

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Tuesday, September 05, 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 their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Tuesday, the first Monday being a legal holiday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, **Chairman**
 Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**
 Giles E. Byrd
 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**
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

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

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman James E. Prevatte called the September 05, 2017 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Chairman James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman Amon E. McKenzie.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

Chairman Prevatte stated the following item needed to be added to the September 05, 2017 Agenda.

Amendment to the Columbus County Plan to Disengage from Eastpointe and Join Trillium Health Resources: William S. Clark, County Manager, is requesting Board approval of the **amendment** to the Columbus County Plan to Disengage from Eastpointe and join Trillium Health Resources.

(William Clark will be present to explain and answer any questions the Commissioners may have.)

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the Agenda Add-on as Agenda Item #5B, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

PRESENTATION - RETIREMENT PLAQUE:

Chairman Prevatte presented the following retirement plaque to Danny Ray Fowler, Public Utilities Director, for his many years of service to Columbus County.

**PRESENTED TO
 DANNY RAY FOWLER
 IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
 FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY
 TO
 COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

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Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the August 15, 2017 Joint Meeting with Columbus County Schools Board of Education Minutes, as recorded, the August 17, 2017 Joint

Meeting with Whiteville City Schools Board of Education, as recorded, and the August 21, 2017 Regular Session Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #5: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

1. **Robert Eugene Adams, 233 Mt. Calvary Road, Clarkton, NC 28433:** stated the following:
 - I would like to thank the County Manager and the acting Director for all of what they have done at the Dog Pound;
 - The Dog Pound is clean which it needed; **and**
 - It would be a good decision to allow the acting Director to be the Director.

2. **Debra Julia Epps, 68 Carucci Drive, Whiteville, NC 28472:** stated the following:
 - Good evening. I stand here tonight at your mercy to request an investigation of the violations by Human Resources Director, Virginia Taylor, towards me.
 - I am stressed, burdened and heart broken as a result of her negligence, which I have experienced for almost fifteen (15) years. It has left me hopeless and desperate and I feel my integrity has been questioned falsely.
 - I am now forced to bring attention to these issues publicly because these issues I have addressed through my chain of command many times. My complaints have been ignored and as of today, she has not been addressed or made accountable for her actions. It seems that everyone has allowed her to manipulate them to a point that I feel they are afraid of her.
 - I was told by a previous County Manager that he was told by a County Commissioner to protect and take care of Ms. Taylor at all cost. I feel these intentions have been passed down, which is why no form of discipline has ever taken place.
 - She has been manipulative, demeaning and very unprofessional. She has defamed me personally and professionally in so many ways.
 - I have been employed with the County of Columbus Finance Office for more than twenty-nine (29) years. I have and will remain a loyal, faithful, reliable and hard-working employee every step of the way.
 - It has been quite an experience for the last, almost fifteen (15), years getting through the day and night, knowing she has staged a witch-hunt towards me and has manipulated other subordinates into her way of thinking.
 - I am really hoping that you will take care of these problems appropriately. The issues with Ms. Taylor as well as the protection she seems to receive has caused my work environment to be tense, hostile and at times almost unbearable. It has also caused me to really suffer emotionally as well. No one should have to work under these conditions.
 - I have filed several complaints to no resolve. I have followed the chain of command in every case, usually resulting in retaliations and a demotion.
 - It is my desire that I am not retaliated on as a result of this complaint as I have experienced in the past.
 - Thank you for allowing me to speak. Have a good evening.

AGENDA ADD-ON:

- Agenda Item #5: Eastpointe - Amendment to the Columbus County Plan to Disengage from Eastpointe and Join Trillium Health Resources:** William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval of the following **amendment** to the Columbus County Plan to Disengage from Eastpointe and join Trillium Health Resources.

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

Amendment No. 1

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.
- **Columbus County will publish a notice to providers regarding the request to disengage from Eastpointe and join Trillium Health Resources in the Whiteville News Reporter.**
- **Columbus County has previously requested from Eastpointe a listing of all providers currently serving Columbus County residents but has not received that information. If we do receive that information, we will correspond with each provider to notify them of this request.**

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 g
- **Consumer and family members in Columbus County who are current members of the Eastpointe Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) who wish to continue to belong to CFAC will become members of Trillium's Southern Regional CFAC. Other Columbus County consumer and family members who are not members of the**

Eastpointe CFAC but who wish to become a member of the Trillium Southern Regional CFAC will be encouraged to apply and will be considered for membership in accordance with the Trillium Southern Regional CFAC's bylaws and requirements for membership.

- Columbus County will appoint two (2) members, a County Commissioner and a member of the public who meets one (1) of the categories of membership for Area Boards outlined in G.S. 122C-118.1 to the Trillium Southern Regional Advisory Board upon realignment. Per the alternative board structure approved by the member counties of Trillium Health Resources and the Department of Health and Human Services, the Southern Regional Advisory Board appoints three (3) members to the Trillium Health Resources Governing Board.
- The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board and its Chief Executive Officer will have full authority and responsibility for behavioral health and intellectual and developmental disabilities services in Columbus County following the realignment.
- Columbus County will notify the Office of the State Treasurer of the realignment. There are currently no Eastpointe employees who are members of the Local Government Retirement System through Columbus County. If Trillium Health Resources hires Eastpointe employees or Columbus County residents, those individuals will be enrolled in the Local Government Retirement System through Trillium Health Resources.

AMENDED this the 5th day of September, 2017.

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman

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

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the amendment to the Columbus County Plan to Disengage from Eastpointe and Join Trillium Health Resources, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - ROAP APPLICATION and CERTIFICATION:

Joy Jacobs, Transportation Director, requested Board approval for William S. Clark, County Manager, and Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, to sign the ROAP Application and Certification.

**CERTIFIED STATEMENT
FY 2018
County of Columbus**

RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the state-funded, formula-based Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division provides funding for the operating cost of passenger trips for counties within the state; **and**

WHEREAS, the county uses the most recent transportation plans (i.e. CCP, CTIP, LCP) available and other public involvement strategies to learn about the transportation needs of agencies and individuals in the county before determining the sub-allocation of these ROAP funds; **and**

WHEREAS, the county government or regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 25 or Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes (upon written agreement with the municipalities or counties served) are the only eligible recipients of Rural Operating Assistance Program funds which are allocated to the counties based on a formula as described in the Program Guidelines included in the ROAP State Management Plan. NCDOT will disburse the ROAP funds only to counties and eligible transportation authorities and not to any sub-recipients selected by the county; **and**

WHEREAS, the county finance officer will be considered the county official accountable for the administration of the Rural Operating Assistance Program in the county, unless otherwise designated by the Board of County Commissioners; **and**

WHEREAS, the passenger trips provided with ROAP funds must be accessible to individuals with disabilities and be provided without discrimination on the basis of national origin, creed, age, race or gender (FTA C 47021.1A, FTA C 4704.1, Americans with Disabilities Act 1990); **and**

WHEREAS, the period of performance for these funds will be July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 regardless of the date on which ROAP funds are disbursed to the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, by signing below, the duly authorized representatives of the County of Columbus, North Carolina certify that the following statements are true and accurate:

- The county employed a documented methodology for the sub-allocating ROAP funds that involved the participation of eligible agencies and citizens. Outreach efforts to include the participation of the elderly and individuals with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, minorities and low income persons in the county's sub-allocation decision have been documented.
- The county will advise any sub-recipients about the source of the ROAP funds, specific program requirements and restrictions, eligible program expenses and reporting requirements. The county will be responsible for invoicing any sub-recipients for unexpended ROAP funds as needed.
- The county will monitor ROAP funded services routinely to verify that ROAP funds are being spent on allowable activities and that the eligibility of service recipients is being properly documented. The county will maintain records of trips for at least five years that prove that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible transportation service on the billed date, by whatever conveyance at the specified cost.
- The County will be responsible for monitoring the safety, quality and cost of ROAP funded services and assures that any procurements by sub-recipients for contracted services will follow state and federal guidelines.
- The county will conduct regular evaluations of ROAP funded passenger trips provided throughout the period of performance.
- The county will only use the ROAP funds to provide trips when other funding sources are not available for the same purpose or the other funding sources for the same purpose have been completely exhausted.
- The county assures that the required matching funds for the FY2018 ROAP can be generated from fares and/or provided from local funds.
- The county will notify the Mobility Development Specialist assigned to the county if any ROAP funded services are discontinued before the end of the period of performance due to the lack of funding. No additional ROAP funds will be available.
- The county will provide an accounting of trips and expenditures in quarterly milestone reports to NCDOT - Public Transportation Division or its designee. **Back-up documentation may be requested to support the quarterly reports or at an MDS site visit.**
- Any interest earned on the ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application. The County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.
- The county is applying for the following amounts of FY2018 Rural Operating Assistance Program funds:

State-Funded ROAP	Allocated	Requested
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDRAP)	\$75,639	\$75,639
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)	\$15,806	\$15,806
Rural General Public Program (RGP)	\$89,232	\$89,232
TOTAL:	\$180,677	\$180,677

WITNESS my hand and county seal, this 5th day of September, 2017.

/s/ **WILLIAM S. CLARK**
Signature of County Manager/Administrator

/s/ **BOBBIE FAIRCLOTH**
Signature of County Finance Officer

State of North Carolina County of Columbus

County Seal Here

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve the Certified Statement FY 2018 Rural Operating Assistance Program, for the sum of one hundred eighty thousand, six hundred, seventy-seven and 00/100 (\$180,677.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - AMENDED ADA POLICY, FAREBOX POLICY and SEATBELT POLICY:

Joy Jacobs, Transportation Director, requested Board approval of the following amended policies.

ADA REQUIREMENTS
Wheelchair and Passenger Weight Restriction Guideline

Columbus County Transportation (CCT) follows the FTC circular, 49 CFR.37.165 in regards to a weight restriction with passengers and wheelchairs.

Section 37.165 of the ADA Law states that all wheelchairs and users must be transported. A wheelchair does not exceed 30 inches in width and 48 inches in length measured two inches above the ground, and does not weigh more than 600 pounds when occupied.

A transportation provider is not required to permit anyone – including a person with a disability -- to bring a device onto a vehicle that is too big or that is determined to pose a direct threat to the safety of others. With respect to size, a non-wheelchair mobility device that exceeds the size and weight standards for a wheelchair (i.e., 30 x 48 inches, measured two inches above the ground, and **not exceeding 600 pounds, including the user**) can reasonably be considered too large. The direct threat standard is intentionally stringent (i.e., requiring a determination that there is a significant risk to the health or safety of others that cannot be eliminated by modification of policies, procedures, practices, or by the provision of auxiliary aids or services).

The wheelchair lifts on the vans struggle with combined weights (wheelchair and passenger) of 600 pounds or more. Lifting weights of 600 pounds or more has a strong tendency to tear up the lifts, making the van unusable until repaired.

CCT must allow passengers with oxygen.

Policy Approved:
Date: 09-05-2017

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

FAREBOX RECONCILIATION PROCEDURES

- Drivers use the manifest to determine which riders need to pay a fare, and how much the fare will be (riders do not turn in tickets). The driver collects the fares and put them in a bank bag. At the end of the day, the driver fills out a slip of paper showing the driver's name, the date and the amount collected.
- Drivers submit the manifest to the dispatcher, and submit the bank bag to the General Manager. If the GM is present, the bank bag is locked in a file cabinet in the GM's office. If the GM is gone, the driver slips the bank bag through the vent in the DM's office.
- The day after the driver turns in the bank bag, the GM (only) counts the money. The total collected plus the driver's name and date are written on a pad of paper that is kept by the GM, and the amount is matched against the slip of paper that the driver turned in.
- The dispatcher reviews the manifests and determines how much each driver should have collected. The dispatcher does not handle the money - only the driver and GM handle it.
- On a daily basis, after the dispatcher and GM have determined what the driver owed in fares, they meet and compare what they have - the manifest, driver's collection information, and the actual count of the money must match. If there is a discrepancy with the amount

collected (i.e. a discrepancy with the manifest amount), the driver is responsible for it. There is no process in place for signing off that the fare collection has been verified.

- After the money is counted and verified, it is locked in the file cabinet in the GM's office until the GM goes to the bank to make the deposit. Because the amount collected is low, the GM only turns in the money twice each month. At that time, the GM goes to the bank with the fares collected, and makes a deposit into First Transits account. The GM copies the deposit slip and remittance slip, and keeps them indefinitely, while sending copies to corporate office of First Transit for verification.

Amended Policy approved:

Date: 09-05-2017

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

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SEATBELT POLICY

All **Columbus County Transportation** passengers must wear safety belts at all times while aboard any **Columbus County Transportation** vehicle.

All wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices will be secured using a four-point tie-down system.

Columbus County Transportation cannot deny service to any passenger if the wheelchair or mobility assistive device cannot be secured to the satisfaction of the driver.

When a wheelchair or mobility assistance device is difficult to secure properly, the driver is expected to make every effort at securing the wheelchair before requesting that the passenger transfer to a regular seat. The driver may request the passenger transfer to a regular seat, but will not be permitted to require the passenger to transfer if proper wheelchair securement is not possible.

The above wording is in accordance with American Disability Act (ADA) Legislation

Policy Approved:

Date: 09-05-2017

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

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Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the Amended ADA Policy, Farebox Policy and the Seatbelt Policy, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item#8: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - REPEAL EXISTING COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD BY-LAWS and ADOPT NEW BY-LAWS -AND- APPROVE NEW BOARD MEMBER:

Joy Jacobs, Transportation Director, requested Board approval to repeal the existing Columbus County Transportation Advisory Board By-Laws, and approval and adoption of new by-laws, **and** approve Kay Worley as a new Board member to the Columbus County Transportation Advisory Board.

COLUMBUS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD BY-LAWS

Article 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Columbus County Transportation Advisory Board.

Article 2 - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide advice and guidance to Columbus County Transportation and the Columbus County Commissioners.

Article 3 - Governing Body

The governing body for Columbus County Transportation is the group which has legal and policy making authority over the operation of Columbus County Transportation. This governing body is the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

Article 4 - Members

The advisory Board shall consist of not more than 20 members with a Chairperson and a Secretary. Appointed members will serve as voting members. The Commissioners may appoint members and/or allow the advisory board to appoint members as recommended by NCDOT guidelines.

Private citizens appointed as members shall be appointed to one (1) year terms, eligible for re-appointment.

Article 5 - Meetings

Regular meetings of the Advisory Board shall be held each quarter on the second Monday of the following months: February, May, August and November. There shall be special meetings as necessary to conduct such business as should come before the Advisory Board. The special meetings can be called by the Chairperson when he/she deems it in the best interest of Columbus County Transportation. Notices of such meetings shall be e-mailed or mailed not more than three (3) days before the requested date set for such special meeting. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such meeting. The meetings shall be held at a place specified in the notifying e-mail/mail.

If any scheduled meeting should have to be cancelled or the date changed for any reason you will be notified by e-mail.

All meetings are open to the public and the dates and times will be posted on our website prior to the meeting.

Article 6 - Elections

The annual election meeting of the organization shall be held during the May meeting. All nominations shall be made from the floor. The members will vote for a Chairperson and Secretary. Officers shall take office at the August meeting.

Article 7 - Duties of Officers

The Chairperson or his designee shall supervise all affairs at the meetings. The Secretary shall keep the official minutes of the meetings.

Article 8 - Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of Advisory Board membership present at the meeting.

Article 9 - Terms of Office

A member can be elected as Chairperson or Secretary for a term of three (3) years - not to exceed two (2) consecutive terms. After a one (1) year departure from the position, a member may be eligible for re-election. Any vacancies may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining board members. The nominee will serve out the remainder of the term.

Article 10 - Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of the organization.

Article 11 - Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members. All amendments must receive final approval from the governing body.

APPROVED: /s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**
DATE: 09-05-2017

Board Clerk: **JUNE B. HALL**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the **amended** Columbus County Transportation Advisory Board By-Laws, and approve Kay Worley as the new member to the Columbus County Transportation Advisory Board, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE:

Joy Jacobs, Public Transportation Director, delivered the following Departmental Update

MONTH	MILES	TRIPS	BILLED
July	40,742	2,807	\$48,031.09
August	50,343	3,192	\$60,470.69
September	47,466	2,917	\$56,036.60
October	34,757	2,079	\$41,406.81
November	47,148	2,807	\$59,312.58
December	48,354	2,823	\$57,703.39
January	47,887	2,949	\$61,073.87
February	47,506	2,992	\$60,152.75
March	55,447	3,430	\$69,988.33
April	47,368	2,866	\$60,439.03
May	54,979	3,072	\$67,846.57
June	49,740	3,059	\$67,050.75
TOTALS:	571,737	34,993	\$709,512.46

Cost/Mile	\$1.24
Cost/Trip	\$20.28
Hours	21,850
Miles/Hour	26.17
Cost/Hour	\$32.47

Agenda Item #10: RESOLUTION - RESOLUTION REQUESTING CLEARING and SNAGGING of CREEKS AND WATERWAYS:

Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Resolution Requesting Clearing and Snagging of Creeks and Waterways.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING
CLEARING AND SNAGGING OF CREEKS AND WATERWAYS**

WHEREAS, Columbus County contains portions of the Cape Fear River and Lumber River Basins. The western one-fourth (1/4) of the county drains into tributaries that lead directly into the Lumber River. The central portion of Columbus County (approximately one-half) drains into the Waccamaw River, which is also a part of the Lumber River watershed. The eastern portion of Columbus County (approximately one-fourth) drains into tributaries of the Cape Fear River watershed basin; **and**

WHEREAS, these waterways collect and carry storm water from all areas and properties within Columbus County and other upstream areas to the rivers and streams as part of a normal drainage cycle: **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is subject to seasonally heavy rainstorms as well as catastrophic and destructive events like hurricanes and tropical storms that push downed trees, vegetation and other storm debris into the streams and ditches, collecting in masses at certain points and obstructing the natural free flow of water; **and**

WHEREAS, the activities of beavers and other wildlife contribute to unpredictable dams resulting in ponding and flooding of large areas; **and**

WHEREAS, the lack of post-storm clearing and maintenance of these obstructions increases localized flooding and damages to residential and commercial properties because water cannot flow freely through the obstructed channels; **and**

WHEREAS, this critical situation has extreme financial implications on individual homeowners' peace of mind and personal safety, on small businesses in terms of property values and

lost business revenue from forced closures; increase costs to local and state governments for flooded roadways and other infrastructure as well as rescue operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Columbus County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the State of North Carolina and the appropriate federal agencies collaborate to develop and fund immediate efforts to implement clearing and snagging of major streams in areas affected by Hurricane Matthew, and to provide for programs to continue those maintenance efforts following future declared disaster events that involve generalized flooding in Columbus County and other North Carolina counties.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of September, 2017.

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ATTESTED BY: /s/ **JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman**

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

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Requesting Clearing and Snagging of Creeks and Waterways, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: APPOINTMENTS - AUTHORITY/BOARD APPOINTMENTS NEEDED:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the following appointments to be made to the Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority and Planning Board.

Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority	EB	-Vacancy-	06-30-2018	HOLD
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Columbus County Planning Board	D-VI	-Vacancy-	04-17-2020	HOLD
			(Dale Ward Resigned)	

Agenda Item #12: URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM NC HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY 2017 - AGREEMENT for SERVICES:

William S. Clark, County Manager, requested Board approval of the Agreement for Services for the NCHFA 2017 Urgent Repair Program. Mr. Clark stated the following:

1. This is an Urgent Repair Program with NC Housing Finance Agency 2017 in the amount of \$100,000;
2. We can spend up to \$8,000 per house; **and**
3. Sandra Ridley will be the administrator and will be paid up to \$800 per house.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Agreement for Services for the NCHFA 2017 Urgent Repair Program, with Sandra B. Ridley, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed. A copy of this agreement 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 #13: LEGAL - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING:

Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, requested the Board to establish September 18, 2017, at 7:00 P. M. as the date and time for a Public Hearing to Replace the old Code of Ordinances, and adopt the new Code of Ordinances.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to establish September 18, 2017, at 7:00 P. M., as the date and time for a Public Hearing to Replace the old Code of Ordinances, and adopt the new Code of Ordinances, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - DISCUSSION of MONTHLY EXPENDITURES at GEORGIA PACIFIC PROPERTY:

Gary Lanier, Economic Development/Planning Director, will discuss the monthly

expenditures at the Georgia Pacific property.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to table this Agenda item until a later date, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #15: FAIR BLUFF SENIOR CENTER - UPDATE:

William S. Clark, County Manager, delivered the following update to the Board on the Fair Bluff Senior Center.

1. We have made a lot of progress;
2. There were twelve (12) seniors at the Fair Bluff Senior Center today;
3. There are four (4) pieces of exercise equipment there;
4. Two (2) televisions have been donated;
5. It is going well; **and**
6. We need a larger ice machine.

MOTION:

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to send a Letter of Thanks to BB&T for all of the donations they have given to the Fair Bluff Senior Center, seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:10 P.M., Chairman 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 21, 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.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - ASSET INVENTORY and ASSESSMENT PLAN, APPROVAL of RESOLUTION to APPLY:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolution by Governing Body of Applicant for the Asset Inventory and Assessment Plan.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - APPROVAL of OLD DOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER and SEWER PROJECT:

Commissioner Charles T. McDowell requested Board approval for the following:

- A. Use funds designated by the school system to move forward with the water system project;
- B. Approval of contract for Green Engineering for \$15,200 to submit application; **and**
- C. Pay \$174,758 for planning, design and permitting of the well, water mains, sewer pump and force main.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING for CDBG APPLICATION for OLD DOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEWER PROJECT:

Commissioner Charles T. McDowell requested the Board to establish September 18, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. for a Public Hearing for the Old Dock Elementary School Sewer Project.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for Columbus County Water and Sewer District II.

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

At 8:05 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the combination meeting of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, II, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #20: CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

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

<i>Proeprty Value</i>		Amount:	\$293.83
Zamora, Gilberto Antonio	PROPERTY: 97402	Total:	\$337.63
Value: \$36,500.00	Year: 2017	Account: 16-03016	Bill#: 97876
Release portion of taxes. Clerical error. Release Cole Service(36.50) release Columbus Rescue(7.30)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$160.20
Bullard, Michael Dale	PROPERTY: 21952	Total:	\$180.10
Value: \$52,400.00	Year: 2017	Account: 12-03232	Bill#: 53120
Release portion of value. Home torn down 2015. Release North Whiteville(15.92) release Columbus Rescue(3.98)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$14.33
Fowler, Billy Wayne	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$16.47
Value: \$1,780.00	Year: 2017	Account: 06-05376	Bill#: 61719
Release value of boat. Listed in SC. Release Yam City(1.78) release Columbus Rescue(.36)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$80.50
Long, Charles Parsley & Vendall	PROPERTY: 19581	Total:	\$88.50
Value: \$10,000.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-15740	Bill#: 74086
Release portion of value. 1914 Bldg has no value. Release Hallsboro Fire(6.00) release Columbus Rescue(2.00)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$208.50
Odham. L R (Jr) & Anna Yates	PROPERTY: 18081	Total:	\$213.68
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 10-13180	Bill#: 80335
Release overbilled value. Hurricane damage. Release Columbus Rescue(5.18)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$11.27
Ward, Steven Anthony	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$12.53
Value: \$8,200.00	Year: 2017	Account: 01-07607	Bill#: 94440
Release value of jet ski. Sold. Release Brunswick Fire(.98) release Columbus Rescue(.28)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$6.44
Watts, Ted(Dec)	PROPERTY: 12432	Total:	\$6.60
Value: \$16,000.00	Year: 2017	Account: 06-42740	Bill#: 94972
Release portion of value for storage that was repoed. Release Columbus Rescue(.16)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$9.66
Watts, Ted(Dec)	PROPERTY: 63154	Total:	\$9.90
Value: \$4,300.00	Year: 2017	Account: 06-42740	Bill#: 94974
Release value. Incorrect value because of unit price. Release Columbus Rescue(.24)			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Allred, Carolyn	PROPERTY: 12847	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 07-03702	Bill#: 47887
Release user fee/ Has commercial hauler.			

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Benton, Bernard		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-02601	Bill#:	50191
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Benton, Bernard		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-00252	Bill#:	50190
Release user fees.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Benton, Bernard L.		PROPERTY: 64582	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-00531	Bill#:	50193
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Blackman, Thurman S.		PROPERTY: 6450	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 03-01480	Bill#:	50698
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Fearil G. (Heirs)		PROPERTY: 26295	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 14-02460	Bill#:	52254
Release user fee. Can picked up 2005				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Brown, Sidney M		PROPERTY: 88375	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 05-01020	Bill#:	52566
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Bullard, Michael Dale		PROPERTY: 20817	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 12-04541	Bill#:	53121
Release user fee.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Bullard, Michael Dale & Willema Jane		PROPERTY: 21952	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 12-03232	Bill#:	53120
Release user fee. Demolished 2015				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Byrd Family LLC of Lake Waccamaw		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,015.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-03828	Bill#:	99999
Release user fee. Vacant. Property#18761,18760				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Byrd, Giles & Son Inc.		PROPERTY: 19800	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-04796	Bill#:	53760
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Cam-Brent, Inc.		PROPERTY: 19867	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-02131	Bill#:	54049
Release user fee. Commercial Hauler.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Clarida J C (Heirs) & Allene		PROPERTY: 12782	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 07-01940	Bill#:	55480
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Cribb, Bobby K. & Betty Jo		PROPERTY: 15605	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 09-05670	Bill#:	57065
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Davis, James		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 15-11681	Bill#:	57813
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Ellis, Bobby R(Sr)		PROPERTY: 91611	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 15-02712	Bill#:	59812

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Release user fee. Vacant.

User Fee

Formyduval, Mary Jeanette W

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Pre Paid for Can

PROPERTY: 6882
Account: 03-07680

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 61648

User Fee

Fowler, William Ray

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Has commercial hauler

PROPERTY: 17666
Account: 10-03551

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 62035

User Fee

Frink, David Chester dba Frinks Garage

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Vacant.

PROPERTY: 24237
Account: 13-13980

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 62468

User Fee

Frink, Ronny Carroll & Melissa Anne

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Vacant.

PROPERTY: 85543
Account: 04-04745

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 62519

User Fee

Godwin, Danny & Sonja Louise Tyson

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Vacant.

PROPERTY: 95229
Account: 09-02204

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 63568

User Fee

Godwin, Minnie Elease

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Vacant.

PROPERTY: 30132
Account: 16-03853

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 63707

User Fee

Gore, Daniel J. & Janice

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Has commercial hauler

PROPERTY: 7073
Account: 03-08800

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 64537

User Fee

Gore, Daniel J. & Janice

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Has commercial hauler

PROPERTY: 96573
Account: 03-00862

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 96573

User Fee

Gore, Daniel J. & Janice W

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Has commercial hauler

PROPERTY: 7071
Account: 03-08760

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 64001

User Fee

Gore, Jimmy Brooks & Marlyn

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Can picked up 11/9/10

PROPERTY: 13741
Account: 07-06460

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 64216

User Fee

Griffin, Wilson (Heirs)

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Vacant.

PROPERTY: 21209
Account: 12-10460

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 65687

User Fee

Hayes, Wesley

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Vacant Can picked up 1/27/11

PROPERTY: 21247
Account: 12-11260

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 67208

User Fee

Herring, Larry Gene

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Vacant.

PROPERTY: 30300
Account: 16-08160

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00
Bill#: 67676

User Fee

Inman, Gene A. & Frances B

Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017

Release user fee. Has commercial hauler

PROPERTY: 1008
Account: 01-04045

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$406.00
Bill#: 69665

User Fee

Jordan, Jack

PROPERTY: 17313

Amount: \$0.00
Total: \$203.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 09-16029	Bill#: 71646
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Kinser, Lakitta M.		PROPERTY: 79436	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 13-01721	Bill#: 72351
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Marvin, Carrie M.		PROPERTY: 9165	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 04-11255	Bill#: 75459
Release user fee. Can picked up 2010			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Melvin, Audrey Lynn		PROPERTY: 9167	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 04-00222	Bill#: 77449
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Memory, Robert Thurston		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$232.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 01-61200	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Memory, Robert Thurston		PROPERTY: 3554	Total: \$116.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 01-61180	Bill#: 77493
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Memory, Robert Thurston		PROPERTY: 444	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 01-60985	Bill#: 77491
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Memory, Robert Thornton		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$348.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 02-60985	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Mitchell, Marion Elizabeth ETA		PROPERTY: 18710	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-17637	Bill#: 78125
Release user fee. Vacant. Can picked up 1/19/11			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Mongrelly, Joan		PROPERTY: 17577	Total: \$116.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 10-04422	Bill#: 78256
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Nobles, David G.		PROPERTY: 25204	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 13-29620	Bill#: 79669
Release user fees.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Nunez, Eleazar & Amanda		PROPERTY: 13176	Total: \$406.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 07-05707	Bill#: 80250
Release user fees. Prop#13176			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Reaves, Joe Brown Jr & Angela		PROPERTY: 4307	Total: \$53.95
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2016	Account: 01-75280	Bill#: 19840
Release portion of user fee. Postmark error per postal service.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
River Six LLC		PROPERTY: 28571	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 15-03609	Bill#: 84194
Release user fee. Vacant.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Sellers, Norman		PROPERTY: 85337	Total: \$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 01-05664	Bill#: 85831
Release user fee. No can at shop.			

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<i>User Fee</i> Simmons, K M (Jr) Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Vacant.	PROPERTY: 7809 Account: 03-04412	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 86718
<i>User Fee</i> Skipper, Douglas & Betty Williams Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Vacant.	PROPERTY: 91877 Account: 03-03601	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 87059
<i>User Fee</i> Smith, Charles B & Barbara Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Vacant.	PROPERTY: 9097 Account: 04-00651	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$116.00 Bill#: 87344
<i>User Fee</i> Smith, Charles Bryant Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee.	PROPERTY: 9382 Account: 04-02902	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$116.00 Bill#: 87348
<i>User Fee</i> Smith, Charles Bryant & Barbara Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Vacant.	PROPERTY: 8658 Account: 04-14540	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$116.00 Bill#: 87349
<i>User Fee</i> Smith, Charles R & Barbara S Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Vacant.	PROPERTY: 8717 Account: 04-04634	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$116.00 Bill#: 87345
<i>User Fee</i> Soles, Sallie Mae (MRs) Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Can picked up 1/12/17	PROPERTY: 25571 Account: 13-37460	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 88385
<i>User Fee</i> Thompson, Julian A Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Vacant.	PROPERTY: 9555 Account: 04-15580	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 91694
<i>User Fee</i> Thompson, Thetus S Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Vacant.	PROPERTY: 00000 Account: 05-07100	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 91839
<i>User Fee</i> Vause, Willema Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee.	PROPERTY: 76450 Account: 13-04906	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 92952
<i>User Fee</i> Walker, Phyllis Miles Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Vacant.	PROPERTY: 89002 Account: 13-01749	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 93422
<i>User Fee</i> Ward, Faye Housand Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Can picked up 8/8/09	PROPERTY: 92506 Account: 07-02561	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 93954
<i>User Fee</i> Whitehead, Johnny Lee(ETALS) Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Vacant.	PROPERTY: 30772 Account: 16-04121	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 95593
<i>User Fee</i> Williams, Wade Lenwood Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017 Release user fee. Vacant.	PROPERTY: 17222 Account: 09-33713	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 96289
<i>User Fee</i> Williamson, Grady Morgan Value: \$0.00 Year: 2017	PROPERTY: 23301 Account: 12-30623	Amount: \$0.00 Total: \$203.00 Bill#: 96468

Release user fee. Vacant to be burned.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Williamson, Hank		PROPERTY: 23294	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 12-30645	Bill#:	96481
Release user fee. Demo no can.				

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Worrell, Johnny Ray & Crystal		PROPERTY: 26241	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 14-01502	Bill#:	97344
Release user fee Vacant.				

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Worrell, Linda		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$406.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 14-02909	Bill#:	97355
Release user fees. 2 Mobile home vacant.				

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Worrell, Linda P		PROPERTY: 20499	Total:	\$203.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 11-30680	Bill#:	20499
Release user fees.				

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Worrell, Linda P.		PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$609.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 4-02051	Bill#:	99999
Release user fees. Prop#82359,26778 Vacant.				

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Worrell, Linda P.		PROPERTY: 3084	Total:	\$116.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2017	Account: 01-06798	Bill#:	97357
Release user fee. Vacant.				

Agenda Item #21: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Managers:

1. **Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation Director:** stated the following:
 - The contracts have been written and handed over to the contractors for the storm debris removal projects, and we are waiting on them to get back with us with their response; **and**
 - Let's hope that Irma does not come our way.
2. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development/Planning Director:** stated the following:
 - I will be headed for a SEDC Conference in Anchorage, Alaska; **and**
 - Right after my conference, I will go in for a medical procedure, and will be back on October 19, 2017.
3. **Larry Hayes, Maintenance Director:** stated the following:
 - There is a misunderstanding with the Board of Elections Building;
 - There is far more than just a cleanup;
 - We have got issues with the duct work and it is not going to be an easy fix;
 - The hygienist recommended to replace the duct work, but that will be a patch job;
 - If we run new duct work, that will eliminate the janitor's closet and a bathroom;
 - and**
 - We have an issue with the supply duct.

Lengthy and detailed discussion was conducted as follows:

1. Option A could be the addition of an A roof;
2. 5,500 Square feet in the building;
3. Have mini-split system;
4. The need for actively seeking the cost;
5. Safety and health for the employees;
6. The cost of \$6,000 for eliminating the bathroom and the janitor's closet;
7. The renovation of the existing building or the replacement of the building; **and**
8. The two (2) departments being moved to an empty existing County building.

After additional discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board that the HUD Department would get both rooms.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - Larry, I appreciate your thoughts in the letter you sent to us relative to the historic Courthouse;
 - All of our citizens need to keep their ditches and drainage avenues clean of trash and debris; **and**
 - I would like to thank the Board for doing the right thing for our children.
2. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
 - Gary, my prayers are with you for your surgery;
 - Let us hope that Irma does not come this way; **and**
 - The reason I voted no for Old Dock School was in support of the request by citizens that did not want to see the money spent in only one area.
3. **Vice Chairman McKenzie:** stated the following:
 - Gail, are you having any progress on the sign for Spivey Road? Gail replied stating she would follow up on this.; **and**
 - Mr. Clark, what is the status of the convenience center that we have been discussing? Mr. Clark replied stating the cost is approximately \$25,000.

MOTION:

After discussion, Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to establish the convenience center in Evergreen for approximately \$25,000, to operate two (2) days a week, and the money will come from the Solid Waste Fund Balance, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

4. **Commissioner Burroughs:** stated the following:
 - Thank you Danny for your many years of service to Columbus County;
 - I wish you good luck on your surgery Gary; **and**
 - Gary, please check into the viscous dogs situation that we have discussed.
5. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - At the Meet and Greet Meeting at the Lake, the legislators encouraged leasing schools due to the cost of new schools; **and**
 - Our people need to be educated about keeping their drainage system clear of debris, and there is no actions done to keep the road ditches by the State.
6. **Chairman Prevatte:** stated the following:
 - The Dixie Debs could not be here tonight;
 - We are still working to get the FFA from Cerro Gordo to attend a meeting; **and**
 - At the next meeting, please bring your personal calendars so we can set the date for the Historic Courthouse Workshop.

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

At 8:53 P.M., Commissioner Russ made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, after a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #22: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:15 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Prevatte requested that Michael H. Stephens, County Attorney, to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: "The Board of Commissioners discussed the position of Interim County Manager with the County Attorney".

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

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to appoint Michael H. Stephens as the Interim County Manager, effective the first day in October, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #23: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:17 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. 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
Tuesday, September 05, 2017
7:10 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
Giles E. Byrd
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
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:10 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 21, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the August 21, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:05 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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
Tuesday, September 05, 2017
7:10 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
Giles E. Byrd
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
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:10 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 21, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (5 sets)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the August 21, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - ASSET INVENTORY and ASSESSMENT PLAN, APPROVAL of RESOLUTION to APPLY:

Danny Fowler, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of the following Resolution by Governing Body of Applicant for the Asset Inventory and Assessment Plan

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of (state whether a wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection system, stream restoration, storm water treatment, drinking water treatment works, and/or drinking water distribution system or other “green” project); **and**

WHEREAS, The Columbus County Water District II has need for and intends to prepare an Asset Inventory and Assessment of the water system currently under the District’s operations and control; **and**

WHEREAS, The Columbus County Water District II intends to request state grant for the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY:

That Columbus County Water District II, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan award.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the Governing Body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Columbus County Water District II to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from Columbus County Water District II any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That William S. Clark, County Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan or grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants pertaining thereto.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of September, 2017 at Whiteville, North Carolina.

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

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify: That the above/attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a

legally convened meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners duly held on the 5th day of September, 2017; and, further, that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceeding and records in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of September, 2017.

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

Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to approve the Resolution By Governing Body of Applicant, to Apply for a grant in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 (\$150,000.00) dollars, with a seven thousand, five hundred, and 00/100 (\$7,500.00) dollars match, for Green Engineering to do an Asset Inventory and Assessment Plan, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - APPROVAL of OLD DOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WATER and SEWER PROJECT:

Commissioner Charles T. McDowell requested Board approval for the following:

- A. Use funds designated by the school system to move forward with the water system project;
- B. Approval of contract for Green Engineering for \$15,200 to submit application for \$1 million CDBG sewer application; **and**
- C. Pay \$174,758 for planning, design and permitting of the well, water mains, sewer pump and force main.

Motion Number 1:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve Item A, without the well, seconded by Commission Burroughs.

Amended Motion Number 2:

Commissioner Russ amended his motion to approve Item A, with \$1,176,759 (\$210,000 school funds and \$966,759 Article 44 Sales Tax, from FY 2016/2017 Article 44 Sales Tax), and an additional \$42,154.00 from FY 2017/2018 Article 44 Sales Tax to move forward with the water project without the well, amended motion seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

Motion Number 3:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve Item B and Item C for the amount of \$97,138, from 2017/2018 Article 44 for water and sewer CDBG Application (\$15,200.00) and Sewer Pump Station and Force Mains Design (\$81,938.00), seconded by Vice Chairman McKenzie.

A roll-call was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Prevatte, Vice Chairman McKenzie, Commissioners Russ, Byrd, McDowell and Burroughs; **and**

NAYS: Commissioner Bullard.

The motion passes on a six (6) to one (1) vote.

Agenda Item #19: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT II - ESTABLISHMENT of DATE and TIME for PUBLIC HEARING for CDBG APPLICATION for OLD DOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEWER PROJECT:

Commissioner Charles T. McDowell requested the Board to establish September 18, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. for a Public Hearing for the Old Dock Elementary School Sewer Project.

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to establish September 18, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. for a Public Hearing for the Old Dock Elementary School Sewer Project, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

INTRODUCTION - INTERIM PUBLIC UTILITIES MANAGER:

Harold Nobles will be the Interim Public Utilities Director. He has been with us for a long time.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:05 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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
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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
Giles E. Byrd
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
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:10 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 21, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the August 21, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:05 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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
Tuesday, September 05, 2017
7:10 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
Giles E. Byrd
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
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:10 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 21, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the August 21, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:05 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. 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
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7:10 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
Giles E. Byrd
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
Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:10 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 #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

August 21, 2017 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to approve the August 21, 2017 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:05 P.M., Vice Chairman McKenzie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman