

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP - PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS**

**Monday, July 18, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting a Workshop with Piedmont Natural Gas on the first Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman**
Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
P. Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

WORKSHOP CALLED to ORDER:

At 5:31 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the July 18, 2016 Workshop With Piedmont Natural Gas to order.

PRESENTATION by CATHY PLEASANT - PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS:

Cathy Pleasant, Commercial and Residential Energy Specialist, Piedmont Natural Gas, stated I am here tonight to help you understand what we would like to do in Whiteville in the future and to hear from you what do they want in Whiteville.

Chairman Byrd: We would like to see natural gas in many areas of the County, and in the areas where we plan to expand industrial.

Cathy Pleasant: since I was planning to be in Whiteville today, I set up some appointments with some gentlemen who are interested in getting natural gas in different areas with something you have going on in the County. I met with gentlemen who are developing the area off of J.K. Powell Boulevard, met with a medical facility that was going up next to Food Lion. I would like to go over the following:

- What we currently have here in Whiteville;
- What we are looking to do;
- The challenges we are facing;
- We have an underground utility and it is not mandatory; **and**
- We have a feasibility model we are attempting to make.

Commissioner Burroughs: stated the following:

1. You did mention Whiteville, and I hope you are looking at other areas of the County; **and**
2. Has the school board been in touch with you, and we are looking at possibly building some new schools?

Cathy Pleasant: stated the following:

- We have not been contacted about any new locations, but we did have some inquiry a short time ago;
- I do have a map, and the reason I say Whiteville is, that is pretty much our distribution in Columbus County;
- It is very limited at the present time, and we don't want it to stay that way;
- We have had transmission through Columbus County for quite some time;
- We use to serve customers directly off of transmission lines, but that is not the best practice for us;
- The difference between transmission and distribution lines is mostly the pressure on the pipe and the pressure of the service line to the customer;
- A transmission line carries about 600 pounds of pressure, and a distribution main carries 60 - 75 pounds; **and**

-There was a time where we were servicing the customer directly off of the transmission line, but that is no longer the case.

DISCUSSION / COMMENTS:

1. Justification for a distribution station which can be costly;
2. Preparing a survey of areas of interest;
3. A future for opportunities;
4. The possibility of getting natural gas in the western end of Columbus County;
5. Making a list of future projects;
6. Map for view of transmission lines in the north and south areas of Columbus County;
7. Diversion cost of converting equipment to natural gas;
8. Areas of heavy interest on map to be considered;
9. Being receptive and not receptive in certain areas;
10. Each situation is unique, and a distribution station could cost anywhere from \$65,000 to \$300,000;
11. Opportunity for something to happen at the Georgia Pacific site;
12. Existing infrastructure creating a situation of more expense;
13. Out of the Wilmington Office, the two (2) sales representatives do New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender and Columbus County with commercial and residential conversion;
14. Residential seems to be challenging;
15. The feasibility study looks at the cost of construction versus the anticipated load of customers;
16. We try to get natural gas to the customer at no cost to them;
17. Duke Energy is in the process of purchasing Piedmont Natural Gas; **and**
18. Being notified of projects in the making in a timely manner.

WORKSHOP CLOSED:

At 6:15 P.M., Chairman Byrd stated the Workshop was closed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

with respect to the following described property, to-wit: RCSC Business Development Center located in the Tabor City Business Development Center at 114 Tabor Industrial Park Road, Tabor City, NC 28463 described in Deed Book 552, Page 474, Columbus County Registry.

2. Pursuant to the terms of said Lease, the COUNTY and CITY had the immediate right of occupancy and use of said building, and in addition thereto, has an option to purchase said property. All parties in the execution of this Agreement acknowledges that funds are being held by the CITY'S attorney, to-wit: Kevin Bullard; said funds being held in The McGougan Law Firm's trust account, and all parties hereto acknowledge that said contract remains valid. Further, the COUNTY and CITY affirmatively represent the continual intent of the COUNTY and CITY to exercise the option and right to acquire and purchase said property in accordance with the terms of the aforesaid contract.
3. The COUNTY and CITY represent, in the execution of this Agreement, that the COUNTY and CITY have jointly entered into a sublease for a portion of the above-described building and property to RADIX BAY, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability corporation, hereinafter referred to AS "RADIX".
4. The COUNTY and CITY, acting by and through the Columbus County Economic Development Commission, have applied and are the recipients of a Building Reuse and Restoration Grant, hereinafter referred to as the "GRANT", through the North Carolina Department of Commerce in the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$65,500.00) to retrofit and make other improvement to the subleased portion of the property which will be occupied by RADIX.
5. The Rural Economic Development Grant Agreement between the Columbus County Economic Development Commission was executed by Giles E. Byrd, Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, on June 1, 2016, and by Dr. Patricia Mitchell, Assistant Secretary of Rural Development Corporation, on May 12, 2016; said agreement consists of twelve pages and a set of exhibits identified as Exhibit A through Exhibit F, sets forth in detail the scopes, specifications, requirements, restrictions, limitations, and general provisions regarding the Rural Economic Development Grant Agreement for a building reuse program. As part of said agreement, the document contemplates that RCSC, as owner of said building, would execute Exhibit E and Exhibit F, which is attached to the aforesaid Building Reuse Program.
6. The COUNTY, CITY, and RCSC all agree to continue to cooperate in the collective effort to apply, secure, and comply with the terms and provisions of the Building Reuse Program agreement with the North Carolina Department of Commerce. In furtherance thereof, the COUNTY and CITY have requested RCSC to execute the appropriate exhibits and schedules as the "owner" in order to ultimately secure and remain in compliance with the terms of said agreement between the COUNTY and the North Carolina Department of Commerce.
7. In furtherance of securing and maintaining the conditions of the Grant, the COUNTY and CITY do hereby accept and assume all responsibility and legal liability for said project and agreement, and in consideration thereof to RCSC, agree to indemnify and hold RCSC harmless from any and all claims, damages, and causes of action which may, could, or which might arise out of said the Building Reuse Program and agreement with the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and in consideration of the COUNTY'S and CITY'S execution of this Agreement in accordance with the terms and provisions herein set forth, the parties, acting by and through their authorized representatives, managers, and/or agents, do hereby enter into the following specific agreements, terms, and provisions:

1. It is specifically understood and agreed that RCSC, acting by and through its duly authorized representatives, shall execute the appropriate schedules and exhibits as contained within the Grant documents, which are a prerequisite and necessary step to ensure compliance with the terms and provisions of the Rural Economic Development Grant agreement.
2. The COUNTY and CITY, in the execution of this Agreement, by and through its duly authorized representatives, managers, and/or agents, accept, retain, assume and agree to

maintain absolute and unconditional responsibility for all acts necessary to ensure compliance and/or substantial compliance with the terms, provisions, and conditions of the Building Reuse Program agreement heretofore entered into by and between the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the COUNTY as set forth in the Agreement.

3. The COUNTY and CITY do hereby agree to indemnify to the fullest extent by law and hold harmless RCSC, its officers, representatives, directors, staff, and the corporate entity, to-wit: RCSC, from any and all claims, causes of action, whether filed before any judicial and/or regulatory state agency, including, but not limited to, any and all out-of-pocket expenses, damages, claims for reimbursement, attorney fees, and costs related to any potential economic exposure and/or claim of any federal, state regulatory agency and/or body, and/or any claim by any third party arising out of, related to, or in any way created with respect to the agreement between the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the COUNTY as set forth in the Recitals above.
4. The COUNTY and CITY further agree to indemnify and hold RCSC, its agents, representatives, directors, and corporate entity harmless from any claims of any third party arising out of any third party's use, possession, occupancy, and/or injury related to RADIX'S use of said property at 114 Tabor Industrial Park Road, Tabor City, NC 28463.
5. The COUNTY, CITY and RCSC, in the execution and acknowledgment of this Agreement, further consent and acknowledge that there is no partnership or joint venture which shall be considered and/or inferred with respect to the entry of this Agreement.
6. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina and shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs and assigns.
7. This Agreement shall be executed in triplicate originals, one of which shall be retained by each of the parties hereto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
BY: /s/ GILES E. BYRD, Chairman
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED:
/s/ JUNE B. HALL (SEAL)
Clerk to the Board

TOWN OF TABOR CITY
BY: _____
ROYCE HARPER, Mayor

ATTESTED:
_____ (SEAL)
DIANE B. WARD
TOWN CLERK

RURAL CONSUMER SERVICES CORPORATION
BY: /s/ DON HUGHES
CEO/MANAGER

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

/s/ BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH
COLUMBUS COUNTY FINANCE OFFICER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ MIKE STEPHENS
COLUMBUS COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the **Revised** Agreement between Tabor City, Columbus County and Rural Consumer Services Corporation, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: SOCIAL SERVICES - ENERGY PROGRAMS OUTREACH PLAN:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, requested Board approval of the Energy Programs Outreach Plan.

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the Energy Programs Outreach Plan, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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 #8: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following Monthly Administrative Update.

On June 1, 2016 we held our agency staff meeting. During this meeting, staff was reminded of Open Enrollment June 7, 8 and 9, 2016 and encouraged to attend so they could ask questions about our new insurance provider. I updated staff on the changes and implementation dates for non-emergency Medicaid Transportation. The new method of payment is scheduled to start January 1, 2017. I also asked staff to be sure to remove originals off the copiers because we often handle very sensitive and confidential information that should be protected at all times.

On June 1, 2016 following our staff meeting, I attended Juvenile Court for Child Welfare. There were various cases on the calendar, which made for a long day. This is something that I try to do when time permits. Juvenile Court is very interesting and time consuming for staff. There are times when we are given custody and have to find placement the day of court. Sometimes custody is given back to the parent or parents.

On June 16, 2016 I attended our Director's Executive Board Meeting in Raleigh. During our meeting, we were given updates on the upcoming policy changes that are in draft concerning conflicts of interest and safety plans for Child Welfare Services. We received some updates from the Adult Services committee also.

We learned about HB1047, which is a lottery bill, requiring the winnings up to a certain amount to be reported to Health and Human Services on those individuals who are receiving Food & Nutrition benefits. The Advocacy Committee will continue to monitor this bill during the legislative session.

Our 2016-17 Director's Association officers were announced and will take office July 1, 2016. I have been asked to serve as one of the Child Support Liaisons. This will be an ad-hoc committee; meeting when needed and reporting changes at our association concerning Child Support. This will be an opportunity for me to learn more about this program.

There were no updates given this month from the NCFASST team.

On June 21, 2016 I received a call from the North Carolina Community Foundation, asking if we would accept some additional funds to assist low income Duke Energy Progress customers with energy costs. We have completed an agreement and should be receiving \$25,000.00. These grant funds are limited and must be spent by August 31, 2016. One temporary worker will be used to take applications on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays only; beginning at 8:30am. Applicants must be a Duke Energy Progress customer with a final or disconnect notice; and meet the income guidelines. We are planning to send out information in July once the funds have been received.

On June 22, 2016 we held an Employee Appreciation Luncheon from 12 noon until 2pm. Special thanks to our committee for all their hard work. Thanks also to our County Manager, his staff and to the Board of County Commissioners for their support.

On June 28, 2016 I met with Mrs. Sally McDonald, our Child Support Representative, and the Program Administrator. We discussed our upcoming security inspection in August. Due to the Federal IRS Tax information contained in our Child Support records, we will need to change some offices around to put the clerical worker on the Child Support hall in order to be in compliance with security requirements.

Lastly, we would like to thank our County Maintenance staff for power washing our building and

sidewalks. Also, for coordinating with McQueens Nursery for our landscaping. It has really made a big difference in the appearance of the agency.

**June 2016
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 190 Applications Approved: 116 Active Cases: 6,121 Benefits Issued: \$1,494,136 Participants Served: 12,876
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 94 Cases Terminated: 29 Redeterminations: 324 Applications Processed: 98
Family & Children's Medicaid	Applications Taken: 119 Applications Processed: 114 Redeterminations: 998 Total Medicaid Cases: 14,305 Total Individuals Receiving: 16,998
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 142 Orders Enforced: 1,202 Active Cases: 4,068 Collections: \$513,426.95

**June 2016
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 18 County Wards: 20 Adults Served via Guardianship: 21 Adults Served APS: 50 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: – information incomplete Amount Requested for Reimbursement: – information incomplete
Children's Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 35 Reports Screened Out: 10 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 46 Children Served: 85 Contacts with Families Monthly: 402 Assessments: 29
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 77 Children Placed Outside County: 14 Agency Adoptions: 0 Pending Adoptions: 7 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 7 Total Children in Foster Care: 84
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 23 Applications Approved: 12 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 316 Entered Employment: 1 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 4
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$6,052.00 New Referrals: 8 Cases Established: 23
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 446 Children on the Waiting List: 216 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$166,506.35

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Children's Protective Services/Intake/Investigation/Assessment

Children's Protective Services/In-Home Services

Children's Protective Services/Foster Care/Adoptions

Adult Services

Work First Employment

Child Day Care

Program Integrity

Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager

Vacancies/Updates/News for June 2016**Intake/Investigation/Assessment:**

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be short-staffed due to a Social Worker transferring to Adult Services. Interviews have been conducted and the Unit is awaiting a new Social Worker who will begin July 11. This Unit continues to work hard on getting training completed to help with their job skills. The state standard for caseloads for this Unit is 10:1 and the current working caseload is 12.6:1. This Unit earned 38.96 hours of compensatory time in the month of June. They currently have 58.40 hours of unused compensatory time.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit continues to be short-staffed due to a resignation and re-advertisement of a position. Interviews have been conducted and a recommendation made. This Unit continues to work hard on getting training completed to help with their job skills. The state standard for caseloads for this Unit is 10:1 and the current working caseload is 15.3:1. This Unit earned 6.5 hours of compensatory time in the month of June. They currently have 38.21 hours of unused compensatory time.

Foster Care/Adoptions:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues to be fully staffed. The number of children in foster care has gone down slightly. Unfortunately, changes in state policy and best practice in the future will probably continue to affect these numbers causing them to continue to rise. The state standard for caseloads for this Unit are 15:1 and the current working caseload is 12:8:1. This Unit earned 12.87 hours of compensatory time in the month of June. They currently have 27.87 hours of unused compensatory time.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit had a Social Worker to resign due to health issues. Applications are being received and interviews will begin as soon as possible.

Work First Employment:

The Work First Employment Unit continues to attempt to work within the NCFast system. Some training, mainly on-line training, and shadowing is currently available for staff as this Unit prepares to transition into the NCFast system, although staff would benefit from more hands-on training.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit will soon begin training as they become one of the next to transition into the NCFast system. Limited training and information and state support continues to be an obstacle for all services that are becoming a part of the system. This Unit is continuing to assist Daycare providers with preparation for the changes that are now beginning and so far the transition is going smoothly.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity is working full steam ahead on big and involved cases in the county with several participants.

Economic Services Program Narrative

Child Support/Paralegal and Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Maintenance and Housekeeping

Food and Nutrition and Family and Children's Medicaid

Adult Medicaid//Rest Home and Nursing Home/Community Alternatives Program (CAP)

Submitted by Cyndi Hammonds, Income Maintenance Administrator

Reporting Month: June 2016**News/Updates/Vacancies****Food and Nutrition:**

We received our report of clients that are potential ABAWDs(Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents) who would be affected by this change effective July 1st. This report showed 1335 clients; within that report there were 21 clients that receives Adult Medicaid or is receiving MPW (Medicaid for Pregnant Women). Those that are on these 2 programs will get an exemption because you must be disabled with the State in order to receive Adult Medicaid and if a client is pregnant that is also reason for exemption. Also, out of that 1335 clients, 24 clients were identified that had wages; these cases are being pulled to see if clients are working at least 20 hours per week or averaging 80 hours per month. The rest of these clients will have to provide proof of one of the exemptions or begin school, training, working or volunteering to continue to receive Food and Nutrition Benefits. If they have not met one of the exemptions by October 1, their benefits will be terminated however others in the household could remain eligible to receive. We continue to meet the State's compliance rate for timeliness.

Child Support and Paralegal:

They prepared 558 cases for court. Establishment and Enforcement is fully staffed however there are 3 in training in the Enforcement Team. Our paralegal just gave her resignation to be effective July 12th. Workers will complete simple orders such as orders for arrest, orders for cases to be continued and voluntary dismissal orders; however this will cause our attorney to have to complete the ones that she completed that are out of the ordinary. Both supervisors will also help out by completing orders.

Family and Children's Medicaid:

This Team continues to complete their work timely. The Review Team has a worker that will be transferring to the Human Services side as a Social Worker effective July 11th. Her work will be distributed to the other 12 workers on the team. The process of hiring and retraining begins again.

Adult Medicaid:

The Adult Team continues to train workers. The Supervisors continue to carry caseloads to allow workers time to get a full understanding of the programs and get cases that are behind caught up.

Work First Family Assistance/Cash//Medicaid Transportation/Interpreter & Supportive Services:

- Medicaid Transportation remains busy setting up transportation appointments.
- WorkFirst continues to keep their applications and recertifications current. They had 3 program integrity referrals due to client error and system error.
- Housekeeping and Maintenance continue to do a great job keeping the agency and grounds clean. McQueen's Nursery came and trimmed bushes, replaced all the dead ones and new straw was added. Windows where sealing had come out and were leaking have been sealed and the building and back patio was pressure washed. This has made DSS look so much better. A small snake was found wrapped around the handle of one of the exit doors; this was before they completed all the work. Hopefully all the stirring around the building caused "mama snake" to go somewhere else.
- It has been quite for our on-site deputy.
- The Interpreter has been training in the transportation program while she is not interpreting.

Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC UTILITIES - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

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

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

INFOR	WD-I	WD-II	WD-III	WD-IV	WD-V	TOTALS
New Customers Added:	25	61	31	153	12	282
Total Number of Customers	1,216	1,716	1,077	860	520	5,389

INFOR	WD-I	WD-II	WD-III	WD-IV	WD-V	TOTALS
Total Gallons Pumped (MG)	60.5	73.6	68.8	40.8	109.2	353
Total Gallons Sold (MG)	55.0	67.5	63.7	37.1	103.0	326
Total Revenues for Fiscal Year	\$524,076	\$692,133	\$551,997	\$374,465	\$673,698	\$2,816,369
Total Number of Penalties	3,900	4,625	2,249	2,633	1,543	14,950
Total Number of Cut Offs	1,284	1,478	666	947	489	4,864

Total Revenues Received for Penalty and Cut-Off Fees Charged in all Water Districts: \$155,050

Total Meter Tampering Fees	12	6	1	3	0	22
Total Customer Leaks	25	28	14	13	9	89

Total Processed Work Orders: Average 289 per month 3,473

Total Utility Locate Requests: Requests for NCDOT, Electrical/Telephone Cable Companies: 2,273

Chlorine Residuals: Sampled at Each Well and Distribution System Daily

Gallons Pumped: Logged at Each Well Daily

Water Quality: Distribution Systems are Flushed Daily to Maintain Water Quality

Estimated Revenue for Fiscal Year 2015/2016: \$2,563,301

All figures are based on a 10 month period

Agenda Item #10: RESOLUTION - REVISED RESOLUTION ON PARTICIPATION in STATE HEALTH PLAN:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following **Revised** Resolution on Participation in State Health Plan.

REVISED RESOLUTION ON PARTICIPATION IN STATE HEALTH PLAN

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus has long been committed to providing adequate, quality health insurance coverage to its employees; **and**

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina provides comprehensive health insurance coverage to its employees, and to public school teachers, under the State Health Plan; **and**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 865 was ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly on July 01, 2016, allowing local governments to participate in the State Health Plan if certain requirements are met; **and**

WHEREAS, Session Law _____ was signed by Governor Pat McCrory on July ____, 2016; **and**

WHEREAS, after analyzing costs and calculations of the County’s current coverage and of what would be available under the State Health Plan, the County has determined to participate in the State Health Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that the County of Columbus desires to participate in the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees established under Chapter 135 of the General Statutes, and does, by

this Resolution, express its intent to so participate as provided in General Statues §135-48.47.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County of Columbus desires to enter into participation in the Plan on January 01, 2017, and this Resolution is adopted and shall be provided to the State Health Plan.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 18th day of July, 2016.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**, Chairman

/s/ **AMON E. McKENZIE**

/s/ **P. EDWIN RUSS**

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**

/s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK**, Manager

/s/ **MICHAEL H. STEPHENS**, Attorney

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**, Vice Chairman

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS**

ATTESTED BY:

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

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the **Revised** Resolution on Participation in State Health Plan, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS to the FOLLOWING COUNCILS/COMMISSIONS and BOARDS:

June B. Hall requested appointments/re-appointments/replacements to the following Councils/Commissions and Boards.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Economic Development Commission Board of Directors	VII	Johnny Edge	06/30/2016	HOLD
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	III V VII	Sandra Lewis Patrick Milligan Rhonda Bullard-Dutton	06/30/2016 06/30/2016 06/30/2016	HOLD HOLD HOLD
Whiteville Planning and Zoning Board	EB	Jackie Ray (ETJ) - Resigned-	05/16/2016	HOLD
Whiteville Zoning Board of Adjustment	EB	ETJ - Vacant		HOLD

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

At 7:00 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 Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

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

July 05, 2016 **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 each Water District, respectively.

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

At 7:01 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 #13: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

Vice Chairman McDowell made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Item.

Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$281.98			
Chadbourn Florist, LLC c/o Penny	PROPERTY:	00000	Total:		\$368.27
Value: \$22,650.00	Year:	14-15	Account:	13-03327	Bill#: 99999
Release portion of value. Listed at wrong value. Release Columbus Rescue(7.00) release late list(79.29)					
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:				\$38.89
Clemons, Jody Carroll	PROPERTY:	00000	Total:		\$52.09
Value: \$1,010.00	Year:	11-14	Account:	10-02413	Bill#: 99999
Release value of boat. Never owned 6 months. Sold after registration. Release Cole Service(4.79) release Columbus Rescue(.95) release Water II(3.00) release late list(4.46)					
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:				\$131.76
Freeman, Frank W & Enner	PROPERTY:	00000	Total:		\$1,257.36
Value: \$2,540.00	Year:	11-15	Account:	04-04743	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. DBL Act#4-05813. Release Bolton Fire(16.27) release Columbus Rescue(3.26) release late list(11.07)					
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:				\$23.29
Gore, Randy	PROPERTY:	00000	Total:		\$26.26
Value: \$2,893.00	Year:	2015	Account:	11-00317	Bill#: 34588
Release value of boat. DBL Act#8-04351. Release Columbus Rescue (.58) release late list(2.39)					
<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:				\$44.36
Ray, Hilda King	PROPERTY:	00000	Total:		\$50.00
Value: \$2,560.00	Year:	14-15	Account:	01-07248	Bill#: 99999
Release value of boat. DBL Act#8-05622. Release Columbus Rescue(1.10) release late list(4.54)					
<i>Refunds</i>	Amount:				\$3,824.57
Blackman, Johnny A & Rita N.	PROPERTY:	6924	Total:		\$4,252.16
Value: \$88,600.00	Year:	11-15	Account:	03-00442	Bill#: 99999
Refund portion of value on duplex. Extra duplex listed in error. Release Brunswick Fire(332.57) release Columbus Rescue(95.02)					
<i>Refunds</i>	Amount:				\$0.00
Hayes, Elizabeth Tedder(Heirs)	PROPERTY:	20247	Total:		\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	2014	Account:	11-12480	Bill#: 76168
Refund user fee. Vacant.					
<i>Refunds</i>	Amount:				\$0.00
Kuehne, David D. & Treva	PROPERTY:	19215	Total:		\$1,095.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	11-15	Account:	11-00733	Bill#: 99999
Refund user fees. Never had a can.					
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:				\$0.00
Hayes, Elizabeth Tedder (Heirs)	PROPERTY:	20247	Total:		\$436.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	13,15	Account:	11-12480	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. Vacant					
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:				\$0.00
McKoy, Brenda	PROPERTY:	00000	Total:		\$696.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	06-	Account:	04-24452	Bill#: 99999
Release portion of user fees. Billed at county rate and should have been city rate.					
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:				\$0.00
Patrick, Reginald Rendell	PROPERTY:	00000	Total:		\$654.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	13-15	Account:	15-02329	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. M/H not liveable.					
<i>User Fee</i>	Amount:				\$0.00
Ward, Jennifer	PROPERTY:	30572	Total:		\$218.00
Value: \$0.00	Year:	2015	Account:	16-03758	Bill#: 63497
Release user fee. Vacant.					

<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Williams, Mary Madina (ETAL)	PROPERTY: 61918	Total:	\$131.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2015	Account: 13-00726	Bill#:	65530
Release user fee. No can.			

<i>User Fees</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Jenrette, Bonnie F.	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$436.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 14-15	Account: 07-04351	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Vacant.			

Agenda Item #14: COMMENTS:

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. **Rashad J. Roberts, 210 E. Blanche Street, Chadbourn, NC 28431:** stated the following:
 - I am here tonight to represent the Chadbourn Community;
 - We are hearing about the potential closing of Chadbourn Middle School;
 - We are here to request the Board to consider not closing the school;
 - If Chadbourn Middle School is closed, it will take away economic viability for the Town of Chadbourn;
 - We realize that repairs need to be done, and in lieu of building a new school, the money could be used to repair a sound building that exists;
 - When a vacant building exists, it becomes an eyesore and place for vagrancy;
 - There have been no significant upgrades done in thirty (30) years, and the dollars need to be used for repair;
 - The attendance is down significantly at Chadbourn Middle School due to the permission of the School Board to allow students to transfer to another school out of the district; **and**
 - Please take our request to heart and consider what we are asking.

Chairman Byrd: stated the following:

1. The Board of Commissioners are getting thrown under the bus for the school situation, but they are not a part of this decision;
2. The low attendance at some of the schools have created problems with State funds;
3. The upkeep of these large buildings with very low attendance has created a problem and doing something different is being looked at; **and**
4. Kids need to go to the school in their district.

Commissioner Bullard: stated that each school has a School Advisory Committee, and concerns of this nature need to be presented to them.

2. **William L. Davis, 952 West Smith Street, Chadbourn, NC 28431:** stated the following:
 - I am here on the behalf of the Chadbourn Community;
 - I understand that a Feasibility Study has been done relative to building new schools and not remodeling existing schools;
 - Chadbourn Middle School building is very solid and could be remodeled for less money than building a new school;
 - I do understand that only twenty-four (24%) percent of Chadbourn Middle School is being utilized due to the low number of students;
 - There is a big need for re-modeling to be done, but not the elimination of Chadbourn Middle School;
 - New schools don't make better grades or better test scores;
 - Why was the tax money given to the school board not used to upgrade the school building?;
 - We are asking for a study to be done to see how re-modeling Chadbourn Middle School would be more feasible than building a new school; **and**
 - When the school board was short of funds, the community got together and raised about \$10,000 with community support;

Commissioner Prevatte: stated the following:

- We said to the Board of Education that we were tired of giving you money and you spending it haphazardly;
- We ask them to come to the Board of Commissioners with a plan with how you want to do it;

- We did not have anything to do with the architect, drawings or anything else; **and**
- The law states that we cannot dictate to the Board of Education exactly how they are going to spend the money that we allocate to them.

Vice Chairman McDowell: stated we are obligated by law to give the school systems money.

Chairman Byrd: stated that at the present time, we have too many large buildings with the number of students we have, and spending too much money to keep the buildings operational.

Lady in Audience (did not state name), Retired School Teacher: stated the following:

- I am a retired school teacher from Chadbourn Middle School;
- The reason Chadbourn Middle School lost students is because the new School Board decided to take the fifth grade from Chadbourn Middle and put them at the elementary school;
- They were trying to make true middle schools;
- In the Peacock area, those children go to Williams Township, Peacock Road go to Whiteville, Pages Mill Pond go to Cerro Gordo, on Highway 74 go to Evergreen;
- The old system stated if you live in the school district, you go to the school in the district; **and**
- The new School Board Administration is stating that the children can go to any school they want to.

Chairman Byrd: we recommend that you take this matter back to the Columbus County Board of Education and requests more time to express your concern.

A. **Department Managers:**

Gary Lanier, Economic / Planning Director: the evaluation of the site for Project Black was 11 on a scale of 1 - 10.

B. **Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Commissioner Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - A. I called Brandon Grigsby about mosquitos and he sprayed that night;
 - B. Danny, is the generator at the Landfill still making that noise? Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, replied stating that no generator was running now.
2. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - A. The association has started the 2017-2018 Legislative Goals process and we need to turn these in by September 23, 2016, and we need to participate;
 - B. We need to congratulate the South Columbus Dixie Angels, they won the State championship and are going to the World Series, and this Board needs to privately support them; **and**
 - C. I got the report for the Columbus County Home Health Agency, and is this a monthly report or annual?

Commissioner Prevatte: gave a report on Columbus County Home Health as follows:

1. We gave them two (2) positions;
2. One of the positions that we gave them was for a nurse, and they took one of the contractor nurses and made an employee status, the lady got cancer and she was not able to work;
3. Then they took one (1) person who was employed there and gave them additional duties for marketing purposes;
4. They did not hire an additional person;
5. That person is willing to do her job and to do the marketing;
6. They moved one (1) person to a position in WIC, and did not replace that person;
7. The receptionist retired and they did not replace that person;

8. If you are going to get rid of that \$400,00, you need to do what we were promised would be done, and that is to put those people to work to get additional referrals;
 9. They are seeing 158 - 168 patients; **and**
 10. The purpose of that Marketing Position was to promote Columbus County Home Health.
3. **Commissioner McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - A. We need to improve the looks of the new Columbus County Courthouse by adding appearance;
 - B. The old Courthouse needs to have the outside appearance remodeled until we decide what we want to do with it; **and**
 - C. The border surrounding the lot at the gas station we purchased needs to be painted or torn down.
 4. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - A. I would like to thank all the fire departments for their aid and help with the Cherry Grove Church;
 - B. We need to send a letter of thanks to all the fire departments that helped;
 - C. I understand there were twenty-nine (29) fire departments, five or six (5 or 6) counties, two (2) states and two hundred eighty-seven (287) firefighters that rendered aid;
 - D. Gary, I appreciate what you have done with the Georgia Pacific Project; **and**
 - E. I appreciate what the Chadbourn Community is doing and fighting for what they believe in.
 5. **Vice Chairman McDowell:** stated the Board needs a Facility Needs Study.
 6. **Commissioner McKenzie:** to the Chadbourn Community, I want you to know I was impressed on how Chadbourn handled their concerns, and I encourage you to talk to the school board.
 7. **Chairman Byrd:** stated the following:
 - A. I went to the Hallsboro and Acme Delco Schools Public Hearings; **and**
 - B. We need to look at leasing two (2) vans in lieu of owning vans.

Agenda Item #15: ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:59 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

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

**Monday, July 18, 2016
7:00 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd, Chairman
Charles T. McDowell, Vice-Chairman
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd 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:

July 05, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the July 05, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:01 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 18, 2016
7:00 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd, Chairman
Charles T. McDowell, Vice-Chairman
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd 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:

July 05, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the July 05, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:01 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 18, 2016
7:00 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd, Chairman
Charles T. McDowell, Vice-Chairman
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd 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:

July 05, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the July 05, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:01 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 18, 2016
7:00 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd, Chairman
Charles T. McDowell, Vice-Chairman
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd 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:

July 05, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the July 05, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:01 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 18, 2016
7:00 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, to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd, Chairman
 Charles T. McDowell, Vice-Chairman
 Amon E. McKenzie
 James E. Prevatte
 Edwin Russ
 Trent Burroughs
 Ricky Bullard

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd 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:

July 05, 2016 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the July 05, 2016 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:01 P.M., Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman