

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

**6:00 P.M. – Closed Session**

**6:30 P.M. – Regular Session**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at the Columbus County Commissioners Chamber, 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of conducting a Regular Session.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**  
Lavern Coleman, **Vice-Chairman**  
Chris Smith  
Giles E. Byrd  
Barbara Featherson  
Scott Floyd

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**  
Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk to Board**

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT (EXCUSED):**

Brent Watts

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

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the Tuesday, January 3, 2022 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:**

At 6:01 P.M., Commissioner Smith 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, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The Motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #2: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S §143-318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY –CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND N.C.G.S § 143-318.11 (A) (6) PERSONNEL**

No official action was taken.

**RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION**

At 6:30 P.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to recess Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Items # 3 and #4: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**Agenda Item# 5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

A. November 21, 2022 – Regular Session

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Featherson made a motion to approve the Board Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #6: APPROVAL OF AGENDA and AGENDA ADD-ON 6A:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Agenda and add on of 6A, seconded by Vice Chairman Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #6A: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO CLERK TO THE BOARD JANA NEALEY:**

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Coleman made a motion to approve Clerk to the Board Jana Nealey, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

- Mr. Madden stated that we are delighted to have Jana.
- She went through a very rigors application process
- She was unanimously recommended to this Board this evening in close session as the next Clerk to the Board for Columbus County.
- She is joined this evening by some individuals from her current employer and that is to be commended.
- The Warren is here, Mr. Jamie Bullard
- Ms. Strickland she is headed of Human Resources;
- She will start January 9, 2023 and will be present at the next board meeting.

**Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC INPUT**

Ms. Cecelia Pierce with Trillium made a check presentation to the board in the amount of \$152,865. This check will cover the purchase of 250 medication lock boxes and will also cover the medication assisted treatment Vivitrol for those that are seeking long term treatment at the healing place.

**Agenda Item #8: PROCLAMTION of APPRECIATION:**

Chris Wilcox was presented with Certificate of Appreciation by Columbus County Board of Commissioners, County Manager Eddie Madden, Staff Attorney Boyd Worley, and Staff Attorney Amanda Prince.

Proclamation of Appreciation  
January 3, 2023

Whereas, Christopher (aka Chris) Wilcox is a former student of the Columbus County and Whiteville City School Systems.

Whereas, Christopher subsequently became a professional NBA player and his career in the NBA spanned eleven-years prior to his retirement in 2013 with the Boston Celtics.

Whereas, since retiring, Christopher has returned to his home state of North Carolina to live, and he continues to give back to the youth in our county.

Whereas, Christopher is a positive role model for our youth. He displays care, concern, love, and support for the youth in this county in many ways.

Whereas, each quarter, Christopher thru the Wilcox Foundation gives back in some way to our youth including:

- Hosting a summer basketball camp for twenty years;
- Providing Thanksgiving food drives for untold numbers of families for approximate 20 years;
- Providing backpacks to youth for approximately 20 years (served 500 families in 2022) and arranged for the SCC campus to be open for walk-thru and viewing, therefore giving youth a glance at a future life;
- Partnered with local beauticians and barbers in August 2022 to provide haircuts and styles for approximately 100 students prior to their return to school; and
- Each year he purchases shoes for the Whiteville basketball team.

Whereas, Christopher is a positive influence to youth and families in this county. We, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners feel he should be recognized for such.

Therefore, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, wish to present this Proclamation, to Chris Wilcox, this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.

Ricky Bullard, Chairman

Lavern Coleman, Vice-Chairman

Barbara Featherson

Brent Watts

Chris Smith

Giles "Buddy" Byrd

Scott Floyd

Eddie Madden, County Manager

Boyd Worley, Board Attorney

Amanda Prince, Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk

**Agenda Item #9: EMPLOYEE of the YEAR:**

County Manager Eddie Madden recognized the Employee of the Year along with the other nominees.

The Employee of the Year is Nakoma Simmons with Cooperative Extension. She has been an employee for 25 years. She has a positive attitude and is loyal and goes above and beyond to help in her department. Additional employees that was nominated was Karen Ward, with Human Resources; she has been an employee for 17 years. Darlene Jenkins Parks has been employed with Social Services for 15 years.

Presented To  
**NAKOMA SIMMONS**

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In Sincere Appreciation For Your  
Outstanding Service  
As  
COLUMBUS COUNTY  
EMPLOYEE  
OF THE  
YEAR  
2022

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COLUMBUS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 3, 2023

Agenda Item #10: RETIREMENT PLAQUE of APPRECIATION:

Doris Simmons retired with 20 years’ service as 911 dispatcher and supervisor.

Presented To  
**DORIS SIMMONS**

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In Grateful Appreciation For Your  
Dedication And Loyalty  
To  
COLUMBUS COUNTY  
11/01/2002 – 11/02/2022

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COLUMBUS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #11: ADMINISTRATION APPROVAL of NEEDS LIST By COUNTY MANGER EDDIE MADDEN to LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION:

COLUMBUS COUNTY NEEDS LIST  
Tuesday, January 3, 2023

<b>Public Utilities -New Development</b>	
Six wells on Southern end of County	4,800,000
Water Tank in Dothan Community	3,900,000
Water Tank in Delco Area	3,900,000
Two wells -Delco Area	1,600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,200,000</b>
<b>Solid Waste- New Development</b>	
Build a transfer station for contractor use capable of accommdating larger dump Trailers	5,500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,500,000</b>
<b>Emergency Services</b>	
Four Quick Response Vehicle - \$425,000 each	1,700,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,700,000</b>
<b>Economic Development</b>	
50,000 square foot shell building	5,000,000
Three pad ready sites \$1M each	3,000,000
Wet Well and sewer line to serve the 50 acres of the Southeast Regional Park	1,500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,500,000</b>
<b>Health Department</b>	
New Health Department Agency	20,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>
<b>Facility Based Crisis and Assessment Center</b>	
Repurpose the Millier Building for this center	5,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>
<b>Aging</b>	
2,400 square foot metal building with brick façade for Tabor City	650,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>650,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>56,550,000</b>





Agenda Item #13: TRANSPORATATION DIRECTOR JOY JACOBS is REQUESTING APPROVAL  
of RURAL OPERATING ASSITANCE PROGRAM (ROAP) ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

CERTIFIED STATEMENT  
SECOND ROAP DISBURSEMENT (JANUARY 2023)  
FY2023  
RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
County of Columbus

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the passenger trips provided with ROAP funds must be accessible to individuals with disabilities and be provided without discrimination on the basis of national origin, creed, age, race, or gender (FTA C 4702.1B, FTA C 4704.1A, Americans with Disabilities Act 1990); and

**WHEREAS**, the period of performance for these funds will be July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 regardless of the date on which ROAP funds are disbursed to the county.

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

- The county employed a documented methodology for sub-allocating ROAP funds that involved the participation of eligible agencies and citizens. Outreach efforts to include the participation of the elderly and individuals with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, minorities and low-income persons in the county’s sub-allocation decision have been documented.
- The county will advise any sub-recipients about the source of the ROAP funds, specific program requirements and restrictions, eligible program expenses and reporting requirements. The county will be responsible for invoicing any sub-recipients for unexpended ROAP funds as needed.
- The county will monitor ROAP funded services routinely to verify that ROAP funds are being spent on allowable activities and that the eligibility of service recipients is being properly documented. The county will maintain records of trips for at least five years that prove that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible transportation service on the billed date, by whatever conveyance at the specified cost.
- The county will be responsible for monitoring the safety, quality, and cost of ROAP funded services and assures that any procurements by subrecipients for contracted services will follow state and federal guidelines.

The county will conduct regular evaluations of ROAP funded passenger trips provided throughout the period of performance.

The county will only use the ROAP funds to provide trips when other funding sources are not available for the same purpose or the other funding sources for the same purpose have been completely exhausted.

The county assures that the required matching funds for the FY2023 ROAP can be generated from fares and/or provided from local funds.

The county will notify the Regional Grant Specialist assigned to the county if any ROAP funded services are discontinued before the end of the period of performance due to the lack of funding. No additional ROAP funds will be available.

The county will provide an accounting of trips and expenditures in monthly reports to NCDOT – Integrated Mobility Division or its designee. **Back-up documentation is required to support the monthly reports, failure to provide documentation will affect future disbursements. The June report will be considered the annual report.**

Any interest earned on the ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application. The County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.

The county is applying for the following amount of secondary FY2023 Rural Operating Assistance Program funds:

State-Funded Rural Operating Assistance Program Second Disbursement	Allocated	Requested
Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)	15,168	15,168
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)	3,129	3,129
Rural General Public Program (RGP)	17,977	17,977
TOTAL	36,274	36,274

VITNESS my hand and county seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2023.

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Signature of County Manager/Administrator

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Signature of County Finance Officer

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Printed Name of County Manager/Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of County Finance Officer

State of North Carolina County of



MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the ROAP additional funding, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: FINANCE- APPROVAL of TRILLIUM OPIOID REMDIATION GRANT ORDINANCE: FINANCE DIRECTOR LACIE JACOBS is REQUESTING APPROVAL of the GRANT ORDINANCE:

(Lacie Jacobs will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.)

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
Ordinance making appropriations to the Trillium Opioid  
Remediation Grant Project Fund  
for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:  
  
Section 1: The following amounts are hereby made to the Trillium Opioid Remediation Grant Project pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.  
  
Source of Revenue  

33-3573-422035 Trillium Opioid Remediation Grant	\$ 152,865
Total Estimated Revenues – Trillium Opioid Remediation Grant	\$ 152,865

  
Project Appropriations  

33-5702-526001 Departmental Supplies	\$ 152,865
Total Project Appropriations – Trillium Opioid Remediation Grant	\$ 152,865

  
Description: Trillium Health Resources (LME/PIHP) is providing funding to purchase medicine lockboxes to be distributed by the Columbus County Health Department. Trillium is also providing funding to purchase 90 vials of Vivitrol to be disbursed by the Healing Place of New Hanover County for the population receiving services.  
  
Section 2: The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget and any changes made during the County Commissioners' budget work sessions.  
  
Section 3: The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met.  
  
Section 4: The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.  
  
Section 5: All expenditures relating to obtaining any bond referendum and or installment purchase will be reimbursed from bond proceeds and installment purchase proceeds in accordance with the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 -2.  
  
Section 6: This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.  
  
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Section 7: The County intends to seek Federal, State, and/or other grant funding to reduce the amount of loan proceeds. The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the County Manager and/or his representative to apply for and accept such funding if awarded.  
  
Section 8: This project ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Within five days hereof, copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the finance office in Columbus County, and with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Copies of the Capital Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer, the Project Manager, and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.  
  
This Grant Project shall become effective on January 3, 2023.  
ADOPTED, this 3rd day of January, 2023

MOTION:

Ricky Bullard, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners



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BUDGET AMENDMENT Columbus County, NC				
Name of Department:		Economic Development		
Agency Head Signature:		<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;">Gary Lanier</div> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;"> </div> </div>		
Date Prepared:		December 14, 2022	Date Received in Admin: _____	

  

EXPENDITURE				
Fund	Dept	Budget Code Object	Classification Line Item	Requested Increase or (Decrease)
67	4925	535110	Maintenance and Repair - Building and Grounds	45,000
<b>Total Net Expenditures</b>				<b>45,000</b>

  

REVENUE				
Fund	Dept	Budget Code Object	Classification Line Item	Requested Increase or (Decrease)
67	3834	499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	45,000
<b>Total Net Revenue</b>				<b>45,000</b>

  

This budget revision has been approved by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

**Explanation of Increase or Decrease:**

Budget Amendment needed to increase the availability of funding to be used for the Tabor City Incubator Project

[illegible]

BUDGET AMENDMENT				FY 22/23
Name of Department:		FINANCE		
Agency Head Signature:				
Date Prepared / Submitted to Admin:		December 15, 2022		Date Received in Admin:

  

Budget Code			EXPENDITURES	Requested
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)
10	5900	559080	ARTICLE 44 CAPITAL OUTLAY - SCC	\$35,799
			Total Net Expense	\$35,799

  

Budget Code			REVENUES	Requested
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)
10	3991	499125	ARTICLE 44 SALES & USE TAX FUND BALANCE ALLOCATED	\$35,799
			Total Net Revenue	\$35,799

  

☐ This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County Finance Office:

☐ This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County County Manager:

☒ This budget revision has been approved by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners on:

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments as presented, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #16: JCPC APPROVAL of MEMBERSHIP CHANGES – JCPC CHAIRMAN TERRY MANN is REQUESTING CHANGES to the COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.**

Chairman Terry Mann expressed his concerns over the inability to get members to show up for the JCPC meetings. He is asking the Commissioners help in finding people who will serve on the board and also remove members who are not attending the meetings and have missed three consecutive unexcused absents.

- Requested Members to be Removed:**
  - Whiteville Police Chief Doug Ipock
  - Sheriff Jody Green, or his designee
  - Steve Nobles
  - Tabitha Etheridge
  - Randy Ellis – Commissioner Byrd’s Appointee
  - Judge Pauline Hankins
  - Chris Hanks – Commissioner McDowell’s Appointee
- Requested add-on:**

Judge Sarah McPherson (Replaced) Judge Hankins

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made motion to remove the requested members and add on Judge McPherson in Judge Hankins place as requested by Chairman Terry Mann, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #17: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS: STAFF is REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS or REPLACEMENTS to the FOLLOWING BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS.**

**Legend: EB****=Entire Board**

**Listed Zone #****=Individual Commissioner**

<b>Zone I:</b>	<b>Barbara Featherson</b>	<b>Zone V:</b>	<b>Brent Watts</b>
<b>Zone II:</b>	<b>Chris Smith</b>	<b>Zone VI:</b>	<b>Ricky Bullard</b>
<b>Zone III:</b>	<b>Giles E. Byrd</b>	<b>Zone VII:</b>	<b>Scott Floyd</b>
<b>Zone IV:</b>	<b>Lavern Coleman</b>		

COMMITTEE	ZONE/EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE
Board of Health	EB	Charles McDowell	Term
Columbus Regional Healthcare Board	EB	Commissioner Appointment	Term
Cape Fear Council of Governments	EB	Current – Brent Watts Alternate – Lavern Coleman	12/2/22
Parks and Recreation	District 1	Clarence Williams	12/2/22
Parks and Recreation	District VI	Worley Edwards	12/2/22
Parks and Recreation	District VII	Necole Babson	12/2/22
Partnership for Children	EB	Jerome McMillian	12/2/22

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman Coleman made a motion to appoint Commissioner Scott Floyd to serve on the Board of Health, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman Commissioner Coleman made a motion for Chris Smith to serve on Columbus Regional Healthcare Board, seconded by Commission Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Byrd made a motion for Commissioner Watts to serve on the Cape Fear Council of Governments and Commissioner Coleman to serve as the Alternate for this board, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Commissioner Featherson** re-appointed Clarence Williams to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

**Chairman Bullard** re-appointed Worley Edwards to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

**Commissioner Floyd** re-appointed Necole Babson to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Byrd made a motion for Commissioner Featherson to serve on the Partnership for Children Committee, seconded by Vice-Chairman Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V. Approval of the November 21 2022 meeting minutes.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Vice Chairman Coleman and second by Commissioner Smith to recess regular session and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V.

**Agenda Item #18: WATER and SEWER DISTRICT I, II, III, IV and V – APPROVAL of the NOVEMBER 21, 2022 MINTUES:**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairman Coleman made a motion to approve the November 21, 2022 minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**ADJOURN COMBINATION MEETING OF Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV AND V BOARD MEETING.**

**Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:**

A. Board of Commissioners

1. **Commissioner Byrd** stated the following:

Well I am glad we all made it back to start the new year and look forward to 2023 and hope things we have been working on will come to light and the main thing that this board will move forward and represent everyone in Columbus County.

**Vice Chairman Coleman** stated the following:

I hopes we to put of things from the past year behind us and I am hoping we can all pull together and I appreciate all you do for the county.

**Commissioner Featherson** stated the following:

Happy New Year to everyone and as Commissioner Byrd stated, we need to keep our eyes on the county and not a particular group, but we must promote our county in a positive light and she stated she is delighted to be on the board and appreciates the support she has received from the board and administration. Tye Moss and another young man who are in college represented Columbus County positively in the college bowl games.

**Commissioner Floyd** stated the following:

I am excited about being on the board and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

**Commissioner Smith** stated the following:

I would like to say Happy New Year also. I went to the Department of Aging Christmas Party and just wanted to say what a good group of people are there. He also stated Bladenboro Hwy to old Lumberton Road has no shoulder on the road and this need to be addressed. Mr. Madden stated that he would send a letter to DOT regarding this.

**Commissioner Bullard** stated the following:

Happy New Year to everyone and I look forward to working with everyone. I also take this position very seriously. I would like to share a message that was given to me when I was sworn in and would like to share this prayer with the board; Psalm 106:3 Blessed are those who act justly and do right.

B. **County Manager Mr. Eddie Madden** stated the following

I would like to extend Happy New Year to the board and we have been through a very cold few weeks and it is times like this when our employees are asked to rise to the occasion we had to call on our public utilities department, they worked most Christmas Eve and Christmas day restoring service throughout the county from frozen pipes and other causes. In addition, our Emergency Services

Department opened a cold weather station here on the property for anyone who needed to seek shelter. Several employees from the county were also here, Health Department, Social Services, and others on their Christmas Eve to make sure that we had facilities available for those in need. A couple of reminders we have the Martin Luther King Jr Parade on January 14<sup>th</sup> please mark your calendar for that. Also our board will not meet on January 16<sup>th</sup> because of that holiday instead the next day January 17<sup>th</sup>, which is a Tuesday.

**Agenda Item #20:    ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Featherson. The motion unanimously passed.

At 7:23 P.M. Commissioner McMillian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

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NATALIE CARROLL, Special Projects Coordinator

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RICKY BULLARD, Chairman