

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, July 17, 2017****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 a Public Hearing and their regularly scheduled meeting on the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Giles E. Byrd

6:30 P.M.**PUBLIC HEARING:**

PROPOSED ISSUANCE of TAX EXEMPT SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL REVENUE BONDS on BEHALF of PROJECT BLACK: the purpose of this Public Hearing is to give all who appear an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposal to issue the Bonds.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the Public Hearing to order, and stated the Public Hearing was on the Proposed Issuance of Tax Exempt Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds on Behalf of Project Black. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to give all who appear an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposal to issue the Bonds. Chairman Prevatte requested that Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Policy on Comments at Public Hearings. Mr. Stephens orally read the policy in its entirety.

COMMENTS:

Chairman Prevatte opened the floor for comments. The following comments were made.

1. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development/Planning Director:** stated the following:
 - This Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bond - the solid waste that is disposed of or converted into another product is used railroad ties and/or telephone poles that have been taken out of service;
 - There will be no local garbage or anything like that handled at this facility Project Black, which will be at the former Georgia Pacific site;
 - The process has to be gone through in order to issue tax-exempt bonds;
 - It has gone before our Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Authority and they unanimously approved a Resolution to support the bonds; **and**
 - The next step is this public hearing.

2. **Robert Eugene Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:
 - If this company is like some of the rest who use the money they are given and then leave Columbus County, who will pay the money back?
 - Chairman Prevatte:** The way I understand it, Columbus County is not indebted in any way for the bonds that they borrow. They sell the bonds and the purchaser pays it, and if they do not pay, the property will be foreclosed on.
 - Are they buying that property from Columbus County?
 - Chairman Prevatte:** They would be buying the property, but all of the \$52 million is not for Columbus County. Part of it is to build their structure, buy equipment any to buy the property.
 - That is a big debt in case it falls back on the County.

Chairman Prevatte: It does not fall back on the County.

- This project has mostly been confidential, and people do not know much about this project.
- With the needs of our schools, Columbus County does not need to be faced with a \$52 million debt.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:

At 6:37 P.M., Commissioner Russ made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

**6:37 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION**

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

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the July 17, 2017 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner P. Edwin Russ.

Agenda Item #4: PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

The following retirement plaque was presented to Patricia D. Harrelson for her many years of service to the Columbus County Aging Department.

PRESENTED TO

PATRICIA D. HARRELSON

*IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY
TO*

COLUMBUS COUNTY AGING DEPARTMENT

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COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the June 19, 2017 Regular Session Meeting Minutes, as recorded, and the June 22, 2017 **Resumed** Regular Session Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC INPUT:

Chairman Prevatte opened the floor for Public Input. No Public Input was received either orally or written.

Agenda Item #7: MONARCH - UPDATE ON LOCAL PROGRAMS:

Amy Chavis, Director of Program Operations, Monarch, delivered the following update on Monarch's Local Programs.

Established in 1958, Monarch is a not-for-profit organization that provides support statewide to thousands of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), mental illness and substance use disorders. Columbus Industries, which was formerly a part of Southeastern Mental Health, joined Monarch in 2007. Six years later, Monarch expanded its services to also offer outpatient mental health services in Columbus County.

Like much of the local community, Hurricane Matthew flooded our previous location on W. Walter Street in October 2016. Despite that obstacle, we were committed to continuing our operations and restoring a sense of normalcy for the people we support. Our longtime and cherished Columbus

County relationships helped us to temporarily operate from the local community and our program in Bladen County until our new site was ready in March 2017. We are currently partnering with Barefoot Church and are co-located on their campus at 28 Whiteville Plaza in Whiteville. In addition, we also have our Making Space on Madison located at 1019 S. Madison Street in Whiteville.

Columbus Industries supports 39 citizens of Columbus County. We employ 14 staff. Our hours of Operation for services are 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday. In 2016 the individuals at Columbus Industries volunteered approximately 150 hours in the local community.

Some of our local partners include:

Barefoot Church, NC Cooperative Extension Office, Columbus County Library, Fair Bluff Museum, Columbus County Sheriff 's Department, Columbus County Rescue Squad, Columbus County Community Health Services, Columbus Regional Healthcare System.

It is very important to the individuals who attend Columbus Industries to be active members of the community. Along with participation in the life of our local community through collaboration with our partners, participation in local events, and volunteerism, Columbus Industries also offers multiple activities each day at both of our sites. The following is a list of those programs offered at respective locations:

Barefoot Site:

Music, Drama, Choir, Exercise, Dance, Be Healthy Program, Sign Language Classes, Rap Session
Arts and Crafts, (rug-making, paper weaving, lettering with Styrofoam, paper crafts, sewing)

Madison Site:

Painting, Arts and Crafts, Sewing, Embroidery, Wreaths, Future site of pottery

We have received wonderful feedback regarding our new programming and locations from our individuals, families, community members, and the congregation of Barefoot Church.

Please come by for a visit and see the amazing talent of your fellow citizens. Below is additional information regarding our services.

Columbus Industries Update June 2017

Relationships/Partnerships in progress:

Barefoot Church
NC Cooperative Extension Office
Columbus County Library
Fair Bluff Museum
Columbus County Sheriff Department
Columbus County Rescue Squad
Columbus County Community Health Services
Hospital

Barefoot Site:

Music/Drama/Choir
Exercise
Dance
Be Healthy Program
Sign Language Class
Rap Session
Arts/Crafts (rugmaking, paper weaving, lettering with Styrofoam, paper crafts, sewing)

Madison Site:

Painting
Arts and Crafts
Sewing
Embroidery
Wreaths
Future site of pottery

Community Activities:

September 2016

Attended a picnic at Jones Lake

October 2016

Attended a Halloween Party at Bladen

Delivered Care packages to families that were affected by Hurricane Matthew

Volunteering at the Crisis Center

November 2016

Attended Bladen Thanksgiving Dinner

Attended Thanksgiving Dinner in Community

Volunteering – Crisis Center, Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Fair Bluff, and Farmer's Union Developmental Day Care

Delivered care packages to families and individuals affected by Hurricane Matthew

Silent Lunch for individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing in Wilmington

December 2016

Christmas play at Bladen with community in attendance

Christmas Pizza party

Volunteering – Crisis Center, Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Fair Bluff, and Farmer's Union Developmental Day Care

Delivered care packages to families and individuals affected by Hurricane Matthew

Silent Lunch for individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing in Wilmington

January 2017

Volunteering – Crisis Center, Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Fair Bluff, and Farmer's Union Developmental Day Care

Golden Corral luncheon in Lumberton with family and friends

Silent Lunch for individuals who are deaf/hard of hearing in Wilmington

February 2017

Home Extension office class on Nutrition at Bladen

Valentine Spaghetti Dinner

Valentine Pizza party (provided by a parent)

Meet and Greet day in the community at Glenda's restaurant in Elizabethtown

Special Olympics Practice 2 days/week at Legion Field

March 2017

Transitioned to new licensed site at Barefoot Church

Went to Columbus County Agricultural Building to learn how to pot flowers and vegetables

Birthday lunch

Special Olympics practice 2 days/week at Legion Field

April 2017

Be Healthy program by the NC Cooperative Extension Office in Columbus County

Easter Program put on by individuals at Barefoot Church. Attendance by the community with lunch after

Picnic at SCC

Friends and family invited to Birthday celebration at Chinese restaurant

Special Olympics practice

May 2017

Fair Bluff Museum

Annual Fishing Tournament at Kure Beach

Columbus County Special Olympics

Visit to Gourmet Frog Bistro in Whiteville

Whiteville Museum

MayDay celebration and wrapping the may pole

Silent Lunch in Wilmington

Selling at Farmer's Market in Elizabethtown

One of our staff provided interpreter services at the Columbus County Sheriff's Dept

June 2017

Selling at Flea Market

Father's Day Celebration in conjunction with Bladen

Be Healthy program by the NC Cooperative Extension Office in Columbus County

Visit to Bitty and Beau's Coffee Shop in Wilmington run by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Silent Lunch in Wilmington

Special Sunday Service for individuals, families, and staff on June 25th at Barefoot Church. The individuals sang 4 songs with solos in each.

Discussion, Questions and Comments:

1. Do we have an available crisis line for people in need to call?;
2. What hours can help be obtained?;
3. There are two (2) divisions;
4. Behavioral Health is located on Madison Street with a Monday through Friday program;
5. Is there a Substance Abuse Program which is badly needed for our citizens;
6. What are the types of issues for the crisis line?;
7. Not familiar with what Monarch provides;
8. Signage is badly needed for the locations here in Columbus County;
9. We budget money for Eastpointe and Monarch;
10. The need for someone to appear at another Board Meeting with the information that we have requested;
11. Who is helping drug users which is increasing rapidly, and someone to look at the situation and see what can be done; **and**
12. A walk-in clinic is needed with appropriate signage, with someone available to help those in need.

After lengthy discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board for a representative to appear at a Board Meeting with the information needed that has been discussed.

Agenda Item #8: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION APPROVING in PRINCIPLE the ISSUANCE of BONDS (as DEFINED HEREIN) for "GBR of NORTH CAROLINA - #1" and APPROVING the ISSUANCE by the COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES and POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY of its SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BONDS in the AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT of NOT to EXCEED \$52,000,000:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Approving in Principle the Issuance of Bonds (as Defined Herein) for "GBR of North Carolina - #1" and Approving the Issuance by the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority of its Solid Waste Disposal Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$52,000,000. (The Public Hearing was conducted on this date at 6:30 P.M. prior to the Meeting.)

RESOLUTION APPROVING IN PRINCIPLE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS (AS DEFINED HEREIN) FOR "GBR of North Carolina - #1" AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF ITS SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$52,000,000

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has created a political subdivision and body corporate and politic of the State of North Carolina known as "The Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority" (the "Authority"); **and**

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized under the Industrial and Pollution Control Facilities Financing Act, Chapter 159C section 3 subsection 10 (a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended (the "Act"), to issue Solid Waste Revenue bonds for the purpose of Industrial Project financing of the construction of said Solid Waste Disposal Facility and its financing agreements, security documents and other contracts and instruments necessary or convenient in the exercise of such powers; **and**

WHEREAS, the Authority has authorized the issuance of Solid Waste Disposal Revenue

Bonds, in the amount of not to exceed \$52,000,000 (the “Bonds”), the proceeds thereof to be made available to GBR of North Carolina - #1(the “Company”) to finance the acquisition, improvement, construction and installation and operation of a solid waste disposal facility at the Former Georgia Pacific site located at 1980 Georgia Pacific Road, Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), a public hearing on the proposed revenue bonds was held by this Board of Commissioners on July 17, 2017. Such public hearing was held pursuant to public notice published on June 26, 2017 in The News Reporter, a newspaper of general circulation in Columbus County, North Carolina; **and**

WHEREAS, Section 147(f) of the Code provides that the Bonds must be approved by the applicable elected representative of the appropriate governmental unit following a public hearing pursuant to reasonable public notice in order for interest on such Bonds to be tax exempt; **and**

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested this Board of Commissioners to approve the Project under Section 159C-4 of the Act; **and**

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners desires to make a record by this Resolution that the Project and the proposed revenue bonds are approved in principle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

1. This Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that opportunity for all taxpayers, residents and other interested persons to express their views for or against said Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds and the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the nature and location of the Project and to submit communications in writing, was provided at said public hearing.
2. This Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the issuance of said Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds
3. The issuance of the Bonds by the Authority is hereby approved.
4. The Bonds shall bear interest at the rate in accordance with a financing agreement among the Company and the lender.
5. This Board of Commissioners does hereby declare that this Resolution constitutes the public approval required by Section 147(f) of the Code, and approval in principle of the financing of the Project and issuance of the Bonds as required by the Act.
6. The Clerk of this Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to provide certified copies of this Resolution to the Authority, to the Division of State and Local Government Finance for the State of North Carolina, and to the Local Government Commission.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED and APPROVED this the 17th day of July, 2017.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

(SEAL)

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

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS)

CERTIFICATION

I, **JUNE B. HALL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I am the duly qualified and acting Clerk

of the County Board of Commissioners of Columbus, County, North Carolina and keeper of the official minutes thereof, and that the foregoing is a true copy of certain of the proceedings of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners taken at a meeting held at the time and place shown on the front page of these excerpts of minutes and is a complete copy of so much of the recorded minutes of said meeting as relates in any way to the passage of the resolution hereinabove set forth.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said County Board, stating that regular meetings are held on the first Monday and the third Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M., respectively, in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 W. Smith Street in Whiteville, North Carolina, has been on file in my office pursuant to G.S. 143-318.12 as of a date not less than seven days before said meeting.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of Columbus County, North Carolina this 18th day of July, 2017.

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL, Clerk**
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Approving in Principle the Issuance of Bonds (as Defined Herein) for "GBR of North Carolina - #1" and Approving the Issuance by the Columbus County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority of its Solid Waste Disposal Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$52,000,000, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: SOCIAL SERVICES - ENERGY PROGRAM OUTREACH PLAN 2017-2018:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, requested Board approval of the Energy Programs Outreach Plan 2017-2018.

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Energy Program Outreach Plan 2017-2018, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 5, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

Agenda Item #10: SOCIAL SERVICES - MONTHLY ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

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

On June 8, 2017; I attended the Directors Executive Board Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. During our meeting, we were given an update on SB594. It has passed the Senate Judiciary Committee and it is now HB630. There have been some changes that will allow counties the option to work with surrounding counties. The legislation no longer calls for mandatory regionalization, which is good news for DSS agencies. The Directors Association and other groups will continue to communicate with Senator Barringer on this Child Welfare bill. We were also informed the State NCFast Team would be holding leadership workshops across the State for Directors, Program Managers and Child Welfare Supervisors. These workshops will give counties a demonstration of what Child Welfare will look like once we go live in NCFast; and inform us of what will be required for implementation in January 2018.

We learned about the Comprehensive Addiction and Treatment Act of 2016, which is federal legislation that required states to address the needs of infants born or identified as being affected by substance abuse; or withdrawal symptoms resulting from drug exposure. This Act (CAPTA) will require hospitals, health care providers, health departments and DSS agencies to work more closely in providing services and a safe plan of care for these substance affected infants. The division will provide more information to agencies later in June. This process will be effective August 1, 2017.

We were informed the Division of Child Development and Early Education has a new Director, Anna Carter.

On June 13, 2017; we held our monthly agency staff meeting. During this meeting, staff was asked

to be careful when eating and drinking in the conference rooms and in their offices; as we have recently had the carpet cleaned. This will also help prevent ants from coming into the offices so often.

Staff was given updates from the Department Managers meeting about cost of living increases and the fees for our insurance coverage.

Staff was also reminded to shut their computers down when they leave for the day and to sign out in Scotland Yard.

Finally, I introduced our new deputy, Mr. Fulton Best.

On June 14, 2017; the Social Work Program Manager, Foster Care Supervisor and I met with Dr. Heather Wing, from Columbus County Schools. We discussed the “Every Student Succeeds Act” (ESSA). This requires school systems and DSS agencies to coordinate efforts to keep Foster Children in their school districts when they are removed from their families. This act requires transportation be provided to allow children to attend their school of origin; or what’s in their best interest. This is an unfunded mandate for DSS agencies and we have been working with the school system to implement this program.

On June 26, 2017; Shawn Maynor and a group of campers from the Bolton Summer Youth Camp visited our agency and was given a tour of the building. Following the tour, I sat down with the group and explained what we do and answered questions. The focus of this tour was to help youth to “Discover Columbus”.

On June 28 and 29, 2017; the two Child Welfare Supervisors, the Social Work Program Manager and I attended a Leadership Workshop on the implementation of Child Welfare into NCFAST. During these two days, we were given information on how the system will work, a demo of the system and what will be required for staff to work in this new system. Each county began to access their individual county needs and completed a readiness assessment based on how the system will impact service delivery. With this new system, all Child Welfare staff will have security rolls and ID numbers based on their job duties. The training for staff will be provided online. In order to fully implement this new web based system, counties may need to purchase some mobile equipment; such as Apple I-Pads for workers to use after hours while on call to complete or initiate referrals in a timely manner. The NCFAST Team will notify counties when online training will be available. It is possible workers may be allowed to complete training after work and on Saturdays to have ample time to complete training without interruptions. We will also be conducting some group training follow-up sessions for Child Welfare staff as it will be very important for staff to be able to effectively use this new system; as we continue to protect children and meet policy requirements. The go-live date for Columbus County will be January 22, 2018; unless there are issues identified by the pilot counties and the NCFAST Team.

I am continuing to explore options to address our agency’s need for more office space.

**June 2017
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 234 Applications Approved: 269 Active Cases: 5,697 Benefits Issued: \$1,365,758 Participants Served: 10,930
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 107 Cases Terminated: 58 Redeterminations: 311 Applications Processed: 146
Family & Children’s Medicaid	Applications Taken: 125 Applications Processed: 123 Redeterminations: 659 Total Medicaid Cases: 14,159 Total Individuals Receiving: 22,898

Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 123 Orders Enforced: 1,022 Active Cases: 3,984 Collections: \$504,288.83
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**June 2017
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 16 County Wards: 19 Number of Payee Cases: 17 Adults Served APS: 20 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1,534 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$30,431.63
Children's Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 35 Reports Screened Out: 18 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 25 Children Served: 54 Contacts with Families Monthly: 207 Assessments: 31
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 70 Children Placed Outside County: 21 Agency Adoptions: 0 Pending Adoptions: 7 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 6 Total Children in Foster Care: 76
Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 39 Applications Approved: 23 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 291 Entered Employment: 5 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 2
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$7,819.45 New Referrals: 33 Cases Established: 4
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 412 Children on the Waiting List: 450 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$164,502.45

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 2017

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be short staffed. This Unit currently has two vacancies, but interviews have been completed and recommendations made. The Supervisor attended a Leadership Workshop in June regarding Child Welfare going live in the NCFast system in January 2018. A lot of preparation and training will be taking place. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit continues to be short-staffed. Interviews have been completed

and a recommendation has been made for the other vacancy. The Supervisor attended a Leadership Workshop in June regarding Child Welfare going live in the NCFast system in January 2018. A lot of preparation and training will be taking place. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan.

Foster Care/Adoptions:

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues was to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to work on activities within the Program Development Plan. The recently approved new positions will greatly help in expanding services for foster children as well as assist the other CPS Units. A case was recently pulled and reviewed by the state as a part of the statewide Child and Family Services Review. This Unit has received notification that another case will be pulled for review in August.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to be short staffed. The position is being readvertised. One Social Worker continues to be on limited medical leave due to a car accident. Although referrals are down, this Unit continues to feel overwhelmed due to vacancies and referrals from previous months.

Work First Employment:

The Work First Employment Unit continues to transition to the NCFast system. This Unit continues to assist with 200% and with CPS Intake coverage when needed.

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to work with case conversion into NCFast which began March 1 with weekly conversion goals for Columbus County being greatly surpassed every week.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity continues to work hard to get caught up with program integrity duties and cases since energy assistance season has ended. However, this Unit is now looking at how to handle the energy programs being converted into the NCFast system, which will take many hours of time and training.

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 2017

News/Updates/Vacancies

Work First Cash/Medicaid Transportation/Interpreter/Maintenance and Housekeeping/Deputy:

- Jonathan Dove, our on-site Deputy has taken another position and we now have Deputy Fulton Best for the summer as a temporary assignment for security.
- Work First received final results from monitoring that was completed by the State. They cited minimal errors; such as 3 child only cases having an incorrect form in the case, one failed to send a Child Support Referral and one that failed to count child support income that was received which caused a Program Improvement Plan to be put in place. We reviewed policy with the staff and the supervisor will be reviewing cases to ensure workers are applying policy correctly.
- We have been working closely with Columbus County Transportation to implement the new Medicaid transportation billing process through NCTRACKS. We have agreed bills will go in weekly and they will get paid weekly through NCTRACKS. We also signed our new contract with Columbus County Transportation/First Transit.
- The interpreter remains busy and has been helping with the new transition with Medicaid Transportation when not interpreting.
- Housekeeping and Maintenance remain busy with the cleaning, maintenance and inspection of our vehicles ensuring they are working properly so workers will feel safe when traveling

for training or for required visits to clients.

Food and Nutrition:

We welcome our new Supervisor to the Intake/Processing team, Shadonna Hemingway. She transferred from another unit to take this position. We are now fully staffed within the whole team but continue to train the new staff. We received our 6 month follow up results from State monitoring and we failed our average timeliness results. These results require us to implement a Program Improvement Plan for timeliness. Two workers have been temporarily out. USDA will not allow temporary workers to work in Food and Nutrition and when a team is working with 4 staff shortages, it makes it hard at times to meet our timeliness timeframes. This will improve once the new staff is trained and the veteran workers return to work. Our summer months become a busier time for applications since kids are out of school and eating at home. We are helping educate the public concerning the Summer Food Service Program where kids can get up to 2 meals per day served at No Cost.

Adult Medicaid and Family and Children's Medicaid:

Our Medicaid Operational Support Team Representative with the State office made a county visit on June 8th. She expressed that the State has agreed for all their representative to go back to program specific teams and to make county visits like they used to before NCFAST. She shared policy updates and changes going on within the State office. The State has agreed to allow these representatives to come as often as the counties want them to and we are asking that she come monthly right now since we have had no representation since going live with NCFAST. We have 3 staff shortages within the Adult Medicaid Team; one has been offered the job and will begin in July and one was offered the job but turned it down to remain working where she currently works. We will be interviewing again soon.

Child Support and Paralegal:

A new application was implemented by the State office on June 1st with the old application only having 4 pages and the new application having 24 pages. This has lengthened the time of an interview however the State has said it will streamline the process and gather more information about the absent parent/s. June was the last month that Judge Ashley Gore was assigned to hear Child Support cases and Judge Pauline Hankins will hear our cases for the month of July. Court proceedings have been slower but that is understandable with Judges that have never heard Child Support cases and must learn some of the Child Support regulations. Child Support continues to go to court 4 days a month and prepared 405 cases for court. Our paralegal prepared 338 orders and reviewed 45 orders that the attorney prepared.

Agenda Item #11: M.I.S. - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Alan James, M.I.S. Director, delivered the following Departmental Update.

1. Management Information Systems (MIS) is the staff, technology and tools that assist the County in acquiring, sustaining and proliferating information;
2. We are very busy;
3. Our biggest challenge is network security and mitigation of an ever-evolving number of cyber threats;
4. I have no new major projects to report; **and**
5. I would like to thank the MIS staff for their efforts and dedication.

Agenda Item #12: AGING - HOME and COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT FY16/17 REVISION:

Amanda Harrelson, Director of Aging, requested Board approval of the final revision to the FY 16/17 Home and Community Care Block Grant.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the final revision to the FY 16/17 Home and Community Care Block Grant on the stipulation that Director Harrelson would be at the next meeting to identify the amounts and where the numbers come from, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #13: LIBRARY - FAIR BLUFF COMMUNITY LIBRARY GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE:

Morris Pridgen, Library Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Fair Bluff Community Library Grant Project Ordinance.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY
FAIR BLUFF COMMUNITY LIBRARY
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
Adoption Date: July 17, 2017**

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

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the Fair Bluff Community Library Grant Project. Grant funds are to be used for repair and renovation, improvement of office equipment and purchase of computer equipment at the Fair Bluff Community Library.

SECTION 2. The project director is hereby directed to proceed with the implementation of such project.

SECTION 3. The project will be executed in full during fiscal year 2017/2018.

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to the County to complete the project as of July 2017.

ACCOUNT #	TITLE	AMOUNT
42-3612-433015	NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Grant	\$50,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$50,000.00

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

ACCOUNT #	TITLE	AMOUNT
42-6110-558000	Building, Structures and Improvements	\$37,000.00
42-6110-551000	Office Furniture and Equipment	#13,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$50,000.00

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

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

ADOPTED this the 17th day of July, 2017.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

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

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve and adopt the Fair Bluff Community Library Grant Project Ordinance, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: GOVERNING BODY - APPROVAL of ACTION PLAN to DISENGAGE FROM EASTPOINTE and JOIN TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES:

Chairman James E. Prevatte requested Board approval of the Action Plan to disengage from Eastpointe and join Trillium Health Resources, approval to release the Press Release and release the Notice of Public Comment.

COLUMBUS COUNTY PLAN TO DISENGAGE FROM EASTPOINTE AND JOIN TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES

On January 17, 2017, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to seek permission from the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to disengage from Eastpointe, a twelve county Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) managing mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services. North Carolina statute 122C-115 (a3) permits a county to request disengagement from a LME/MCO and to join another LME/MCO. Columbus County has chosen to join Trillium Health Resources. The Board of Trillium Health Resources voted unanimously to accept Columbus County as a member.

We do not know how quickly this change will occur. Columbus County and Trillium Health Resources had requested an effective date of May 1, 2017. New administrative rules that went into effect February 1, 2017 mandate that the change cannot occur earlier than nine (9) months following a request, but we have requested an earlier date since our request was made before the rule went into effect.

Actions Taken To Date:

- The Columbus County Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution to disengage from Eastpointe and join Trillium Health Resources. A letter making the request was sent to Secretary Mandy Cohen of DHHS on January 23, 2017.
- The Trillium Health Resources Board voted unanimously to accept Columbus County as a member on January 30, 2017 and sent a letter to Dr. Cohen that same day.
- Columbus County has notified the other counties served by Eastpointe and the Co-Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee of the North Carolina General Assembly of our decision.
- Columbus County and Trillium Health Resources have jointly developed this plan to ensure a smooth transition for Columbus County residents and providers which ensure continuity of services as the county transitions to Trillium.
- Columbus County affirms that it has no outstanding financial liabilities to Eastpointe.
- Columbus County affirms that there is no real property impacted by this proposed change.
- Columbus County will remain a member of Eastpointe until the effective date of its realignment with Trillium, thereby ensuring no loss of services to residents.
- Columbus County has determined that Trillium Health Resources meets the population requirements for a LME/MCO, outlined in NC statute and that its disengagement from Eastpointe will not cause Eastpointe to fall below those requirements.

Actions To Be Taken Immediately:

- Columbus County and Trillium Health Resources will publish this plan on their respective websites.
- Columbus County will issue a press release and post to its website and Facebook page a notification of its plan to disengage from Eastpointe and join Trillium and will solicit public comment in the plan for sixty (60) days. Columbus County will post the public comments on its website for thirty (30) days following the end of the public comment period. Columbus County will specifically request public comment from providers, consumers, advocates, self advocates and the State and Local Consumer and Family Advisory Committees.
- This same press release will serve as written notification to all Columbus County providers of this proposed change.

Actions To Be Taken Upon Approval by DHHS:

- Trillium Health Resources will hold Provider Fairs to enter into contracts with all providers in good standing currently serving Columbus County residents. Trillium plans to contract with all current providers.
- Trillium Health Resources and Columbus County will hold public meetings, at least one of which will be in the evening, to introduce Trillium to consumers, families and stakeholders

and answer any questions about Trillium and this change.

- Trillium and Columbus County will hold at least one public meeting targeted to other public agencies in Columbus County, such as schools, the Department of Social Services, law enforcement, courts, Public Health, etc. to discuss this change and answer any questions.
- Trillium will assess the current gaps in services in Columbus County and recruit providers to address any identified gaps.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of July, 2017.

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

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

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the Columbus County (Action) Plan to Disengage from Eastpointe and Join Trillium Health Resources, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: GOVERNING BODY - DESIGNATION of VOTING DELEGATE to NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested a voting delegate be designated for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference on August 10 - 12, 2017 in Durham.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to designate Chairman Prevatte as the voting delegate for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference on August 10 - 12, 2017 in Durham, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS NEEDED:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the following appointments to be made to Councils, Boards and Committees.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Economic Development Commission Board of Directors	V	R.C. Soles, Jr.	06/30/2017	HOLD
Housing Advisory Committee	V VII	Henry Milligan James Register	06/30/2017 06/30/2017	HOLD
Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority	EB	-Vacancy-	06/30/2018	HOLD
Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees	V	Maude Davis	06/30/2017	Re-appoint

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

At 7:32 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs 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 McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

June 19, 2017 **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 7:33 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

TAX RELEASES:

<i>Property Value</i>	Amount:	\$6.52			
Blackburn, Joshua Daniel			PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$7.35
Value: \$810.00	Year: 2015		Account: 11-04048	Bill#:	21138
Release amount owing. DOD-6-27-15. Release Columbus Rescue(.16) release late list(.67)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$947.43
Bolden, Robert L.			PROPERTY: 12608	Total:	\$970.87
Value: \$18,700.00	Year: 11-16		Account: 06-05561	Bill#:	99999
Release entire value sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(23.44)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$368.60
Bolden, Thelma Molene c/o Robert Bolden			PROPERTY: 10137	Total:	\$377.72
Value: \$7,600.00	Year: 11-16		Account: 06-01850	Bill#:	99999
Release entire value sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(9.12)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$177.45
Coastal Habitat Consarvancy LLC			PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$200.05
Value: \$22,044.00	Year: 2016		Account: 01-04484	Bill#:	92508
Release entire value. Taxes should be exempt per State. Release Whiteville Rescue(4.41) release late list(18.19)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$34.31
Freeman, Liston			PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$41.51
Value: \$729.00	Year: 12-16		Account: 14-05323	Bill#:	99999
Release value of boat. Owner is deceased. Release St. James(2.56) release Columbus Rescue(.85) release late list(3.79)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$1,369.79
Gaujean Ann Riddick			PROPERTY: 11924	Total:	\$2,299.73
Value: \$26,600.00	Year: 08-14		Account: 06-00364	Bill#:	99999
Release entire value. Sold at tax sale for legal fees. Release Columbus Rescue(36.94)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$15.68
Grice, William G.			PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$17.68
Value: \$1,948.00	Year: 2016		Account: 01-06455	Bill#:	2204
Release value of boat. No longer lives in Columbus County. Release Whiteville Rescue(.39) release late list(1.61)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$38.64
Long, Johnnie Mae Livingston(ETAL)			PROPERTY: 24796	Total:	\$39.60
Value: \$4,800.00	Year: 2015		Account: 13-01115	Bill#:	44137
Release entire value. Sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(.96)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$31.90
Memory, David Tanner			PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$34.25
Value: \$1,877.00	Year: 15-16		Account: 11-05441	Bill#:	99999
Release value of boat. Sold to Adam Branch in 2014. Release Columbus Rescue(.80) release late list(1.55)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$325.57
Simpson, William George & Mary			PROPERTY: 9365	Total:	\$656.69
Value: \$9,365.00	Year: 14-15		Account: 04-14340	Bill#:	99999
Release entire value. Sold at tax sale. Release Bolton(57.60) release Columbus Rescue(11.520)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$152.58
Small, Daisy (Heirs) c/o Shirley Riddick			PROPERTY: 11924	Total:	\$283.58
Value: \$25,300.00	Year: 2015		Account: 06-00807	Bill#:	56728
Release entire value. Sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(5.06)					
<i>Property Value</i>				Amount:	\$602.15

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Stephens, Frederick	PROPERTY: 63756	Total:	\$716.26
Value: \$7,000.00 Year: 07-16	Account: 12-26475	Bill#:	99999
Release balance sold at tax sale. Release Evergreen Fire(54.12) release Columbus Rescue(15.68) release Water II(44.31)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$18.11
Thompson, Robert Carleton	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$20.42
Value: \$2,250.00 Year: 2016	Account: 08-02902	Bill#:	28093
Release value of boat. DOD 11/1/14. Release Columbus Rescue(.45) release late list(1.86)			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>Refunds</i>			
Adams, Charles T.	PROPERTY: 10043	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 06-00025	Bill#:	84469
Refund user fee. Dwelling vacant.			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>Refunds</i>			
Jones, Eunice G. (ETAL)	PROPERTY: 26526	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 14-05581	Bill#:	7831
Refund user fee. Vacant.			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Carter, Irene	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,928.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 08-16	Account: 14-03295	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Can picked up 7/24/07			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Daniels, Nancy Lee(Deceased)	PROPERTY: 79660	Total:	\$1,080.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 12-16	Account: 15-11547	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Vacant.			
		Amount:	\$19.08
<i>User Fee</i>			
Freeman, Frank W & Enner	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$232.11
Value: \$2,370.00 Year: 2016	Account: 04-04743	Bill#:	98847
Release valuenever taken out of system. Billed to Act#4-05813. Release Bolton(2.37) release Columbus Rescue(.47) release late list(2.19)			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Hayes, Douglas Kent & Krista Ivey	PROPERTY: 23142	Total:	\$644.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 12,15-	Account: 12-01830	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Vacant.			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Johnson, Mary E	PROPERTY: 91733	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 15-04451	Bill#:	91733
Release user fee. Vacant.			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Mcallister, Randolph	PROPERTY: 7449	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 03-15560	Bill#:	12091
Release user fee. Vacant.			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
McAllister, Randolph & Rosa Nell	PROPERTY: 7450	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 03-15540	Bill#:	12089
Release user fee. Vacant.			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Mise, Ernest & Virgie	PROPERTY: 15525	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 09-03222	Bill#:	14349
Release user fee. Vacant.			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
North Carolina Indian Housing Authority	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$832.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 18-03141	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. No cans all homes sold.			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Sibbett, John Andrew & Sherry Louise	PROPERTY: 3580	Total:	\$208.00
Value: \$0.00 Year: 2016	Account: 01-04650	Bill#:	22838
Release user fee. M/H vacant.			
		Amount:	\$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			
Thompson, Donald	PROPERTY: 25447	Total:	\$121.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 13-03944	Bill#: 27881
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Thompson, Donald		PROPERTY: 63871	Total: \$121.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 10-01714	Bill#: 27894
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Yates, Eva K. (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 17875	Total: \$121.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 10-19340	Bill#: 33885
Release user fee. Unliveable sold at tax sale n 2016.			

Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Manager:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development/Planning Director: stated the following:

1. As you know, we have Jay Technologies Corporation at the Greenhouse at the Landfill;
2. On the handout of the borrow pit area, I have provided for you and I have marked the land available for long-term growth, to rent;
3. Site A consists of 2.75 acres and Site B consists of 6.5 acres; **and**
4. I need a number for the rental that you are comfortable with, for the Lease;

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to offer either, or both plots, of land in the borrow pit area at the Landfill, for eighty-five and 00/100 (\$85.00) dollars, per acre, for five (5) years, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 -The remaining trash receptacles that belong to Waste Management need to be picked up; **and**
 -I do not agree with the Drug Policy due to an incident that happened two (2) weeks ago, and I would like for the County Attorney to look into this.
2. **Vice Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 -I would like for Mr. Clark to check into ramp money being sent back to the Cape Fear Council of Governments, and we have 50-60 requests for ramps on the waiting list; **and**
 -Spivey Ward Drive has never had a 911 road sign, and I would like this checked into.
3. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the school issue seems to have become dormant, and we need to have these meetings.

After discussion was conducted, the tentative dates set for the meetings for the school and the Historic Courthouse are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCHOOL SYSTEM</u>	<u>TIME</u>
August 15, 2017	Columbus County Schools	6:30 P.M.
August 17, 2017	Whiteville City Schools	6:30 P.M.
August 24, 2017	Historic Courthouse	6:30 P.M.

4. **Commissioner Russ:** stated the following:
 -We need a grant writer for Columbus County;
 -The fire departments are missing calls due to a lack of personnel; **and**
 -We now have a paved road at the Landfill from Thompson Town Road to the greenhouse.
5. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director, needs to be contacted about the clearing work on Soules Swamp to be done as quickly as possible due to flooding.

Sheriff Lewis L. Hatcher: stated the following:

1. I was here a few meetings ago and discussed the vacancies, risk factors and that type of thing with the Board; **and**
2. Has the Board heard anything further?
After a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board for William S. Clark, County Manager, to check into this matter.

C. County Manager (William S. Clark):

1. We need to decide the location of the “IN GOD WE TRUST” words at the Historic Courthouse; **and**
2. A decision needs to be made as to the color of the letters, white or black.

MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the “IN GOD WE TRUST” words, to be located above the doors, on the Historic Courthouse, in black color, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:09 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 17, 2017
7:32 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Giles E. Byrd

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:32 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

June 19, 2017 **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 June 19, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:33 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 17, 2017
7:32 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Giles E. Byrd

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:32 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

June 19, 2017 **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 June 19, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:33 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 17, 2017
7:32 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Giles E. Byrd

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:32 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

June 19, 2017 **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 June 19, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:33 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 17, 2017
7:32 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Giles E. Byrd

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:32 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

June 19, 2017 **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 June 19, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:33 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 17, 2017
7:32 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:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Giles E. Byrd

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:32 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

June 19, 2017 **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 June 19, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:33 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman