

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472



AGENDA

Monday, May 15, 2023

5:45 P.M. – Closed Session

6:30 P.M. – Regular Session

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** Chairman Ricky Bullard

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into 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) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Regular Session begins at 6:30 P.M.

3. **Invocation:** Commissioner Brent Watts
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chairman Laverne Coleman

5. Approval of Agenda:

- a) Tax Refunds and Releases

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6. Approval of the Board Minutes:

- a. April 03, 2023
b. April 17, 2023

Board Minutes Section

7. Public Input

- 8. Proclamation - Recognizing Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Douglas Sasser's Retirement:** The Governing Body is requesting a Proclamation of Recognition for Judge Sasser celebrating his retirement.

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- 9. Administration - Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Denna Mercer from Department of Aging.

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- 10. Administration – Staff Accomplishments:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Howard Wallace's recent accomplishment of earning his doctorate degree. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

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- 11. Administration – Budget Proposal & Establish a Public Hearing:** County Manager Eddie Madden will present the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget Proposal and request to establish a public hearing on June 5th, at 6:30 P.M. or as soon as can be heard. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

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- 12. Health Services – 2023 Public Health Rankings Update and Changes:** Health Services Director Kim Smith will present the public health rankings as of 2023 and the changes resulting from the end of the health emergency related to COVID. (Kim Smith will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

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- 13. Administration – Approval of Low Bid for HVAC system:** Facility Services Director Stuart Carrol is requesting approval of the low bid from Pridgens Brothers in the amount of \$123,597 for the HVAC system to be installed in the new collections center at the Madison Street Property. (Stuart Carrol will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

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- 14. Solid Waste – Approval of the Low Bid for Landfill Maintenance:** Solid Waste Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the low bid from Axel McPherson Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,690 for landfill maintenance. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

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- 15. Economic Development – Second Reading Approval of Zoning District:** EDC & Planning Director Dr. Gary Lanier is requesting the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to approve the second reading for the establishment of the proposed McGill Meadows Zoning District. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Page: 15**
- 16. Emergency Services – Approval of the Low Bid to replace a Damaged Metal Building:** Emergency Services Director Nick West is requesting approval of the low bid from Columbus Outdoor in the amount of \$5,812.53 to replace a metal building damaged in Hurricane Florence. **(Nick West will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 16 - 27**
- 17. Emergency Services – Approval of the 911 Services Grant Agreement:** Emergency Services Director Nick West is requesting approval of the 911 services grant agreement in the amount of \$4,085,560 for the up fit of the new 911 center. **(Nick West will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 28 - 38**
- 18. Emergency Services – Approval of the Architectural Contract and Proposal:** Emergency Services Director Nick West is requesting approval of the architectural contract with Coastal Architecture and the proposal from Mission Critical partners. **(Nick West will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 39 - 73**
- 19. DSS - Monthly Update:** Social Services Director Algernon McKenzie will present the monthly Social Services update. **(DSS Director Al McKenzie will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 74 - 82**
- 20. Finance - Approval of Budget Amendments:** Finance Director, Lacie Jacobs, is requesting approval of the following budget amendments.
- a. Health – Maternal
 - b. Health – Family Planning
 - c. Detention Center – Additional Revenue
- (Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 83 - 86**
- 21. Finance – Request for Extension of the Audit Contract with Mauldin & Jenkins:** Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting to amend the audit contract for extension of services with Mauldin & Jenkins until July 31st modifying the cost from the original \$85,000 to \$175,000. **(Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 87 - 90**

22. 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
Community Advisory Committee Nursing Home	EB	Karen Dawsey (Chair)	04/03/2023
SCC Board of Trustees	EB	Teresa Blanks	06/30/2023

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

23. Approval of Water and Sewer Combination Minutes:

- April 03, 2023 (5 sets)
- April 17, 2023 (5 sets)
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24. Water District II – Approval of Task Order #7 with Green Engineering: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the task order for Green Engineering design and permitting for Marlowe Rd. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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25. Water District II – Approval of Professional Engineering Services for Planning Grant: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of professional engineering services for a \$400,000 planning grant. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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

26. Comments: Commissioners and County Manager.

27. Adjournment.