

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Monday, June 27, 2022**

**8:00 A.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing and a Special Called Meeting.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
 Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Clerk to Board**  
 Jay Leatherman, **Finance Director**  
 Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**

**8:00 A.M.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 8:00 A.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard opened the Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider whether the Board of Commissioner for the County of Columbus, North Carolina (the "County") should approve a proposed installment financing agreement and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. § 160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$16,000,000, with other available funds, for the refinancing of the Project hereinafter described. The County would secure the repayment by it of moneys advanced pursuant to such proposed agreement by granting a security interest in a portion of the Project and certain related property. The Project consists of renovating, expanding, equipping and improving an existing school facility known as Whiteville High School, including but not limited to the addition of classrooms, computer labs, administration, guidance, dining, band and support spaces, as well as the renovation of visual arts, ROTC, dance and drama spaces.

**Amanda Prince, Staff Attorney, stated the following:**

-Mr. Chairman, this is an installment loan financing agreement with USDA and the total amount is \$14,609,000.

**COMMENTS:**

No comments were made.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

**8:32 A.M.**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

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

At 8:32 A.M., Chairman Bullard called the Special Called Meeting to order.

**Agenda Items #2 and #3: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman McMillian. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner McDowell.

**Agenda Item #4: APPROVAL of BOARD MINUTES and RELATED LOAN CLOSING DOCUMENTS INCLUDING an INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT:**

Amanda Prince, Staff Attorney, requested Board Approval of all documents.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve these documents, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Due to the volume of information, a copy of related documents will be kept on file in the Attorney's Office for review.

**Agenda Item #5: ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:04 A.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed. These minutes were recorded and typed by LaToya Williams.

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**LATOYA WILLIAMS, Clerk to the Board**

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**RICKY BULLARD, Chairman**