at 6:00 P.M., as the date and time to be established for a quasi-judicial hearing for a conditional use permit by Strata Solar, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #10: PLANNING - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:**

Gary Lanier, Planning Director, requested July 20, 2015, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing on the revisions to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance. **(This will be the first reading.)**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion that July 20, 2015, at 6:30 P.M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing on the revisions to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #11: REGISTER OF DEEDS - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:**

Registrar Kandance Bullock, delivered the following departmental update to the Board.

TOPIC	FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015	DIFFERENCE
Marriages Issued	\$19,800	\$20,100	\$300
Excise Tax	\$108,251	\$110,859	\$2,608
Deeds & Other Instruments	\$96,978	\$98,956	\$1,978
Deeds of Trust	\$62,183	\$75,192	\$13,009
Certified Births, Deaths, Marriages, plain copies, Plats and UCC's	\$71,722.75	\$75,892.25	\$4,169.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$358,079.75</b>	<b>\$380,999.25</b>	<b>\$22,919.50</b>

**CALENDAR YEAR**

TOPIC	2013	2014	2015 (Jan. 1 - June 30)
Marriages Processed	335	342	184
Births Processed	436	401	182

Deaths Processed	618	561	284
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**Agenda Item #12: FINANCE - PRELIMINARY FINDING of RESOLUTION, and CALL for PUBLIC HEARING on JULY 20, at 7:00 P.M., for REFUNDING BONDS for WATER DISTRICTS and COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS ADDITIONAL MONEY:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolution Providing for Certain Matters Relating to a Proposed Installment Financing Agreement to Finance a Portion of the Cost of Renovating the Historic Columbus County Courthouse and to Assist Several Water and Sewer Districts in Refunding Certain Indebtedness of Said Districts, and establishment of July 20, 2015, at 7:00 P.M., for a Public Hearing.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, was held in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, on July 6, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: None.

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Commissioner Trent Burroughs introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO A PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF RENOVATING THE HISTORIC COLUMBUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND TO ASSIST SEVERAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS IN REFUNDING CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS OF SAID DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the “County”) has determined to finance a portion of the cost of renovating the historic Columbus County Courthouse in Whiteville, North Carolina (the “Courthouse Project”) and to assist the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III and the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V (collectively, the “Districts”) in refunding certain indebtedness of the Districts by purchasing general obligation refunding bonds of the Districts (collectively, the “District Bonds”) in order to realize debt service savings for the benefit of the Districts and the citizens of the County residing in the Districts; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the County is considering entering into an installment financing agreement and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$19,500,000, with other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Courthouse Project and the purchase of the District Bonds; **and**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to call a public hearing on such proposed agreement and to provide for certain other related matters at this time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners for the County as follows:

**Section 1.** A public hearing shall be held at 7:00 P.M. on July 20, 2015 in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of considering whether the Board of Commissioners for the County (the “Board”) should approve such proposed agreement and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$19,500,000, with other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Courthouse Project and the purchase of the District Bonds in order to realize debt service savings for the benefit of the

Districts and the citizens of the County residing in the Districts. The County would secure the repayment by it of moneys advanced pursuant to such proposed agreement by granting a security interest in a portion of the Courthouse Project and certain related property and a security interest in the District Bonds.

**Section 2.** The Clerk to the Board shall cause a notice of such public hearing to be published in The News Reporter once at least 10 days before July 20, 2015, such notice to read substantially as follows:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WHETHER THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD APPROVE A PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF RENOVATING THE HISTORIC COLUMBUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND TO ASSIST SEVERAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS IN REFUNDING CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS OF SAID DISTRICTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of a public hearing to be held at 7:00 P.M. on July 20, 2015, in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of considering whether the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County") should approve a proposed installment financing agreement and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$19,500,000, with other available funds, for renovating the historic Columbus County Courthouse in Whiteville, North Carolina (the "Courthouse Project") and to assist the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II, the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III and the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V (collectively, the "Districts") in refunding certain indebtedness of the Districts by purchasing general obligation refunding bonds of the Districts (collectively, the "District Bonds") in order to realize debt service savings for the benefit of the Districts and the citizens of the County residing in the Districts. The County would secure the repayment by it of moneys advanced pursuant to such proposed agreement by granting a security interest in a portion of the Courthouse Project and certain related property and a security interest in the District Bonds.

June B. Hall  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners  
for the County of Columbus, North Carolina

**Section 3.** The Board hereby finds and determines in connection with such proposed agreement that (a) such proposed agreement is necessary or expedient to provide funds, with other available funds, for the construction and other accomplishment of the Courthouse Project in order to provide improved courthouse facilities to serve the residents of the County and for the purchase of the District Bonds in order to realize debt service savings for the benefit of the Districts and the citizens of the County residing in the Districts, (b) such proposed agreement, under current circumstances, is preferable to a bond issue of the County for financing the same purpose because there is not sufficient time to authorize and issue bonds of the County prior to the time when funds will be needed for such purpose, (c) the sums estimated to fall due under such proposed agreement are adequate and not excessive for its proposed purpose because they are based upon the County's best estimate of the cost of the Courthouse Project and the cost of purchasing the District Bonds, (d) the County's debt management procedures and policies are good and its debt will continue to be managed in strict compliance with law, (e) any increase in taxes necessary to meet the sums estimated to fall due under such proposed agreement will not be excessive because the County expects that it will not be necessary to increase taxes for such purpose and (f) the County is not in default regarding any of its debt service obligations.

**Section 4.** The County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of the County are each hereby designated as a representative of the County to file an application for approval of such proposed agreement with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with the negotiation of such proposed agreement and the development of the related financing; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers relating to such matter on behalf of the County are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

**Section 5.** The Board hereby requests the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to approve such proposed agreement under Article 8 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes

of North Carolina, as amended.

**Section 6.** The Board hereby confirms the selection of the following parties and professionals to be on the financing team for such proposed agreement:

Bond Counsel	Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A.
Financial Advisor	First Tryon Advisors
Underwriter	Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.
Underwriter’s Counsel	Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP

**Section 7.** This resolution supersedes the resolution of Board that is entitled: “RESOLUTION RELATING TO AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT TO FINANCE THE COST OF RENOVATING THE HISTORIC COLUMBUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE” and was passed by the Board on April 21, 2014.

**Section 8.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage. Upon consideration of the foregoing resolution and motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Trent Burroughs, Chairman, Ricky Bullard, Vice Chairman, Amon E. McKenzie, James E. Prevatte, Giles E. Byrd, P. Edwin Russ 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, **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 6, 2015 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 356 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 County, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015.

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

**(SEAL)**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Resolution Providing for Certain Matters Relating to a Proposed Installment Financing Agreement to Finance a Portion of the Cost of Renovating the Historic Columbus County Courthouse and to Assist Several Water and Sewer Districts in Refunding Certain Indebtedness of Said Districts, and establishment of July 20, 2015, at 7:00 P.M., for a Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #13: ADMINISTRATION - DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE:**

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested a voting delegate to be appointed for the NCACC 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Greenville, NC.

Commissioner McKenzie appointed Chairman Trent Burroughs to be the voting delegate for the NCACC 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Greenville, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #14: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS to COMMITTEES, BOARDS and COUNCILS:**

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

COMMITTEE	DISTRICT / EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE
Department of Aging Advisory Council  <b>Note: Ralph Nobles has resigned</b>	I	Leona Martin	06-30-2015
	II	Robert Adams	06-30-2015
	III	John C. Worthington	06-30-2015
		Ray Wyche	06-30-2015
		Hattie Campbell	06-30-2015
	IV	Raymond Shaw	06-30-2014
	V	Jimmy Stanley	06-30-2015
VI	Wilbur Chestnut	06-30-2015	
VII	Benny Ivey ( <b>Resigned</b> )	06-30-2015	
		Willie Burns	06-30-2015

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to table this item until the Department of Aging Advisory Council was reduced in member number, seconded by Vice Chairman Bullard. 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 7:18 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 Vice Chairman Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

June 15, 2015 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, IV and V, and Minute Book Number 1 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District III.

**Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT IV - HALLSBORO PROJECT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 2:**

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of William S. Clark, County Manager, to execute Change Order Number 2, Hawley Construction, and the amendment to Green Engineering Agreement.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 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:**

At 7:19 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 Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:**

**Tax Releases and Refunds:**

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

<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$61.18		
Beam, Mike			<b>PROPERTY:</b> 93608	Total: \$67.26
Value: \$7,600.00	Year: 2014	Account: 11-03936	Bill#: 59432	
Release value of camper. Sold 12/12/13. Release Hallsboro Fire(4.56) release Columbus Rescue(1.52)				
<i>Property Value</i>			Amount:	\$468.63

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CIT Group/Consumer Finance Inc. The	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18204	Total:	\$593.13
Value: \$57,500.00 Year: 2008	Account: 10-04822	Bill#:	52622
Release value of D/W. Sold at tax sale for less than total due. Release Columbus Rescue(11.50)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$176.34
Davis, Louise	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 77842	Total:	\$864.89
Value: \$10,500.00 Year: 11-14	Account: 01-19967	Bill#:	99999
Release value of dwelling . Home burned Dec 2011. Release Columbus Rescue(6.54)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$468.63
Floyd, Jasper (Sr)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18204	Total:	\$586.13
Value: \$57,500.00 Year: 2007	Account: 10-05240	Bill#:	50108
Release value dwelling. Release Columbus Rescue(11.50)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$74.91
Floyd, Larry	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$1,753.12
Value: \$1,000.00 Year: 05-	Account: 01-28081	Bill#:	99999
Release entire value and user fee. M/H unliveable. Release Brunswick Fire(6.72) release Columbus Rescue(1.92) release late list(7.47)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,802.18
Floyd, Mary Henry (Heirs) c/o Benjamin	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$1,850.60
Value: \$26,900.00 Year: 05-14	Account: 10-05580	Bill#:	99999
Release entire value. Sold for legal fees and taxes. A 2014 case. Prop# 17655&17654. Release Columbus Rescue(48.42)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$193.92
Gaskins, Matthew	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 91738	Total:	\$441.38
Value: \$23,500.00 Year: 2014	Account: 06-05245	Bill#:	72217
Release value of dwelling and user fee. Home moved in 2013. Release Yam City Fire(24.09) release Columbus Rescue(4.82)release late list(.55)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$60.95
Lacewell, Pamela Yvonne	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$925.84
Value: \$2,147.00 Year: 08-12	Account: 15-22799	Bill#:	99999
Release entire value of m/h. Does not own this home. Billed in Bladen County. Release Acme Delco(8.97) release Columbus Rescue(1.50) releate late list(7.14)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$130.41
McClelland, Warren	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 82016	Total:	\$368.66
Value: \$16,200.00 Year: 2014	Account: 13-25161	Bill#:	84532
Release value of dwelling. House burned 12-31-13. Release Klondyke Fire(11.34) release Columbus Rescue(3.24) release Water II(5.67)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$169.00
REO Solutions, Inc. c/o Capital Servicing	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18204	Total:	\$173.92
Value: \$4,200.00 Year: 09-13	Account: 10-05638	Bill#:	99999
Release value of D/W. Sold at tax sale for less than total due. Release Columbus Rescue(4.92)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$202.86
Thompson, Martha J. & Stephanie D. Moss	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 84245	Total:	\$451.10
Value: \$31,700.00 Year: 2014	Account: 07-03115	Bill#:	99972
Release value of property and user fee. To be rebilled. Release Yam City Fire(25.20) release Columbus Rescue(5.04)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$359.58
Yates, Mattie c/o Robert Yates	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$368.58
Value: \$5,000.00 Year: 05-13	Account: 10-19380	Bill#:	99999
Release value of lot. Sold at tax sale. Prop# 61931& 61941. Release Columbus Rescue(9.00)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$2,342.68
Yates, Robert	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 18455	Total:	\$3,544.08
Value: \$25,300.00 Year: 05-14	Account: 10-19404	Bill#:	99999
Release entire value of dwelling. Sold at tax sale. Home gone for several years. Release Columbus Rescue(58.66)			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Blackwell, Mildred/Erik	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 23564	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 13-02454	Bill#:	60541
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00



Brigman, Sarah Burden	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 10175	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 06-02400	Bill#:	61469
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Cornwell, Shawn & Carrie	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 95314	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 07-00430	Bill#:	66044
Release user fee. No can at this address. Can being sent.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Faircloth, S J c/o Richard J. Faircloth	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 15719	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-14	Account: 09-07920	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Fowler, Richard David & Cheryl Jean	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 06-02121	Bill#:	71266
Release user fee. No can at this address.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Graham, Alexander & Annie	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 85123	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-14	Account: 14-01847	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Moore, Grace R. (ETAL)	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 9316	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 04-11933	Bill#:	87090
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Packer, William & Tamika	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 91743	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 12-04452	Bill#:	89110
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Prevatte, Bobby Ray Sr.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$218.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 12-05242	Bill#:	90999
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Sibbett, John Andrew & Sherry Louise	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 3580	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 12-14	Account: 01-04650	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. M/H vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Strickland, Christine S.	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 78140	Total:	\$108.98
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2014	Account: 03-01937	Bill#:	98526
Release portion of user fee. Home Burned 2013 and can. New can delivered 7/17/14			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Strickland, Michael Wayne	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 89627	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 13-14	Account: 10-02161	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Young, James Leon	<b>PROPERTY:</b> 15265	Total:	\$877.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 11-14	Account: 08-21420	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Dwelling vacant.			

**Agenda Item #18: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Department Manager:**

**Gary Lanier, Economic Development/Planning Director:** I would like to know if the Board has discussed and decided on the purchase of the building by Brunswick Electric in Tabor City.

After discussion was conducted among the Board members and Gary Lanier, it was decided to purchase the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation building in Tabor City at the cost of seventy-five thousand and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) dollars, to be taken from Fund Balance. The details of the building will be inside of a Lease Agreement.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Russ made a motion to purchase the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation building in Tabor City at the cost of seventy-five thousand and 00/100 (\$75,000.00) dollars, to be taken from Fund Balance, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
  - a. The Cerro Gordo Dixie Youth Baseball is having State playoffs this year in Cerro Gordo, and I think it would be good if we could sponsor this corporate sponsorship for \$1,000.00; **and**
  - b. Whiteville Rescue has just turned fifty (50) and we need to do a document of appreciation for the next meeting.
2. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
  - a. Sam Lolly has received a bill from Waste Management for the waste from the tornado, and they had agreed not to charge for the waste; **and**
  - b. We need to contact them and ask them to honor their commitment.
3. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
  - a. I appreciate what the Board has done for the veterans;
  - b. We need designated parking spaces for the employees; **and**
  - c. We are having a mosquito problem.
4. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
  - a. The lawyers and D.A.'s need clarification on the use of I-phones, I-pads, cell phones and other electronic devices in the new Columbus County Courthouse;
  - b. The lawyers need secure bathrooms; **and**
  - c. Bladen and Brunswick Counties have WI-FI installed in their courthouse and we need to look into this at an approximate cost of \$5,000.00.
5. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
  - a. The Sheriff, Gary Lanier, Henry Edmund, Dr. Clarke and myself made a trip to the Museum of History in Raleigh relative to the Resolution we passed to provide money from the bond on the referendum;
  - b. This was a good forum and many people spoke;
  - c. I finally spoke up and introduced myself and stated that they did not ask for any money for public education, and if this money goes for the named projects, we will never get a bond for our schools;
  - d. Three (3) years ago, mental health became a LME, Local Management Entity, and we merged with Eastpointe which entailed twelve (12) counties;
  - e. The secretary has decided that mental health needs to go from twelve (12) counties to four (4) or five (5), and this decision needs to be in place by 2017;
  - f. From the information I have provided to you, I need your direction on which way to vote; **and**
  - g. It is my recommendation that we do not vote to merge with Sandhills.

**C. County Manager (William S. Clark):** Gary Lanier has an issue that needs to be addressed.

**Gary Lanier:** stated the following:

1. We have been asked by Carolina Southern Railroad to be paid the \$1.8 million in a lump sum; **and**
2. The County Attorney has advised that a Public Hearing needs to be held before you make a decision as to whether you could do this.

**MOTION:**

After discussion, Commissioner Byrd made a motion to establish a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 9:00 A.M., in the Commissioners' Chambers, and a Special Meeting on

Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 9:30 A.M., in the Commissioners' Chambers, 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 8:21 P.m., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, seconded by Commissioner Russ, after a five (5) minute recess. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #19: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

No official action taken.

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

Chairman Burroughs requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following, "*The County Attorney discussed with the Board of Commissioners the current status of litigation involving the lawsuit of Columbus County Animal Control and Rossie Hayes. Also the civil penalty involving the Columbus County Animal Shelter.*"

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

**Agenda Item #20: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:52 P.M., Commissioner Russ 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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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**