

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Monday, April 19, 2021****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 the Regular Session Meeting, it being the third Monday.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
 Chris Smith
 Giles E. Byrd
 Lavern Coleman
 Brent Watts
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., County Manager
 Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
 Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

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

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the April 19, 2021 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Brent Watts.

Agenda Item #4: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 05, 2021 Regular Session Meeting Minutes with a correction on Page 842, and a correction on Page 846, seconded by Commissioner Cole. The motion unanimously passed.

AGENDA ADD-ONS:

Chairman Bullard stated two (2) items needed to be added to the Agenda under Consent Agenda Items as follows:

- F. National Telecommunicators Week 2021;** and
- G. Surety Bond in the amount of \$50,000 for Jay Leatherman, Interim Finance Director.**

Agenda Item #5: APPROVAL of APRIL 19, 2021 AGENDA -and- CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the April 19, 2021 Agenda and the following Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

A. Budget Amendments:

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4220-519105	Professional Services - Other	50,000
	10-4220-519105	Professional Services - Other	2,000
	10-4201-512107	Salaries/Wages - COLA	(\$52,000)
Expenditure	10-4310-512600	Salaries & Wages REGULAR (Sheriff)	(\$60,000)
	10-4380-512100	Salaries & Wages REGULAR (Animal SVS)	\$45,000
	10-4380-535110	M&R Bldg & Grounds (Animal Services)	\$15,000

TYPE	ACCOUNT	DETAILS	AMOUNT
Expenditures	10-4310-519000	Professional Services	32,288
Revenues	10-3991-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	32,288
Expenditures	17-4213-512100	COVID-19 Salaries	100,000
	17-4213-512700	COVID-19 Longevity	1,000
	17-4213-518100	COVID-19-FICA	35,000
	17-4213-518301	COVID-19 Insurance	30,000
	17-4213-518200	COVID-19 Retirement	25,000
	17-4213-526001	COVID-19 Departmental Supplies	253,569
Revenues	17-3581-430172	COVID-19 Grant	444,569

B. Tax Refunds and Releases:

<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$1,619.67
701 Drive In LLC	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,659.91
Value: \$200,300.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-02922	Bill#: 99999
Release value taxes should have been paid by the state. Prop# 250 and 99342 Release Whiteville Rescue(40.24)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$181.85
Battle, Lashanda	PROPERTY: 23809	Total:	\$320.91
Value: \$6,100.00	Year: 2014	Account: 13-00737	Bill#: 59397
Release value title changed in 2014. Release Columbus Rescue(4.52) release late list(3.54)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Clontz, Carrie Abigail	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1.96
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 06-04873	Bill#: 15174
Release city taxes. Release south Williams (19.62) release late list(1.96)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$153.76
Jones, Isaac & Catherine	PROPERTY: 100506	Total:	\$157.58
Value: \$19,100.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-08559	Bill#: 80996
Release value dbl with #2845. Release Whiteville Rescue(3.82)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$60.54
Rouse, Marjorie	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$1,892.85
Value: \$1,000.00	Year: 11-19	Account: 14-00728	Bill#: 99999
Release entire value. No home located at this address since 2010. Release Welches Creek(6.00) release Columbus Rescue(1.50) release late list(8.36)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$73.88
Small, Weston Cole	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$75.71
Value: \$16,709.00	Year: 2020	Account: 06-01116	Bill#: 97735
Release value of boat sold. Release Columbus Rescue(1.83)			
<i>Property Value</i>		Amount:	\$84.03
Small, Weston Cole	PROPERTY: 00000	Total:	\$86.12
Value: \$17,970.00	Year: 2019	Account: 06-01116	Bill#: 25026
Release value of boat sold. Release Columbus Rescue(2.09)			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Kinlaw, David E (ETALS)	PROPERTY: 96785	Total:	\$226.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2019	Account: 06-04317	Bill#: 9516
Refund user fee. Vacant property			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Melton Alton Ray & Glenda Gore	PROPERTY: 91392	Total:	\$226.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-19	Account: 01-03897	Bill#: 14836
Refund user fee. Unliveabe.			
<i>Refunds</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Todd, Larry Dean	PROPERTY: 23111	Total:	\$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 12-00413	Bill#: 36555
Refund user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>		Amount:	\$0.00
Baldwin, Tony Sylvester & Tracey	PROPERTY: 26886	Total:	\$600.00

Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 14-05054	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees no can here.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bielinski, Diana D		PROPERTY: 76446	Total: \$400.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 19-20	Account: 13-01612	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Brown, Torie		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$1,065.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 13-17	Account: 16-00324	Bill#: 99999
Release user fees. No records found.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Bullock, Merita & Michelle		PROPERTY: 21143	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 12-02137	Bill#: 62110
Release user fee. Unliveable.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Cartrette, Tammy Sue		PROPERTY: 9666	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 05-03837	Bill#: 63837
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Kinlaw, David E (ETALS)		PROPERTY: 96785	Total: \$226.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 06-04317	Bill#: 82008
Release user fee. Vacant property			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Lee Tracy Richelle		PROPERTY: 90150	Total: \$600.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 18-20	Account: 03-05353	Bill#: 99999
Release user fee. Billed on Act#03-04722 Land only			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Long, John Albert		PROPERTY: 7289	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 03-05630	Bill#: 84075
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Moss, Curtis R & Shelley		PROPERTY: 76446	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2018	Account: 13-00051	Bill#: 22840
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Mount Tabor Church		PROPERTY: 00000	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 16-04405	Bill#: 88778
Release user fee.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Pierce, Loretta Darlene & William		PROPERTY: 19826	Total: \$11.97
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 11-19991	Bill#: 91732
Release discount per NH.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Powell, Paula		PROPERTY: 91897	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 01-08487	Bill#: 92483
Release user fee. Vacant land.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Reaves, Eugene (Jr) & Linda Ann		PROPERTY: 96137	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 09-00454	Bill#: 93744
Release user fee. Dbilled.			
<i>User Fee</i>			Amount: \$0.00
Todd Larry Dean		PROPERTY: 23111	Total: \$200.00
Value: \$0.00	Year: 2020	Account: 12-00413	Bill#: 2748
Release user fee.			

C. **PURCHASING** - Approve Modification to County Purchasing Policy for Construction and Repair in the Formal Bid Policy (**Second Reading**).

D. **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION;**

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

April 2021

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Columbus County; **and**

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in 16 men will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college (Fisher, Cullen, & Turner, 2000); **and**

WHEREAS, We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; **and**

WHEREAS, Staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs at/in Columbus County encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; **and**

WHEREAS, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Columbus County through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Commissioners strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim that April 2021, is **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in Columbus County and we join advocates and communities across the country in taking action to prevent sexual violence. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future.

ADOPTED, this the 19th day of April 2021.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, Chairman

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN**, Vice Chairman

/s/ **CHRIS SMITH**

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **LAVERN COLEMAN**

/s/ **BRENT WATTS**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

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

/s/ **EDDIE H. MADDEN, JR.**, County Manager

- E. **Legal - Contracts for Consulting Services:** Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, is requesting Board approval of increases;
No documents were attached.
- F. **National Telecommunicators Week 2021;**

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK 2021 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Public Safety Communications Center known as Columbus Central plays a vital role in the protection of human life and property in our county; **and**

WHEREAS, while enduring long shifts and handling frequent life and death emergencies, Columbus Central telecommunicators set high standards in performing their duties in a dedicated, diligent and compassionate manner; **and**

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals efficiently coordinate emergency services to ensure the health and safety of our residents, visitors and travelers in our cities, towns, county and on our highways, 24 hours a day seven days a week; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus Central telecommunicators are rarely visible to the public while performing an exceptional service that deserves praise and recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the County of Columbus, does hereby proclaim **April 12-16, 2021**, as National Telecommunicators Week and commend the devotion, contributions and services of the Columbus County Telecommunicators.

ADOPTED, this the 19th day April, 2021.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, Chairman

/s/ **CHRIS SMITH**

/s/ **LAVERN COLEMAN**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **EDDIE H. MADDEN, JR.**, County Manager

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

and

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN**, Vice Chairman

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **BRENT WATTS**

ATTESTED BY:

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

G. **Surety Bond \$50,000 for Jay Leatherman.**

Agenda Item #6: PRESENTATION - CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION to COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM:

Commissioner Coleman requested the presentation of the following Certificate of Appreciation to Columbus Regional Healthcare System for all the aid and help during the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic.

**Columbus County Commissioners
present this
Certificate of Appreciation
To
COLUMBUS REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
For Invaluable Service to the People of Columbus County at the
COVID-19 Vaccination Event on Saturday, March 20, 2021
From 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Given at Whiteville, North Carolina, this fifth day of April, 2021**

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

(SEAL)

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD**, Chairman

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appreciation to Columbus Regional Healthcare System, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #7: PRESENTATION - PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to the FOLLOWING FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

A. BRUNSWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT;

B. ROSELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT; and

C. WILLIAMS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chairman Ricky Bullard requested Board approval and adoption of the following Proclamations of Appreciation and Recognition for each department recognizing recent improvements in their fire ratings

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to
*BRUNSWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT***

WHEREAS, within Columbus County, there are several fire and rescue units that render aid to the citizens in times of need and injury within the most prompt time within their accessible equipment, supervision and staff; **and**

WHEREAS, the ***Brunswick Fire Department*** was chartered many years ago and has been operating to render fire protection since that time; **and**

WHEREAS, ***Brunswick Fire Department*** has dedicated members and answers multiple calls per year, and renders assistance to anyone in need, and in this process has saved many lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners proudly present this **Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition** to ***Brunswick Fire Department*** for excelling in their fire inspection of proper staffing, sufficient equipment, proper maintenance of equipment, communications capabilities and availability of a

water source. This inspection allowed the lowering of the Fire Rating to a Class 5 which will benefit the citizens in their district and Columbus County.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 19th day of April, 2021.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD** , Chairman

/s/ **CHRIS SMITH**

/s/ **LAVERN COLEMAN**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **EDDIE H. MADDEN, JR.**, County Manager

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN**, Vice Chairman

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **BRENT WATTS**

ATTESTED BY:

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

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to
ROSELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, within Columbus County, there are several fire and rescue units that render aid to the citizens in times of need and injury within the most prompt time within their accessible equipment, supervision and staff; **and**

WHEREAS, the ***Roseland Fire Department*** was chartered many years ago and has been operating to render help since that time; **and**

WHEREAS, ***Roseland Fire Department*** started working diligently to help anyone in need in a prompt time frame; **and**

WHEREAS, ***Roseland Fire Department*** has dedicated members and answers multiple calls per year, and renders help to anyone in need, and in this process has saved many lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners proudly presents this **Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition** to ***Roseland Fire Department*** for their diligent and endless hours of dedication in requesting the Fire Rating to be in line with Number 5, ultimately benefitting the citizens of Roseland, and Columbus County.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 19th day of April, 2021.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD** , Chairman

/s/ **CHRIS SMITH**

/s/ **LAVERN COLEMAN**

/s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**

/s/ **EDDIE H. MADDEN, JR.**, County Manager

/s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN**, Vice Chairman

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**

/s/ **BRENT WATTS**

ATTESTED BY:

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

**PROCLAMATION of APPRECIATION and RECOGNITION to
WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, within Columbus County, there are several fire and rescue units that render aid to the citizens in times of need and injury within the most prompt time within their accessible equipment, supervision and staff; **and**

WHEREAS, the ***Williams Township Fire Department*** was chartered many years ago and has been operating to render fire protection since that time; **and**

WHEREAS, ***Williams Township Fire Department*** has dedicated members and answers multiple calls per year, and renders assistance to anyone in need, and in this process has saved many lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners proudly present this **Proclamation of Appreciation and Recognition** to ***Williams Township Fire Department*** for excelling in their fire inspection of proper staffing, sufficient equipment, proper maintenance of equipment, communications capabilities and availability of a water source. This inspection allowed the lowering of the Fire Rating to a Class 5 which will benefit the citizens in their district and Columbus County.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this the 19th day of April, 2021.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD** , Chairman

/s/ **JEROME McMILLIAN**, Vice Chairman

/s/ **CHRIS SMITH**
 /s/ **LAVERN COLEMAN**
 /s/ **CHARLES T. McDOWELL**
 /s/ **EDDIE H. MADDEN, JR.**, County Manager
 /s/ **AMANDA B. PRINCE**, County Attorney

/s/ **GILES E. BYRD**
 /s/ **BRENT WATTS**
 ATTESTED BY:
 /s/ **JUNE B. HALL**, Clerk to the Board;

Commissioner Watts made a motion to approve and adopt the Proclamation(s) of Appreciation and Recognition to Brunswick Fire Department, Roseland Fire Department and Williams Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #8: PUBLIC INPUT:

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

1. **Eddie Cavanaugh, Wilmington, NC:** stated the following:
 - I am a land surveyor, and I have worked with six (6) or seven (7) different counties;
 - From my experience with your Planner, she is not willing to work with a surveyor;
 - I sent my request to her office at 6:30 A.M., and at 2:45 P.M., my request was not showing a read only reply; **and**
 - With practices like this, land surveyors cannot survive.
2. **Paul Gerald, Jr., (E-mail sent to Amanda B. Prince):** stating the following:
 - I want to know the number and names of the members appointed to the Trillium's Southern Regional Health Board. There seems to be some misunderstanding about the number and names. I was told that I had been appointed but was told by someone else that was an error. The Secretary to the Board was not able to get me the information. Thank you for your assistance.

Agenda Item #9: NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - ROAD MAINTENANCE UPDATE:

Ken Clark, County Maintenance Engineer, presented the following information relative to road maintenance.

1. Topics for Discussion:
 - How are road improvements and maintenance funded
 - Why doesn't maintenance do what I want when I want
 - What projects are "in the works" for Columbus County
2. NCDOT Funding Sources FY 2020:

	Percent of Revenue	Funding (Billions)
Tax on Motor Fuels	40.3%	\$2,148.6
Federal	26.9%	\$1,435.2
Highway Use Tax	15.6%	\$833.9
DMV Registration	11.4%	\$610.3
Title Fees & Other	3.8%	\$201.3
Licenses	2.0%	\$108.9
Local Property Taxes	0%	0%
Sales Taxes	0%	0%

3. **State Maintained Road Mileage - Comparison With Neighboring States:**

	State Maintained	Total Public Mileage
North Carolina	79,669	106,521 75%
Virginia	57,867	
South Carolina	41,444	
Georgia	13,884	123,546 11%

Tennessee	19,248	95,737	20%
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4. Let's Talk Local - (State Maintained Bladen / Columbus)

LOCATION	PAVED	UNPAVED	TOTAL
Bladen County	823.91	50.26	874.17
Columbus County	1153.45	89.64	1243.09
District 3 Total	1977.36	139.90	2117.26
Rhode Island			1100

5. Local Asset Stats - Columbus County

Lane Miles of Pavement	2,629
Miles of Roadside Ditches	≈2,400
Crossline Pipes	>5,000
Driveway Pipes	>15,000

6. Maintenance Response or Lack Thereof

- Paradigm Shift in the Way We Do Business (Mid-2000's)
 - Reductions in Force
 - Increased Focus on Unit Costs / Productivity
 - Environmental Constraints
 - Shift from "Worst First" Paving to Preservation
- Adopted Planned Maintenance Approach (Systematic)
 - Let Pavements Drive Maintenance Decision Making
 - Adopted a 'Section Approach' to Maintenance
 - Properly prepare Roads Ahead of Resurfacing / Chip Seals
 - Choose the 'Right Treatment' for Specific Roadway Situation
 - Moved From 'Reactive' (and/or 'Citizen Initiated' Maintenance a Decade Ago to 80% Planned / 20% Reactive Currently

7. N.C. Pavement Condition Scores

RANK	COUNTY	AVG PAVEMENT RATING	% GOOD	GOOD LANE MILES	LANE MILES
1	Cumberland	89.0	79.8	2,594	3,250
2	Bladen	88.9	79.7	1,454	1,824
3	Montgomery	88.8	80.8	1,169	1,447
4	Harnett	88.5	76.7	1,861	2,428
5	Columbus	88.3	75.7	1,990	2,629
6	Pamlico	87.9	76.4	406	532
7	Lincoln	87.7	77.3	1,328	1,717
8	Alexander	87.7	78.8	848	1,076
9	Tyrrell	87.6	75.6	297	392
10	New Hanover	87.3	75.9	1,070	1,408

8. Drainage Response

- NCDOT is a Property Owner
 - Must Receive Stormwater From Upstream
 - Must Send Water Downstream Without Undue Erosion
 - NCDOT Works Within Our 'Property' To Address Drainage
 - NCDOT Does Not Go 'Off Property' To Address Drainage

9. Most Common Drainage Issues

- Property Located in Floodplain
 - Will Periodically Flood
 - Naturally Occurring Condition
- Poor Outfall Condition (Off NCDOT Property)
 - Causes Water To Back Up In Roadside Ditches
 - Excavating Deeper Roadside Ditches Only Deepens Standing Water Without Effectively Moving It
- Excessive Herbicide Usage / Plowing to Ditch
 - Erosion of Ditch Banks Leads To Downstream Sedimentation

10. Top 20 Record River Stages on Waccamaw River at Freeland (New Britton)

RANK	STAGE (FT)	DATE		RANK	STAGE (FT)	DATE
1	22.47	9/20/2018		11	15.97	1/13/1993
2	19.30	9/21/1999		12	15.97	8/23/1981
3	19.00	12/12/2016		13	15.94	2/18/1998
4	17.02	9/12/1996		14	15.92	2/14/1948
5	16.99	10/22/1999		15	15.84	10/14/1996
6	16.95	10/8/2015		16	15.74	3/8/1971
7	16.63	9/26/1955		17	15.68	9/12/1979
8	16.47	3/23/1983		18	15.58	3/6/1987
9	16.13	2/10/2016		19	15.57	4/5/1973
10	16.12	3/10/1959		20	15.54	8/2/1960

Agenda Item #10: FINANCE - FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jay Leatherman, Interim Finance Director, delivered a Financial Summary as of March 31, 2021 relative to Fund 10 - Operating Fund and Other Funds.

Agenda Item #11: FIRE and RESCUE - REVISED COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION APPROVING INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES for BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Shannon Blackman, Columbus County Fire Marshal and Chairman Gordon Graham, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department, requested approval of the following **Revised** Columbus County Board of Commissioners Resolution Approving Insurance District Boundaries for Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department. **(This item was tabled at the April 05, 2021 Meeting.)**

REVISED COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION APPROVING INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES for BRUNSWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the fire district boundaries for fire departments are established by Boards of County Commissioners pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-233, which districts are also used for insurance grading purposes; **and**

WHEREAS, the fire district boundaries for Columbus County need to be revised to change the way they have historically been described by a point to point-to-point description to by reference of maps created using the GIS system, and to reflect annexations by municipalities in the County; **and**

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Fire Marshal has caused to be created a new fire insurance district map using the GIS system for Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department Fire District which is incorporated by reference into Exhibit A to this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners approves the boundary lines of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department Fire District and as represented in the GIS produced map certified by the County Fire Marshal referenced in Exhibit A.

APPROVED this 19th day of April 2021.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ **RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**

ATTESTED BY:

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

After lengthy and in-depth discussion, Commissioner Byrd made a motion to divide the stated area at the center of the four (4) lane highway, granting the North side to Whiteville and the south side to the Town of Brunswick, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and adopt the **Revised** Columbus County Board of Commissioners Resolution Approving Insurance District Boundaries for Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Coleman.

A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:

AYES: Chairman Bullard, Vice Chairman McMillian, Commissioners Coleman, McDowell and Watts; **and**

NAYS: Commissioners Smith and Byrd.

The Substitute Motion passes on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

Agenda Item #12: SOCIAL SERVICES - MARCH, 2021 ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Algernon McKenzie, Social Services Director, delivered the following March 2021 Social Services Administrative Update.

Columbus County DSS continues to participate in the Covid-19 planning team calls during the week. Updates are given on the County's and State's Covid-19 status. During the month of March, a mass vaccination clinic was held at Southeastern Community College. We had several staff that participated in this event on March 20, 2021.

On March 11, 2021 I participated in the NC Directors Association monthly webinar. We continue to receive updates on Medicaid Transformation/NC Managed Care. There have been 5,927 individuals who enrolled in a health plan and the state has mailed out 800,000 enrollment packets. There is still a low number of hospitals that are entering contracts with the enrollment broker. The state will monitor the enrollment of hospitals and make a decision on a possible delay in the roll out of Managed Care sometime in May 2021.

We were informed that a request has been sent to USDA for a Child Care Pandemic EBT program, which would serve children under the age of 6 years old only who are Food and Nutrition eligible. There are currently 36,367 in this age group receiving Food and Nutrition benefits. They hope to begin in May 2021 if the request is approved.

We also learned during our meeting that the transfer of guardianship from the state to local DSS agencies will not occur this year, but in 2022-2023. This was good news for counties because we could receive a number of individuals that are in facilities or being managed by the state.

We continue to have conference calls and virtual meetings with our various program area representatives. They provide information on policy changes, problem areas, and review county data with program managers, supervisors, and agency director when possible.

During the month of March, I participated on 11 webinars, zoom meetings, and microsoft teams meetings.

Unfortunately, we had one child fatality during the month of March in Child Welfare Services. The fatality has been reported to the state, which is a requirement if our agency is involved with the family.

March is Social Work Appreciation month. A drop in lunch was provided to the social workers by the management staff. The theme for the lunch was “Nacho Average Social Workers”, because these ladies and gentlemen are not your average social workers.

The month of April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Lastly our building continues to be fogged each morning prior to staff arriving. We continue to provide personal protective equipment to all staff. Common areas are cleaned throughout the day. Washing hands, wearing mask, and social distancing continue to be stressed during work hours.

Many of our staff have now been vaccinated due to more vaccines being offered.

**March 2021
Economic Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Food & Nutrition	Applications Taken: 158 Applications Approved: 184 Active Cases: 6,398 Benefits Issued: \$2,562,415.00 Participants Served: 12,802
Adult Medicaid	Applications Taken: 112 Cases Terminated: 9 Redeterminations: 280 Applications Processed: 144
Family & Children’s Medicaid	Applications Taken: 168 Applications Processed: 221 Redeterminations: 859 Total Medicaid Cases: 14,305 Total Individuals Receiving: 47,174
Child Support	Absent Parents Located: 40 Orders Enforced: 1048 Active Cases: 3,790 Collections: \$577,170.00

**March 2021
Human Services**

PROGRAM	STATISTICS
Adult Services (APS)	APS Reports Accepted: 15 Adult Services (APS) County Wards: 27 Number of Payee Cases: 20 Adults Served APS: 2 Number of Medicaid Transportation Trips: 1437 Amount Requested for Reimbursement: \$25,484.44
Children’s Protective Services (CPS)	Reports Accepted: 30 Reports Screened out: 26 Families Receiving In-Home Services: 42 Children Served: 81 Contacts with Families Monthly: 581 Assessments: 23
Foster Care	Foster Children in Foster Homes: 78 Children Placed Outside County: 19 Agency Adoptions: 0 Pending Adoptions: 4 Total Foster Homes Licensed: 3 Total Children in Foster Care: 81

Work First Employment (TANF)	Applications Taken: 9 Applications Approved: 4 Individuals Receiving Benefits: 248 Entered Employments: 0 Number in Non-Paid Work Experience: 0
Program Integrity	Collections for Fraud: \$1,230.95 New Referrals: 10 Cases Established: 15
Day Care	Children Receiving Day Care Assistance: 341 Children on the Waiting List: 463 Amount Spent on Day Care Services: \$155,747.00

Economic Services Program Narrative

Family and Children’s Medicaid; Adult Medicaid including Nursing Homes/Rest Homes/Community Alternatives Program (CAP); Medicaid Transportation; Food & Nutrition; Child Support/Paralegal and Housekeeping
Submitted by Cyndi Hammonds, Income Maintenance Administrator
Reporting Month: March 2021

News/Updates/Vacancies

Adult and Family & Children’s Medicaid:

Both Medicaid Teams are mandated by the State to 2nd party review 88 case records each quarter and then send the results of their findings to the State. Each quarter we exceed our mandated 88 cases and read more. Findings that must be reported range from ineligibility, not evaluating for all eligible programs, errors where a worker denied or terminated an application or case when the client was eligible for Medicaid to technical errors including incorrect notices, the evidence in the paper file must match the evidence that is listed in NCFAST, all electronic verifications must be verified for each person and Child Support referrals sent electronically along with proper documentation of everything that was done and how eligibility was established. All evidence must be scanned and attached in NCFAST, if not, this is also a technical error. After each quarter, supervisors use these 2nd party review errors and train their whole staff if needed or they meet with individual workers if the same error continues to occur with the same workers. The same method for reviewing cases for our Local Audits will be used by the State Audit that is coming for the next ten months with 20 cases to be reviewed each month. If ineligibility in cases are found, there will be charge backs to the county. We still have 1 vacancy within these departments and 5 new workers that are in training. Medicaid continues to meet their 90% timely compliance rate.

Food and Nutrition:

Waivers on some policies are still in place continuing to allow more citizens to be eligible for benefits. Those receiving are continuing to receive the maximum allotment for the household size as well as an additional 15%. P-EBT (benefits for all of Columbus County and Whiteville City School aged children during times when they were in virtual learning) has been approved for the 2nd time since COVID-19. These benefits are going back retroactively to August 2020 when our schools were not determined eligible for the benefits due to them not participating in a 5 consecutive day virtual learning plan. USDA approved a plan of payments for each time a child was learning virtually instead of making it mandatory that it had to be 5 consecutive days. These benefits will continue for families through the end of the school year. We currently have 1 vacancy and 2 still in training on this team.

Child Support and Paralegal:

Child Support was in court sessions for 4 days in March and prepared 225 cases for court action and the paralegal prepared 255 orders. Most of our Child Support Collections comes through wage withholding from the absent parent however we also get payments in court for those that are not participating in wage withholding. Once the absent parent misses 2 payments, we automatically get reports to work to try to get the absent parent to agree to pay or get caught up; if they do not come to an agreement we “show cause” them to court and lots of times we will get some kind of payment the day of court or by a court hearing with the judge. We have 3 vacant agent positions and 1 Lead Agent position vacancy however we have interviewed and are recommending for hire for the Lead Agent position and 1 agent position. It is very difficult to find applicants that qualify for these positions.

Medicaid Transportation and Housekeeping:

- Medicaid Transportation has been very busy with referrals to our vendors. This process involves the client making application for transportation services; once they are approved they call us each time they need transportation to a medical provider and we tell the client to be ready an hour to an hour and half prior to their appointment time. We then send that referral to First Transit or Young Wings of the time and place of the appointment. First Transit has an automated call system that calls the client the day before the appointment to remind them they will be picking them up and Young Wings calls the client for a reminder. Young Wings completes our out of town referral appointments.
- Housekeeping continues to keep our building clean; one of our housekeepers has been promoted so we have 1 vacancy.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT
Melinda H. Lane, Program Manager
Vacancies/Updates/News for March 2021

Intake/Investigation/Assessment:

The Intake/Investigation/Assessment Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. This Unit has not slowed down in its day-to-day activities of contacts with children, families, and other resource agencies. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) is making monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework. She completed an on-site visit in March to review records within this Unit. This was not an official state review, but a review to help ensure workers are up-to-date with their documentation, form completion, and contacts. Overall the review was positive.

In-Home Services:

The In-Home Services Unit is now fully staffed. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts, although short-staffed, to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. This Unit has not slowed down in its day-to-day activities of contacts with children, families, and other resource agencies. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) is making monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework. She is also completing random case reviews to help ensure workers are up-to-date with their documentation, form completion, and contacts. Thus far case reviews have been generally positive.

Foster Care/Permanency Planning:

The Foster Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. DHHS does continue to make some allowances for cases that are stable and with parent visitation by allowing the use of FaceTime, video chats, etc., although more face-to-face visits are now being conducted. Regular updates continue to be provided from the state regarding guidance and information as things evolve. This Unit continues to participate in some “virtual court,” but more in-court cases are beginning to be conducted. This Unit has not slowed down in its day-to-day activities of contacts with children, families, and other resource agencies. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) is making monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework. She is also completing random case reviews to help ensure workers are up-to-date with their documentation, form completion, and contacts. Thus far case reviews have been generally positive.

Transitional Unit:

The Transitional unit continues to have one vacancy. This position has been advertised and interviews will be scheduled soon. Staff are working caseloads while assisting the other Child Welfare Units as needed. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts to provide needed services to families and children while continuing to utilize precautions due to COVID-19. The Foster Home Licensing worker continues to begin to move forward slowly with getting more foster homes licensed since COVID-19 has also affected getting all of the required parts of the licensure packet completed. They are conducting one-on-one time for those that might be interested in completing Deciding Together, instead of the MAPP classes. They have sent out packets in an attempt to recruit and train new prospective foster parents. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) is making monthly contacts to review agency data, policy updates, and casework.

Adult Services:

The Adult Services Unit continues to be fully staffed. This Unit continues to make mandated contacts to provide needed services to the elderly and disabled while utilizing precautions due to

COVID-19. In the month of March referrals were up. This Unit continues to be busy in its day-to-day activities of contacts with the elderly and disabled and resource agencies.

Work First Employment:

This Unit continues to be fully staffed. The new Supervisor is up and running, quickly learning about the programs she is supervising. COVID-19 continues to make an impact on how this Unit conducts day to day business. Telephone interviews for Work First applications, recertification's, short-term services and benefits continue to be allowed. Certain necessary application documentation can be mailed to individuals that wish to apply and when received back the worker can conduct telephone interviews to complete that application. Some application information is also being provided for pick-up in the foyer area of the agency. Workers are encouraged to make telephone contacts with clients at least every two weeks to offer support and resources to clients

Child Day Care:

The Child Day Care Unit continues to be fully staffed. The new Supervisor is up and running, quickly learning about the programs she is supervising. COVID-19 continues to make an impact on how this Unit conducts day to day business. Day Care services are continuing to be provided and the state is working with county agencies and day cares to help them stay open as much as possible while providing a safe environment for children. DSS staff continue to work with families to ensure their services stay in place while limiting contact to the telephone as much as possible.

Program Integrity:

Program Integrity continues to be fully staffed. COVID-19 continues to limit office visits, encouraging telephone contact. Repayment agreements are being relaxed to help clients during this time.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program funds are now exhausted. However, the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) continues to have available funds. Applications are now available on EPASS where applicants can complete and submit applications on-line. Both programs have been very busy since LIEAP opened up to all those that meet the income guidelines. Due to CIP being the only program with available funds right now, temporary staff are gradually being released. In March, 78 applications for CIP were completed with 37 approvals. Duke Energy currently has a moratorium in place for some customers that prevents them from being disconnected.

Agenda Item #13: HUD - UTILITIES ALLOWANCE UPDATE FOR SECTION 8:

Rebecca Tyson, Housing Authority Director, requested Board approval to use the new utility rates for the new physical year, effective July 01, 2021.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the new utility rates for the new fiscal year, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

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

At 7:43 P.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 Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES: April 05, 2021

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for each Water District, respectively.

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments.

This information will be recorded in Minute Book Number 2 for each Water District, respectively.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT V- CHANGE ORDER #2 OLD DOCK SEWER PROJECT, TIME EXTENSION:

Eddie Madden, County Manager, requested Board approval of Changer Order #2 for Old Dock Sewer Project, Time Extension.

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

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

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V, and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: COMMENTS:

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

A. Department Managers:

1. **Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director:** stated the following.
The Public Hearing that was originally scheduled for tonight did not get advertised. I will need for this Public Hearing to be scheduled again for Monday, May 03, 2021.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman McMillian made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on the Inter-local Agreement Between Columbus County and Brunswick County for Brunswick County to Provide Sewer Service in Delco Along U.S. Highway 74/76, on Monday, May 03, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

2. **Edward Davis, Soil and Water Conservation:** stated the following:
 - I have been working here for thirty(30) years, one (1) month and two (2) days;
 - I would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for their willingness to work with me;
 - The citizens have been great to work with;
 - I have enjoyed my job with Columbus County;
 - I will turn my job over to Lisa Russ who will be the Interim Director until June 01, 2021;
 - We have hired a new director, Morgan Hayes, who will begin on June 01, 2021; **and**
 - We have a new Watershed Coordinator, Phillip Spivey.

B. Board of Commissioners:

1. **Commissioner Byrd:** stated the following:
 - I received a very nice Thank You Note from the family of Raymond Shaw;
 - Thank you Gary for your help with preserving the railroad bed;
 - There is an existing Ordinance in Columbus Country that is restricting landowners from what they need to do with their lot sizes, that needs to be revised; **and**
 - There is an area in the County that is requesting a rail bed.
2. **Vice Chairman McMillian:** stated the following:
 - We need to continue working on County water extensions;
 - The surrounding neighbors would like to purchase the Mount Olive School building; **and**
 - I would like to know if the Parks and Recreation Facility is open.
3. **Commissioner Smith:** I would like to open the senior centers. The reply received was the senior centers were opened on April 12, 2021, with restrictions.
4. **Commissioner McDowell:** stated the following:
 - House Bill 592 would help Columbus County schools, and we need to strongly support;
 - Dalton Dockery has been published in a magazine for his professionalism and we need to congratulate him; **and**
 - I went past the hospital and spotted a new Transport company that has not been franchised.

5. **Commissioner Coleman:** we need to emphasize our water, and for the ones who do not have the water, and would like to have the water, please be patient, and it is in the process.
6. **Chairman Bullard:** stated the following:
 -I will give congratulations to Dr. Gary Lanier for all the hard work he has done to recruit businesses in Columbus County; **and**
 -The architect has called and stated we have chosen the right path for the Historic Courthouse.
- C. **County Manager (Edwin H. Madden, Jr.):** stated the following:
 -The interim financing for Cerro Gordo School has been approved by the Local Government Commission last week;
 -We are revisiting the budget requests;
 -We have hired LaToya Williams to be an Administrative Support Specialist II, who will start on May 03, 2021;
 -We have pre-construction meetings scheduled for Water Districts I, II, III and IV; **and**
 -We have been discussing the space needs at Emergency Services, and the site for a County Garage.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, (5) (i) REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION, and (6) PERSONNEL:

At 8:23 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, (5) (i) Real Estate Acquisition, and (6) Personnel, with a five (5) minute recess, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #18: CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, (5) (i) REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION, and (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 9:43 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.;

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Bullard requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: *“The County Commissioners discussed Attorney-Client Privilege with the County Attorney, the Commissioners discussed Real Estate Acquisition with the Economic Development Director, Dr. Gary Lanier, and the County Commissioners discussed personnel issues with the Human Services Director and the County Attorney. No action was taken”*.

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

Agenda Item #19: ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:45 P.M., Commissioner Watts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

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

Monday, April 19, 2021

7:43 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:43 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #14: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES:** April 05, 2021

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 05, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District I Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed

Agenda Item #15: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments.

Commissioner Watts made motion to table the September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

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

Monday, April 19, 2021

7:43 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:43 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #14: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES:** April 05, 2021

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 05, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District II Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed

Agenda Item #15: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments.

Commissioner Watts made motion to table the September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

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

Monday, April 19, 2021

7:43 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:43 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #14: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES:** April 05, 2021

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 05, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District III Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed

Agenda Item #15: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments.

Commissioner Watts made motion to table the September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND IV
COMBINATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 19, 2021
7:43 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
 Chris Smith
 Giles E. Byrd
 Lavern Coleman
 Brent Watts
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
 Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**
 Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:43 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #14: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES: April 05, 2021

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 05, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed

Agenda Item #15: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments.

Commissioner Watts made motion to table the September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT V- CHANGE ORDER #2 OLD DOCK SEWER PROJECT, TIME EXTENSION:

Eddie Madden, County Manager, requested Board approval of Change Order #2 for Old Dock Sewer Project, Time Extension.

Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for Old Dock Sewer Project, Time Extension of forty-five (45) days, at no cost, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman

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

Monday, April 19, 2021

7:43 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, 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose to act as the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Giles E. Byrd
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to the Board**
Jay Leatherman, **Interim Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:43 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the **combination meeting** of Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Board Meeting to order.

Agenda Item #14: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - APPROVAL of MINUTES:** April 05, 2021

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the April 05, 2021 Columbus County Water and Sewer District V Board Minutes, as recorded, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed

Agenda Item #15: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV and V - MONTHLY BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:**

Harold Nobles, Public Utilities Director, requested Board approval of September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments.

Commissioner Watts made motion to table the September, October, November and December, 2020 monthly billing adjustments, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: **COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER SEWER DISTRICT V- CHANGE ORDER #2 OLD DOCK SEWER PROJECT, TIME EXTENSION:**

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Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for Old Dock Sewer Project, Time Extension of forty-five (45) days, at no cost, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:45 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman