

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472**



AGENDA

**Monday, January 06, 2025
5:30 P.M. – Closed Session
6:30 P.M. – Regular Session**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** Chairman Lavern Coleman

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(6) PERSONNEL

- 2. Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(4) Economic Development, and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(6) Personnel.**

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Regular Session Resumes at 6:30 P.M.

- 3. Invocation:** Commissioner Barbara Featherson
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Giles E. Byrd

5. Approval of Agenda

6. Board Minutes Approval:

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7. Public Input

8. Administration – Employee of the Year: County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize the Employee of the Year, Maintenance Supervisor with the Sheriff’s Office, Glenn C. McPherson.

9. Presentation – Economic Development Year-to-Date Report: Economic Development Director Gary Lanier will give the year-to-date report on 2024 completed projects and 2025 upcoming projects. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

10. Planning Department– Approval to Add Vape, Tobacco, and Hemp Retail Shops to List of Regulated Uses Requiring a Special Use Permit: Economic Development / Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval to add Vape, Tobacco, and Hemp Retail Shops to list of Regulated Uses Requiring a Special Use Permit. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

11. Planning Department – Approval of the Professional Services Contract and Capital Project Ordinance with Byrdson Services LLC for the Floodplain Mitigation Assistance (FMA) 2020 Grant: EDC/Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of the professional services contract and associated Capital Project Ordinance with Byrdson Services LLC for administration of the Floodplain Mitigation Assistance (FMA) 2020 Grant with modifications approved by the County Attorney and County Manager. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

12. Economic Development – Approval of the Lease with Farm Bureau regarding the Pickney Street Building - EDC/Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of the lease between Columbus County and Farm Bureau regarding the Pickney Street Building. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

13. Economic Development – Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Columbus County and the Columbus Jobs Foundation on a 38 Acre Parcel in the Southeast Regional Park: EDC/Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Columbus County and the Columbus Jobs Foundation on a 38-acre parcel in the Southeast Regional Park as required by Golden Leaf with modifications approved by the County Attorney and County Manager. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

- 14. Emergency Services – Acme Delco Rescue Update Regarding Staffing Issues:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting discussion regarding Acme Delco EMS staffing issues. **(David Ransom and Chief Steve Camlin will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
- 15. Health Services - Approval of Health Department Contract with Nutrition Plus:** Health Services Director Kim Smith is requesting approval of Health Department Contract with Nutrition Plus for a Dietician. Funds for the contract is included in the Women, Infant and Children's budget. No local appropriations needed. **(Kim Smith will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
- 16. Sheriff's Office/Detention Center – Approval of the Quote and to Use Grant Funds for Perimeter Fencing Around the Sheriff's Office Detention Centers:** Logistics Captain Robert Creech is requesting approval of the quote and to use the NC Department of Public Safety Detention Center grant funds for perimeter fencing around the Sheriff's Office Detention Centers in the amount of \$189,225. **(Robert Creech will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
- 17. Sheriff's Office/Detention Center – Approval of Four (4) Additional Positions:** Logistics Captain Robert Creech is requesting approval of four (4) additional positions for the Detention Center. **(Robert Creech will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
- 18. Emergency Services – Approval of Change Order #3 from Thomas Construction for the 911 Center Project Window Installation:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval of change order #3 with Thomas Construction in the amount of \$30,174 for the 911 Center Project for the installation of six (6) Level IV windows. **(David Ransom will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
- 19. Finance – Approval of the Amended Contract with Mauldin & Jenkins:** Interim Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the amended contract with Mauldin & Jenkins to include additional funds in the amount of \$16,000, due to having to single audit seven (7) programs instead of the initial five (5) and extends the contract date to January 31st, 2025. **(Heather Woody will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
- 20. Finance – Approval of Salary Adjustments and Budget Amendments:** Interim Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following budget amendments. One Motion will approve all of the following:
- a. DSS – Salary Adjustments - No General Fund appropriations needed
 - b. DSS – CPS Workers Salaries –No General Fund appropriations needed

c. Historic Courthouse – Sidewalk Repair / Paving of gravel parking lot (adjacent to Juvenile Justice) - No General Fund appropriations needed
(Heather Woody will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

21. Appointments/Re-Appointments/Replacements: Staff is requesting appointments, re-appointments or replacements to the following boards, committees and councils.

Legend: EB = Entire Board
Listed Zone # = Individual Commissioner

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE
Aging Advisory Council	IV	Janet Hedrick (resigned)	6/30/2025
Chadbourn Board of Adjustments (ETJ)	EB	Jeremy Kennedy	12/31/2024
Parks and Rec	II	C. Lloyd Lennon Jr.	12/31/2024
Parks and Rec	III	Fannie Walden	12/31/2024
Parks and Rec	IV	Jared Bracey	12/31/2024
Parks and Rec	V	Thomas McClellan	12/31/2024
Tourism Development Authority	III	Brenda Troy	12/31/2024

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

22. Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV, and V Combination Minutes:

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23. Water and Sewer District IV EDA Project – Approval of the Bid Award for the Water Line Extension and Two Wells: Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the EDA Project bid award for Ralph Hodge Construction for the water line extension and two wells pending EDA approval. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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

24. Comments: Commissioners and County Manager.

25. Adjournment