

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, December 03, 2018****9:00 A.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 the regularly scheduled meeting, time being changed at the November 19, 2018 Board Meeting from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 A.M., it being the first Monday.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**  
 Jerome McMillian  
 James E. Prevatte (Excused: 11:01 A.M.)  
 Giles E. Byrd (Excused: 10:30 A.M.)  
 P. Edwin Russ (Leave/Return: 9:21 A.M.)  
 Ricky Bullard  
 Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
 Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**  
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:**

Amon E. McKenzie, **Chairman**

**OATHS of OFFICE:**

The following Oaths of Office were delivered to the following newly elected County Commissioner and two (2) re-elected County Commissioners.

**December 03, 2018****NORTH CAROLINA****COUNTY OF COLUMBUS****OATH OF OFFICE**

**“I, JEROME McMILLIAN, do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.”**

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN, District I  
 COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Sworn to or affirmed before me this 3rd day of December, 2018.

/s/ **C. ASHLEY GORE  
 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
 THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**ATTESTED BY:**

/s/ **JUNE B. HALL  
 CLERK to BOARD of  
 COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**December 03, 2018****NORTH CAROLINA****COUNTY OF COLUMBUS****OATH OF OFFICE**

**“I, CHARLES T. McDOWELL, do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to**

support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.”

/s/ CHARLES T. McDOWELL, District VII  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to or affirmed before me this 3rd day of December, 2018.

/s/ C. ASHLEY GORE  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ATTESTED BY:  
/s/ JUNE B. HALL  
CLERK to BOARD of  
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 03, 2018

NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

**OATH OF OFFICE**

“I, RICKY BULLARD, do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Columbus County Commissioners, so help me God.”

/s/ RICKY BULLARD, District VI  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sworn to or affirmed before me this 3rd day of December, 2018.

/s/ WAITES GREENE  
NOTARY PUBLIC

ATTESTED BY:  
/s/ JUNE B. HALL  
CLERK to BOARD of  
COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 9:00 A.M., Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs called the December 03, 2018 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #2: RE-ORGANIZATION of BOARD - ELECTION of CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Amanda B. Prince, Columbus County Attorney, will preside as Acting Chairman for the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Prince stated the following:

1. At this time, we will proceed with the election of officers for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman for a term of one (1) year;
2. We will proceed with the election of the officers pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-39, and also the Rules of Procedure for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, as adopted on February 04, 2008;
3. Rule Number 6 states in part, of which I will read, “...*the present Chairman shall relinquish the chairmanship of the meeting to the County Attorney who shall preside over the Board*”

*only for the election of officers. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve for a one (1) year term. The Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members, who, at the conclusion of the election of officers, shall then immediately assume those positions for the ensuing year. The Board shall take nominations and vote for or against persons nominated for Chairman and Vice-Chairman separately and for each individual office.”;*

4. In order to do that, if we have more than one (1) person nominated for either of the offices, then the election will take the manner of going in reverse order, until we get a majority vote; **and**
5. At this time, I will open the floor for the nomination for the position of Chairman.

**Nominations for Chairman:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to nominate Commissioner Trent Burroughs as Chairman, second by Commissioner Russ.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSED:**

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Ms. Prince stated the nominations are now closed. Those in favor for Vice Chairman Trent Burroughs to serve as Chairman, vote aye and those opposed vote nay. The motion unanimously passed.

Vice Chairman Burroughs will serve as Chairman for the ensuing year. I will now open the floor for the nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

**Nominations for Vice Chairman:**

Commissioner Bullard nominated Commissioner Byrd for the position of Vice Chairman.

Commissioner McDowell nominated Commissioner Russ to serve as Vice Chairman.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSED:**

Ms. Prince stated the nominations are now closed. Those in favor for Commissioner Edwin Russ to serve as the Vice Chairman, vote aye and those opposed vote nay. A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

**AYES:** Vice Chairman Burroughs, Commissioners McDowell, Prevatte, McMillian, Russ and Byrd; **and**  
**NAYS:** Commissioner Bullard.

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

Ms. Prince stated that Commissioner Trent Burroughs will serve in the position of Chairman to the Board for the ensuing one (1) year term. Commissioner Edwin Russ will serve in the position of Vice Chairman for the ensuing one (1) year term. Congratulations to both gentlemen, and I will now turn the meeting over to Chairman Trent Burroughs.

**NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN PRESIDES**

**Agenda Item #3: SURETY BONDS:**

Examination and Approval:

NAME	TITLE	BOND \$	EXPIR DATE
Bobbie Faircloth	Finance Officer (Columbus County)	\$50,000	Indefinite
Bobbie Faircloth	Travel and Tourism Board	\$50,000	Indefinite
Steadman Jody Greene	Sheriff	\$25,000	11-14-2019
Needom G. Hughes, IV	Tax Administrator	\$25,000	11-25-2019
Douglas E. Ward	Deputy Tax Administrator	\$25,000	Indefinite
Rachel H. Tyson	Public Housing Director	\$25,000	10-22-2019
Kandance Bullock	Register of Deeds	\$10,000	12-04-2020

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the above listed surety bonds, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Items #4 and #5: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James E. Prevatte. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Giles E. Byrd.

**Agenda Item #6: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the November 19, 2018 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

**Agenda Item #8: SCHOOLS - MERGER RESULTS:**

Dr. June Atkinson, Emerald Education, Incorporated, delivered the following results of the study regarding consolidation of the two (2) Columbus County School Systems.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Columbus County Board of Commissioners contracted with Emerald Education, Inc. to conduct a feasibility study about merging Columbus County Schools and Whiteville City Schools. The four (4) overarching questions for conducting the study were:

1. Will a merger increase opportunities for students?;
2. Will a merger lead to cost savings?;
3. Will a merger have an impact on available revenue?; **and**
4. Will a merger have an impact on enrollment?

The combined student population of these two (2) school systems is 7,974 for the 2018-2019 school year. Charter school enrollment coming from Columbus County and Whiteville City is 748. Both school systems are racially diverse with Whiteville City having the larger minority population.

The public school population in the county has declined since 2010 with a 19.99% drop in Columbus County Schools and a 6.78% drop in Whiteville City Schools. Charters have increased student population from 350 to 971 (63.95%) during the same period where not all of the students were previously in Columbus or Whiteville.

Columbus County's geographical size, the third largest in the State, has influenced previous decisions about location of schools, their student population, and transportation decisions. Counting public charter schools, there are 24 public schools in the county with various combinations of elementary, middle, and high schools.

Total funding to support both school districts is \$77,142,189 including \$7,065,499 for charter schools. Columbus County and Whiteville City spend the majority of their North Carolina state funding in personnel, as do all school districts in the state. The public schools in Columbus County employed 1,075 full-time equivalent (FTE) in 2018 with 78 of those employed to two (2) charter schools.

Excluding child nutrition, the State accounted for 71.2% of expenditures for Columbus County, 71.7% for Whiteville City. Federal funds accounted for 18.1% for Columbus County and 18.7% for Whiteville City. Local funding accounted for 10.6% for Columbus County, 9.6% for Whiteville City. As a comparison, State average expenditures for North Carolina are 64.9% State, 11.1% federal, and 24% local.

Based on extensive analysis of funding sources, expenditures, and other factors, it is calculated that the public schools in Columbus County will lose approximately \$1,039,297 of State revenue after two (2) years if the two (2) school districts are merged. The loss of these State funds would be in the areas of classroom teachers, career-technical educations, school administration, children with special needs, limited English speakers, and central office staff.

Since most local funding is used to cover the costs of utilities (electricity, water, waste, and repair/maintenance of school buildings), a merger would result in little, if any savings of local funds. Currently, Columbus County does not have resources to make up for the loss in State funds and services that would be cut from central office staff budgets.

Based on experiences in other school districts, a merger may have the unintended consequence of parents and students choosing a private, public charter, or homeschooling. As a result, State and federal resources would be reduced accordingly.

Other findings include:

1. Merge of Columbus County and Whiteville City Schools without other actions will not increase student opportunities and other access to expanded course offerings.
2. The county should increase its transportation efficiency rating to ensure the State reimburses the district for all costs.
3. Efficiencies may be gained by sharing some support services such as purchases, contractual arrangements, technology support, career-technical support, and exceptional children services. Improving efficiencies, however, will not offset the significant reduction of approximately \$1 million from the State.

One potential result of districts consolidating is that competition between school districts is minimized and, eventually, citizen support increases for the merged school district. While limited efficiencies could be realized by merging the two (2) school districts, there would not be a cost savings from a merger nor will there be any noticeable impact on revenue generated to support the merged school districts. Student assignments, the placement of schools within the county, and the plans to build and renovate schools are other factors having an impact on expenditures. We believe that because of the loss of state funding of \$1 million and the challenges with generating local revenue, a merger would not be in the best interest of the public school students in Columbus County at this time.

**(To Be Continued)**

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and ENTER into PUBLIC HEARING:**

At 9:30 A.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a Public Hearing, which was duly advertised, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**9:30 A.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** AMENDMENT to COLUMBUS COUNTY LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE to PERMIT TEMPORARY HOUSING: the purpose of the Public Hearing is to invite all interested citizens to present oral and written comments.

## **PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 9:30 A.M., Chairman Burroughs called the Public Hearing to order and stated this Public Hearing is for an amendment to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance to permit temporary housing, and the purpose of the Public Hearing is to invite all interested citizens to present oral and written comments. Chairman Burroughs opened the floor for comments.

## **COMMENTS:**

**Samantha Alsup, Planning Director:** stated the following:

1. Staff has prepared an amendment to the Land Use Regulation Ordinance to permit temporary relocation housing for persons displaced as a result of a natural or other disaster during an event's recovery period. In the immediate and long-term recovery periods following such a disaster, the need to provide temporary housing may be a critical and time-sensitive need. Currently the zoning ordinance does not specifically address temporary housing or uses on individual lots. The proposed language will provide clarity and permit such uses for temporary housing in the event of a natural or other disaster and their accompanying requirements when a disaster occurs.
2. The option for temporary relocation housing will be enabled as the result of a Federal Disaster Declaration where public or individual assistance is made available or as determined by the County Manager. Units will be allowed to remain for a duration of 12 months from the date of declaration, unless extended by the Board of Commissioners.
3. This amendment would allow temporary relocation housing in all areas zoned for General Use and in the Southeastern Community College zoning area as long as the lot where the temporary housing unit is placed is a residential lot. The housing units may consist of temporary housing types such as manufactured homes, travel trailers or recreational vehicles, tiny homes, or other temporary units on an individual lot. In addition to compliance with the zoning regulations prescribed in the draft language, temporary relocation housing units must also adhere to any applicable code requirements.
4. Staff concludes that the proposed text amendment is consistent with the 2012 Comprehensive Land Use Plan because it is reasonable and in the public interest because temporary housing is necessary for residents to return to the community, repair their properties, and resume their lives, and, a short-term allowance of safe and temporary housing options is critically needed.

## **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

At 9:37 A.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

## **RESUME REGULAR SESSION:**

At 9:37 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

## **Agenda Item #8: SCHOOLS - MERGER RESULTS: (Continued)**

Phillip Price, Emerald Education, stated in the forty-five (45) page Merger Study Report, we have addressed the following:

1. Funding Public Schools in North Carolina:
  - State Funding
  - Local Funding
  - Federal Funding
2. Funding for Public Schools in Columbus County:
  - State Funding
  - Federal Funding
  - Local Funding
3. Challenges with Funding Public Schools in Columbus County:
  - Economic Conditions
  - Changes in State Funding Since 2008
  - Other Challenges - County Population changes, Geography and Special Populations
4. Impact of a Merger on Funding Public Schools in Columbus County:
  - State Funds

- Federal Funds
- Local Funding

**CONCLUSION:** If the reason for a merger of Columbus County and Whiteville City is to reduce costs, we do not believe that the merger will generate significant savings. The loss of State allotments and the minimum administrative costs being expended from local and federal funds, would lead to an overall funding decrease to a merged school district. We do believe that a careful review of local and federal contract and support costs could lead to some savings.

5. Capital Expenditures in North Carolina's Public Schools:
  - Legislation
  - History
6. School technology in Columbus County and Whiteville City.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

One potential result of districts consolidating is that competition between school districts is minimized and, eventually, citizen support increases for the merged school district. While limited efficiencies could be realized by merging the two (2) school districts, there would not be a cost savings from a merger nor will there be any noticeable impact on revenue generated to support the merged school district. Student assignments, the placement of schools within the county, and the plans to build and renovate schools are other factors having an impact on expenditures. We believe that because of the loss of state funding of \$1 million and the challenges with generating local revenue, a merger would not be in the best interest of the public school students in Columbus County at this time.

Pearl Freedman, lady in audience, requested access to the forty-five (45) page Merger Study Report. Ms. Atkinson stated the report will be sent in electronic form to Michael H. Stephens, County Manager, for access to the public. The report will be placed on the Columbus County website.

After Lengthy discussion was conducted, Chairman Burroughs stated the Board would take this matter under advisement.

### **Agenda Item #9: SBA DISASTER ASSISTANCE - UPDATED INFORMATION:**

Ly Eldridge, Public Affairs Specialist, Office of Disaster Assistance - FOCE, delivered the following updated information on SBA Disaster Assistance.

1. I would like to deliver updates on relief efforts as it relates to relief efforts from Hurricane Florence;
2. I would like to remind everyone the deadline for new applications for physical damages is December 13, 2018;
3. This deadline is for businesses, homeowners, non-profits and renters;
4. If anyone has not registered with FEMA, and/or applied for the SBA low interest, long term loan program, you have until December 13, 2018;
5. Businesses can also apply for economic injury loans which is working capital loans and that deadline is June 14, 2019;
6. The Recovery Centers are starting to consolidate;
7. The Columbus County Recovery Center which is now at the Econo Lodge will be closing for business at the end of Wednesday, December 05, 2018;
8. The next closest Recovery Center is in Lumberton;
9. They can always call FEMA at 1-800-621-3362, or go on line at FEMA.gov;
10. I encourage you to visit the Recovery Centers; **and**
11. I encourage everyone to apply for the SBA loans.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS and EXCUSED:**

Commissioner Byrd stated the following:

1. I look forward to working with our new Board Member - Commissioner Jerome McMillian;
2. We need to slow down in the process of naming a road or bridge in the honor of Trooper Conner for justice to him and his family; **and**
3. It is 10:30 A.M., and I need to be excused.

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

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following monthly administrative update to the Board.

On November 7 and 8, 2018 I attended the Director's Association Executive Board Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. On the first day, there was a meeting held with the 31 County Directors who were designated as individual assistance counties to administer Disaster Food Assistance for Hurricane Florence. The purpose of this meeting was to share information, experiences, lessons learned and challenges/issues. During this meeting, we talked about the roles of the Red Cross, Emergency Management, local DSS agencies, County Management, DHHS and others. We discussed how shelters are opened and how to improve the process and to coordinate with the state EOC for resources during future events. The information from this meeting will be compiled and shared with DHHS in hopes of developing a Disaster Emergency Summit sometime in 2019. It was interesting to hear about the different experiences during Hurricane Florence and the Disaster Food Assistance Program.

On the second day, the Executive Session was held. During this session, we received updates about the upcoming Social Services Institute for 2019. In the past three years, the Institute has been cancelled twice due to hurricanes; therefore, it is being moved from October 2019 to the last week in July 2019.

The Advocacy Committee discussed the legislative priorities for our association for 2019; which will include increased funding for Adult Protective Services and Guardianship for counties to provide adequate services to its Wards. We will also advocate to keep Block Grant Funds and decrease unfunded mandates to counties. The Advocacy Committee will also be working with the County Board of Commissioners to gain support and align their goals with the Director's Association as much as possible.

The NCFAST Team representative provided an update on go-live dates for Child Welfare in the NCFAST system for CPS Intake and Assessment. The roll-out will start in January 2019 for western counties; May 2019 for central counties and March 2019 for paper based counties in the eastern region. Columbus County is now scheduled to go-live in March 2019. Counties were encouraged to continue their self-based web training and to secure the required technology required to complete its work in NCFAST. This will require I-pads to be purchased with internet access for counties to complete assessments and initiate CPS referrals as required by state policy. Counties will be contacted by a readiness representative to conduct an assessment of each counties situation and provide information about the roll-out process.

The pilot counties will begin implementation of CPS Intake and Assessment in NCFAST on November 19, 2018.

We also received information from Susan Perry-Manning from DHHS concerning the MOU's (Memorandums of Understanding) that each county was required to sign as part of House Bill 630 in July of this year. Mrs. Manning informed us the state has changed some of the performance measures and clarified some of the language after much feedback from county partners and the Director's Association. She stated 17 of the 26 measures will change to growth measures. They are continuing to work on data validation for the reports that will be sent to counties to monitor their progress. The amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should be sent to counties within the next week and will have to be resigned by the County Manager and DSS Director. The amended MOU's should be signed and returned to DHHS by December 17, 2018.

On November 14, 2018 we received the amended Memorandum of Understanding from the state. They are requesting it be signed and returned by December 17, 2018. Therefore, a copy will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners for their review; as well as the County Manager.

On November 9, 2017 we received our new computer monitors and they have been installed and are working well for staff.

We are preparing for the new requirement for all Child Support Agents to have federal and local criminal background checks conducted. This is now being required for current and newly hired staff who have access to federal tax information.

Lastly, we are proud to have one of our Child Support Agents; Mrs. Melinda Batten; to be recognized for outstanding collections in Child Support for October. She collected the 9th highest amount of the top 20 in the state (\$11,236.48).

### **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: **November 2018**

#### News/Updates/Vacancies

#### **Food and Nutrition:**

The Intake/processing team continues to fail compliance timeframes for applications. New workers are being trained however this takes time to understand policy and to learn how to navigate in NC FAST. The recertification team continues to keep their work timely and this team has 2 vacancies. Our State Representative made a site visit and completed some training for all Food and Nutrition workers and discussed us targeting getting back to our timeliness compliance timeframes as soon as possible.

#### **Adult and Family & Children's Medicaid:**

Adult Medicaid failed their timeliness compliance timeframes for applications. Open enrollment with the Federal Marketplace for individuals to file for health insurance opened on November 1st. Open enrollment for clients with Medicaid to enroll or change their prescription drug plans opened October 15th and will continue into December.

The State Office completed a training for Special Assistance Eligibility during the month of November gearing up for the requirements of training staff. We currently have 2 vacancies within these two teams.

#### **Child Support and Paralegal:**

Collections for Child Support on court days will be lower than usual due to only 1 day was held with workers preparing 130 cases for that day. Our State Representative continues to work with us to get us back on track with all compliance timeframes.

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

- Work First Cash Team continues to keep their work timely.
- Our new worker for Transportation is catching on quickly but is still training on all aspects of the job.
- Deputy Best continues to help us feel safe as we work.
- Maintenance and Housekeeping continue to remain busy.

### **HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT**

**Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager**

**Vacancies/Updates/News for November 2018**

#### **Intake/Investigation/Assessment:**

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be fully staffed and very busy! All staff have had busy caseloads. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been tentatively rescheduled for March 2019. We are still awaiting the final report from program development review.

#### **In-Home Services:**

The In-Home Services Unit continues to have one vacancy due to a social worker leaving during the month of August. Interviews are currently being conducted. All staff have had busy caseloads. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been tentatively rescheduled for March 2019. We are still awaiting the final report from program development review.

#### **Foster Care:**

The Foster Care/Adoptions Unit continues to have one vacancy due to a social worker leaving during the month. All staff have had busy caseloads. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been tentatively rescheduled for March 2019. We are still awaiting the final report from program development review. This unit is beginning to make Christmas plans for the Foster Children.

**Transitional Unit:**

The Transitional unit continues to plan events for LINKs foster children and Foster/Adoptive Parent Recruitment. This Unit is also very busy assisting the other Child Welfare Units with courtesy visits, etc. All staff have had busy caseloads. Child Welfare go-live for NCFAST for Columbus County has been tentatively rescheduled for March 2019. We are still awaiting the final report from program development review. This unit is beginning to make Christmas plans for the Foster Children.

**Adult Services:**

The Adult Services Unit continues to have one vacancy due to a social worker leaving in August. Interviews are currently being conducted. Cases are becoming more complex with more issues. This Unit is encountering more and more issues with homeless adults and adults with mental health issues which creates other problems because of the slow response time of mental health agencies. A tremendous amount of time is being dedicated to assisting those adults with mental health issues that are unable to be independent and unable to manage their own funds, etc. Members of this Unit continue to cross-train in order to work together more efficiently. The addition of another position in this Unit may be a future request to help with the increasing caseloads.

**Work First Employment:**

The Work First Employment Unit continues to work within the NCFAST system with daily issues. This Unit continues to assist with 200% and is now providing Emergency Assistance for those eligible.

**Child Day Care:**

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to work within the NCFAST system dealing with daily issues and updates. The waiting list continues to grow which is a concern for staff, but this Unit has slowly begun to work small amounts of the list which is slowly decreasing the list by small amounts

**Program Integrity:**

Program Integrity continues to work hard to get caught up with program integrity duties and cases. Employee has returned from medical leave full time unit is now fully staffed. Staff are preparing for Program Integrity to begin in NCFast. We now have five temporary workers assisting in the CIP Program. The Low Income Energy Assistance Program will begin in December

**Agenda Item #11: SOCIAL SERVICES - MODIFICATION AGREEMENT for MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING:**

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, requested Board approval of the Modification Agreement for the Memorandum of Understanding previously signed in June 2018.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Modification Agreement for the Memorandum of Understanding previously signed in June 2018, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. This document will be marked as Exhibit "A", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to the Board's Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #12: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS PARK WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of the Engineering Services Agreement with Municipal Engineering Services Co., P.A., for Wastewater Pumping Station No. 1 to serve the International Logistics Industrial Park and Wastewater Pumping Station No. 2 to serve the Mid-Atlantic International Rail Industrial Park.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Municipal Engineering Services Co., P.A., for Wastewater Pumping Station No. 1 to serve the International Logistics Industrial Park and Wastewater Pumping Station No. 2 to serve the Mid-

Atlantic International Rail Industrial Park, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed. This document will be marked as Exhibit “B” in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to the Board’s Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #13: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - COLUMBUS COUNTY E.P.A. BROWNFIELDS GRANT:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of Terracon as the service provider for the EPA Brownfields Grant.

Justin from Terracon stated the following:

1. This is an environmental grant;
2. EPA allocated these funds;
3. The concept is community needs, and is countywide;
4. Whiteville and Chadbourn were focused initially;
5. We will receive input from the citizens countywide; **and**
6. This grant runs in three (3) year cycles, and the initial amount is \$300,000.00, and can be re-applied for.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve Terracon as the service provider for the EPA Brownfields Grant, in the amount of three hundred thousand and 00/100 (\$300,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. This document will be marked as Exhibit “C” in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to the Board’s Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #14: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - EXPENDITURES of FUNDS for ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK by GREEN ENGINEERING:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested Board approval of Economic Development funds for engineering design work by Green Engineering for a water line extension down Midway and Georgia-Pacific Roads.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve Economic Development funds for engineering design work by Green Engineering for a water-line extension down Midway and Georgia-Pacific Roads, at the cost of seventy-five thousand, five hundred and 00/100 (\$75,500.00) dollars for complete design for a “ready to bid” project, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #15: PLANNING - PROPOSED AMENDMENT NUMBER 3 to COLUMBUS COUNTY LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE:**

Samantha Alsup, County Planner, requested Board approval of the following proposed Amendment #3 to Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance, for Temporary Relocation Housing.

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE REGULATION ORDINANCE OF COLUMBUS COUNTY, NC, ARTICLE II; ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 10, PART 2, ARTICLE 9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR TEMPORARY RELOCATION HOUSING FOR THE DISPLACED AS A RESULT OF A NATURAL AND OTHER DISASTER**

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners wishes to amend the Land Use Regulation Ordinance of the County and the Code of Ordinances to provide for the provision of temporary relocation housing for persons displaced as a result of natural and other disasters; and

WHEREAS the Planning Board has recommended the following standards and conditions deemed important to providing temporary housing to relocate displaced persons whose homes have been damaged after a natural or other disaster; and

WHEREAS statements of both consistency and reasonableness of these provisions with the intent of future development as stated in the adopted comprehensive land use plan are approved by separate motion;

THEREFORE **Article II of the Land Use Regulation Ordinance** is hereby amended to add the following section as follows:

**“Section III. Temporary Relocation Housing**

Temporary housing utilizing non-permanent facilities for the displaced as a result of a natural or other disaster in a neighborhood or area shall be allowed provided they meet the following requirements:

1. The proposed location shall be within a disaster area with specifically defined boundaries and under specific conditions as determined by a federal Disaster Declaration where public or individual assistance is made available, or as determined by the County Manager.
2. Temporary accommodations for the displaced as permitted by this section shall not be installed for more than 12 months from the date of the declaration or determination, except as authorized by the Board of Commissioners.
3. Temporary housing units shall be removed from the site within thirty(30) calendar days after completion of the rehabilitation work which may include, but not be limited to, issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, Certificate of Completion, or final inspection if this occurs prior to the 12 month expiration or Board authorization term.
4. All applicants for temporary housing units shall register with the Building Inspections Department.
5. Temporary housing units may be subject to additional agency approvals which may include but not be limited to, water supply, wastewater disposal, solid waste management and disposal, building permits, storm water permits, or other utilities through the applicable regulatory office. Additional code requirements which may include, but not be limited to, building code and fire code shall be adhered to.
6. Temporary housing units shall comply with either the minimum National Flood Insurance Program standards as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44 Part 60 or the Columbus County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.
7. Each housing unit shall have a minimum setback of five (5) feet from any street right-of-way or property line.”

AND THEREFORE **Article 9 of the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Part 2**, is hereby amended to add the following:

**“Standard D – Temporary Relocation Housing**

Temporary housing utilizing non-permanent facilities for the displaced as a result of a natural or other disaster in a neighborhood or area shall be allowed provided they meet the following requirements:

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6. Temporary housing units shall comply with either the minimum National Flood Insurance Program standards as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44 Part 60 or the Columbus County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.
7. Each housing unit shall have a minimum setback of five (5) feet from any street right-of-way or property line.”

This amendment shall become effective upon adoption. Adopted this 3rd day of December, 2018.

**/s/ Trent Burroughs, Chairman**  
**Columbus County Board of Commissioners**

**Approved as to Form:**  
**/s/ Amanda B. Prince, Columbus County Attorney**

**Attest:**  
**/s/ June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve Amendment #3 to Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance, for Temporary Relocation Housing, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the following Governing Board Written Consistency Statement for Proposed Temporary Relocation Housing Amendment to Land Use Regulation Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Governing Board Written Consistency Statement**  
**For Proposed Temporary Relocation Housing Amendment to**  
**Land Use Regulation Ordinance**

Having reviewed and considered the Proposed Amendment to the Land Use Regulation Ordinance, the accompanying documents, the analysis of the planning staff, and the comments from the public, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners adopts this statement of consistency:

The Proposed Amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because in September 2018 Hurricane Florence brought widespread devastation to the State of North Carolina and Columbus County, in particular; damage to residences, businesses, and the community is extensive; temporary housing is necessary for residents to return to the community, repair their properties, and resume their lives; and a provision for the short-term allowance of safe and temporary housing options is critically needed.

Furthermore, providing housing, even temporary housing, that is affordable and achievable is considered to be a high residential priority according to the 2012 Comprehensive Land Use Plan as stated in Section VI., Section B, P.5 (page 81).

For the reasons set forth above, the Board of Commissioners hereby advises and comments that the Proposed Amendment is consistent with the applicable land use plans and is reasonable and in the public interest.

This the 3rd day of December, 2018.

**/s/ Trent Burroughs, Chairman**  
**Columbus County Board of Commissioners**

**Agenda Item #16: FINANCE - RESOLUTION and AGREEMENT for DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS with BB&T and FIRST BANK:**

Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Officer, requested Board approval and adoption of the Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Accounts with BB&T and First Bank.

Commissioner Russ made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Accounts with BB&T, and Corporate Authorization Resolution with First Bank for Columbus County Water District IV Reserve Fund, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed. These documents will be marked as Exhibits "D" and "E", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Clerk to Board's Office, for review.

**Agenda Item #17: NOTICE and RESOLUTION - CANCELLATION of DECEMBER 17, 2018 BOARD MEETING, UNLESS NEEDED:**

Michael H. Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina.

**NOTICE and RESOLUTION to CANCEL MEETING of the  
BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
of COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

\_\_\_\_\_The **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, unanimously approved on the 3rd day of December, 2018, to adopt the following **Resolution**.

**W I T N E S S E T H :**

**WHEREAS**, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, has presently scheduled meetings at 6:30 P.M. on the first Monday and at 6:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the **Board of County Commissioners** of Columbus County, North Carolina, is desirous of cancelling the meeting scheduled for the third Monday in December, only.

**BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY**, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40, to cancel the regular meeting of the said Board scheduled for December 17, 2018, be, and the same is hereby canceled, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the said Board shall be in the Columbus County Commissioners' Chambers, Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 07, 2019.

**BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED** by the **Board of County Commissioners** that a copy of this **Resolution** and **Notice** shall be placed on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, as well as forwarded to all of the news media who has requested notice.

**ADOPTED** this the 3rd day of December, 2018.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve the Notice and Resolution to Cancel Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #18: RESOLUTION - APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF SIGNATORY RESOLUTION BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested Board approval and adoption of the following Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

**SIGNATORY RESOLUTION  
by the  
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, in the execution of business matters and other pertinent transactions pertaining

to the operations of local government affairs, it is necessary, and legally required, to have on board a Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve on behalf and in the best interest of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County; **and**

**WHEREAS**, at the first regular scheduled meeting in the month of December, annually, a Chairman and Vice Chairman is voted on and elected from the now seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the said Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, have due authority to sign, execute and administer any and all documents on behalf, and in the best interest, of Columbus County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by popular vote of the seven (7) member Columbus County Board of Commissioners, on the 3rd day of December, 2018, Commissioner Trent Burroughs has been duly elected to serve as Chairman and Commissioner P. Edwin Russ has been duly elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, or their designee, to sign, execute and administer any and all documents necessary in the normal operation of business and related affairs for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Columbus County. The aforementioned will serve in these capacities until the first regular scheduled meeting in December, 2019.

**ADOPTED** this the 3rd day of December, 2018.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ **TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**ATTESTED BY:**

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

Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to approve and adopt the Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #19: GOVERNING BODY - VOTING DELEGATE for the 2019 NCACC LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE:**

Michael Stephens, County Manager, requested the Board to designate a voting delegate for the 2019 NCACC Legislative Goals Conference. (This item was tabled at the November 05, 2018 meeting.)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to designate Chairman Trent Burroughs as the voting delegate for the 2019 NCACC Legislative Goals Conference, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #20: TAX - REVALUATION CONTRACT:**

Needom G. Hughes, IV, Tax Administrator, requested Board approval of the Contract Agreement of Appraisal Services from Inland Associates, Incorporated.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the Contract Agreement of Appraisal Services from Inland Associates, Incorporated, at the cost of one hundred ninety-six thousand, and 00/100 (\$196,000.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed. This document will be marked as Exhibit "F", and kept on file in the Minute Book Attachments, Book Number 6, in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, for review.

**Agenda Item #21: ADMINISTRATION - HURRICANE MATTHEW DRA-17 PROGRAM:**

Michael Stephens, County Manager, requested Board approval of rehabilitation contractor for Unit 17-24 in the 2017 DRA Program from the following Bidders List in a Memo bearing date of November 16, 2018, from The Adams Company, Incorporated.

On November 15, 2018 at 2:00 P.M., bids were opened and read aloud for the rehabilitation of one home (Unit 17-24) in the 2017 DRA Program. The results were as follows:

- |    |                   |             |
|----|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Robert Strickland | \$33,490.00 |
| 2. | Frankie Demery    | \$39,910.00 |

Based upon this information, it is recommended that Columbus County hire Robert Strickland to complete the rehabilitation on Unit 17-24 for the Columbus County DRA-17 project. Please confirm acceptance of this recommendation by signature below.

Columbus County Approval

DATE: 12-03-2018

/s/ **MIKE STEPHENS, County Manager**

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve to hire Robert Strickland to complete the rehabilitation on Unit 17-24 for the Columbus County DRA-17 project, at the cost of thirty-three thousand, four hundred ninety, and 00/100 (\$33,490.00) dollars, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #22: APPOINTMENTS - COMMITTEE/BOARDS:**

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board, requested the following appointments/re-appointments/replacements be made to the following boards/committees.

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Cape Fear RPO RTAC <b>Motion: McDowell</b> <b>Second: Bullard</b>	EB EB	P. Edwin Russ Giles E. Byrd	2017-2018 2017-2018	<b>Re-Appoint</b> <b>Re-Appoint</b>
Emergency Communications Oversight Committee	I VI VII	Thurman Roseboro Deuce Niven Edwin Ezzell	12/2018 12/2018 12/2018	<b>HOLD</b> <b>HOLD</b> <b>Re-Appoint</b>
Health (Board of) <b>Motion: McDowell</b> <b>Second: Prevatte</b>	EB III V	Nicole Martin, D.V.M. ( <b>At Large</b> ) George Floyd Christy T. Perdue, M.D.	12-31-2018 12-31-2018 12-31-2018	<b>Re-Appoint</b> <b>HOLD</b> <b>Re-Appoint</b>
Columbus Regional Healthcare System <b>Motion: Russ</b> <b>Second: Bullard</b>	EB	Giles E. Byrd Trent Burroughs	12-2018 12-2018	<b>Re-Appoint</b> <b>Re-Appoint</b>
EMS Peer Review Committee <b>Motion: Bullard</b> <b>Second: Prevatte</b>	EB	James E. Prevatte P. Edwin Russ	12-04-2018 12-04-2018	<b>Re-Appoint</b> <b>Re-Appoint</b>
Fire Peer Review Committee <b>Motion: Russ</b> <b>Second: Prevatte</b>	EB	Charles T. McDowell Ricky Bullard	12-04-2018 12-04-2018	<b>Re-Appoint</b> <b>Re-Appoint</b>
Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee	EB	Naomi Ward <b>-Resigned- -5 Vacancies-</b>	11-05-2018 -----	<b>HOLD</b>
Planning Board	I II III	Franklin Thurman <b>(HOLD)</b> Linda Jablonowski Marshall Nichols <b>(HOLD)</b>	09-30-2018 09-30-2018 09-30-2018	<b>HOLD</b> <b>Re-Appoint</b> <b>HOLD</b>
Southeastern Economic Development Commission	VI	Ricky Bullard	12/20/2018	<b>Re-Appoint</b>
Columbus County Board of Adjustments	V VII	Ronald Ward ( <b>Do not re- appoint</b> ) Kathryn A. Faulk	<b>Not Listed</b> <b>Not Listed</b>	<b>HOLD</b> <b>Re-Appoint</b>
Tourism Development Authority	I III	Amber Bellamy Chandler Worley	12/2018 12/2018	<b>HOLD</b> <b>HOLD</b>

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXPIR. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Whiteville (City of) Zoning Board of Adjustment	EB	-Vacancy- ETJ	-----	<b>HOLD</b>
Cape Fear RPO RTAC <b>Motion: Russ</b> <b>Second: McDowell</b>	EB	<b>Alternate Member:</b> <b>Jerome McMillian</b>	2018-2019	<b>Appoint</b>

**BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED:**

At 11:01 A.M., Commissioner Prevatte requested that he be excused from the Board Meeting for a doctor’s appointment.

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

At 11:05 A.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into a **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

November 19, 2018 **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 11:06 A.M., Commissioner Russ made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #24: CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

**A. Budget Amendments:**

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-4310-535300	M&R Vehicles	4,032
<b>Revenues</b>	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue	4,032
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-4310-535300	M & R Vehicles	7,948
<b>Revenues</b>	10-3431-489000	Miscellaneous Revenue	7,948
<b>Expenditures</b>	10-5301-533001	CP&L Energy (Energy Neighbor)	(3,351)
	10-5301-549986	Crisis Intervention	81,300
<b>Revenues</b>	10-3530-430076	CP&L Energy (Energy Neighbor)	(3,351)
	10-3530-430068	Crisis Intervention	81,300

**B. Tax Refunds and Releases:**

Property Value  
Community Pools Inc.

**PROPERTY:** 23898

Amount: \$847.37  
Total: \$871.13

# 832

Value: \$39,600.00	Year: 16-18	Account: 13-08640	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. Sold at tax sale. Release Columbus Rescue(23.76)			Amount: \$0.00
<i>Property Value</i>			Total: \$276.97
Kissam, Tracy J. (Heirs) & Gayle Miller		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 14981	Bill#: 31190
Value: \$75,200.00	Year: 2013	Account: 08-00816	
Release value. Sold at tax sale. Release East Columbus(43.93) release Columbus Rescue(15.04)			Amount: \$60.36
<i>Property Value</i>			Total: \$70.86
McLeod, Helen Ernestine		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28967	Bill#: 99999
Value: \$7,400.00	Year: 16-18	Account: 15-25065	
Release portion of value. Did not match deed. Release Acme Delco(9.00) release Columbus Rescue(1.50)			Amount: \$0.00
<i>Refunds</i>			Total: \$200.00
Chappell, Billy C Jr.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 91270	Bill#: 98766
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 09-04322	
Refund user fee. DB			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$200.00
Batten, Patricia A		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 90539	Bill#: 92986
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 03-01631	
Release user fee. Dbilled.			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$200.00
Bellamy, Larry E & Diane A		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 21165	Bill#: 93442
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 12-01205	
Release user fee. Dbilled.			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$200.00
Bowen, E W & Chaneta D		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 28692	Bill#: 94870
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 15-04316	
Release user fee. Dbilled			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$200.00
Brigman, Daphne Diane		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 26902	Bill#: 95308
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 14-05761	
Release user fee. Dbilled.			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$200.00
Britt, Gary W & Linda		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 79983	Bill#: 95370
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 12-02540	
Release user fee. Only 1 house liveable.			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$226.00
Brown, Daniel		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 88818	Bill#: 95656
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 04-00628	
Release user fee. Overbilled.			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$113.00
Bullard, Paul Levon		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 17434	Bill#: 96645
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 10-01760	
Release user fee. Vacant.			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$200.00
Clewis, James Michael		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 841	Bill#: 99237
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 01-06995	
Release user fee. Vacant.			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$200.00
Cooke, Rosemary J.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 19504	Bill#: 15
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 11-04018	
Release user fee. Vacant			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$200.00
Faulk, Gayle Bellamy		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 63800	Bill#: 4368
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 06-05454	
Release user fee. Vacant.			Amount: \$0.00
<i>User Fee</i>			Total: \$200.00
Faulk, Hester & Creasie		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 24153	Bill#: 4400
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 13-12700	
Release user fee. Vacant.			

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Gerald, Rachel		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 10827	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 06-13900	Bill#:	7101
Release user fee. Listed on Act#06-13788				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Hall, Christine H.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 27515	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 15-02633	Bill#:	9691
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Kelly, Ricky Dean		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 86240	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 15-03145	Bill#:	15976
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Kinser, Lakitta M.		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 79436	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 13-01721	Bill#:	16318
Release user fees. Vacant				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
McPherson, Rodney Clay & Linda Gore		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 15349	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 09-04211	Bill#:	21147
Release user fees. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Nance, Debbie		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 85660	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 11-05714	Bill#:	23196
Release user fee. Dbilled.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Nance, James D		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 90610	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 12-03812	Bill#:	23242
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Nance, James D		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 20807	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 12-19965	Bill#:	23232
Release user fee. Vacant.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Nance, James Denver & Patricia W		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 21920	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 12-19963	Bill#:	23243
Release user fee. Dbilled.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Norris, Anna N. & Jenna Lauren		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 80163	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 09-04416	Bill#:	24021
Release user fee. Land only.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Rabon, Grayson		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 86451	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 13-02259	Bill#:	27312
Release user fee. Vacant				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Reeves, William Kenneth		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 7627	Total:	\$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 03-03216	Bill#:	27950
Release user fee on 2 cans. Triple billed.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Rogers, Donnie Kellihan		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 22363	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 12-23440	Bill#:	28723
Release user fee. Vacant				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Smith, Donald D (ETAL)		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 25512	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 13-02607	Bill#:	31758
Release 1 can. Billed to home.				
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Stevens, Bobby C & Daisey Mae Dale		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 89353	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 15-05151	Bill#:	34196

Release user fee. Vacant.

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Strickland, Joe		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 00000	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 16-05553	Bill#:	34824

Release user fee. Vacant

<i>User Fee</i>			Amount:	\$0.00
Worley, Moody Bardin III		<b>PROPERTY:</b> 91601	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 16-18264	Bill#:	41866

Release user fee. Dbilled.

**Agenda Item #25: COMMENTS:**

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

**A. Department Manager:**

**Julie Strickland, Parks and Recreation Manager:** stated I would like to invite you to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Event on December 10, 2018, at 5:30 P.M., at Vineland Depot.

**B. Board of Commissioners:**

1. **Vice Chairman Russ:** stated the following:
  - Does Animal Control have service for stray dogs after hours? Loretta Shipman, Animal Control Director, replied stating they do not do anything after 5:00 P.M. unless it is an emergency.;
  - Let the record show that we did send a resolution that we do not support Malec Brothers in Delco;
  - I met with several people and groups in the eastern end of the County regarding Highway 87 and their plans are as follows:
    - Highway 87 will go straight
    - Highway 11 will loop over Highway 87
    - Big loop around
    - no stop signs
    - will take two (2) years to materialize; **and**
  - I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.
2. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
  - I would like to welcome Commissioner McMillian to the Board, and things will slow down;
  - I would like to know if we have been given the property at the GP site for the First Responders Site we were promised. Mike Stephens, County Manager, replied stating I have corresponded with R.J. Corman, and they have not replied. They do have litigation with Project Black at this time.; **and**
  - I wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas.
3. **Commissioner Bullard:** stated the following:
  - Congratulations to Commissioner McMillian and I look forward to working with you; **and**
  - Everybody have a positive impact on someone's life.
4. **Commissioner McMillian:** stated the following:
  - Thank everyone for helping place me in this position;
  - I look forward to working with the Board; **and**
  - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.
5. **Chairman Burroughs:** stated the following:
  - I would like to welcome Commissioner McMillian to the Board;
  - I would like to thank the Board for your confidence in me and appointing me as the Chairman; **and**
  - I would like to wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas and always remember the reason for the season.

- C. **County Manager (Michael H. Stephens):** stated the following:  
-I would like to congratulate Commissioners Bullard, McDowell and McMillian for your elections;  
-I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year; **and**  
-I appreciate the Department Heads for attending the meeting and I encourage their attendance at these meetings at least one (1) time per month.
- D. **County Attorney (Amanda B. Prince):** stated the following:  
-I wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas;  
-I would like to congratulate the new Board member and the Chairman and Vice Chairman; **and**  
-I look forward to working with you.

**Agenda Item #26: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:15 A.M., Commissioner Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, December 03, 2018  
11:05 A.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:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**  
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 11:05A.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

November 19, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the November 19, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:06 A.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, December 03, 2018  
11:05 A.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:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**  
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 11:05A.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

November 19, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the November 19, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:06 A.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**


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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, December 03, 2018  
11:05 A.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:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**  
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 11:05A.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

November 19, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the November 19, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:06 A.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V  
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING  
Monday, December 03, 2018  
11:05 A.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:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**  
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 11:05A.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

November 19, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the November 19, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:06 A.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**


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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V**  
**COMBINATION BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, December 03, 2018**  
**11:05 A.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:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**  
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 11:05A.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

**Agenda Item #23: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

November 19, 2018 **Combination Meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting (**5 sets**)

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the November 19, 2018 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Meeting Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11:06 A.M., Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman**