

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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



AGENDA

**Monday, July 17, 2023
5:00 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, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (5) REAL ESTATE.

- 2. Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G. N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (4) Economic Development, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (5) Real Estate.**

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Regular Session begins at 6:30 P.M.

- 3. Invocation:** Commissioner Chris Smith
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Giles E. Byrd
- 5. Approval of Agenda:**
- 6. Public Input**
- 7. Proclamation– Honoring of Mission Serve:** Chairman Ricky Bullard is requesting adoption of the proclamation honoring Mission Serve.

Pages: 1-2

- 8. Proclamation– Appreciation and Recognition of the Former Whiteville City Schools Superintendent Dr. Marc Whichard:** The Governing Body is requesting adoption of the proclamation of appreciation and recognition of former Whiteville City Schools Superintendent Dr. Marc Whichard. **Pages: 3-4**
- 9. Administration - Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Bridgette Spann from Economic Development. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Page: 5**
- 10. Governing Body – Vice-Chairman Laverne Coleman is Requesting Approval for Men & Women United to Temporarily Utilize the Cafeteria at Acme Delco School:** Vice Chairman Coleman is requesting approval for Men & Women United to utilize Acme Delco School to store food for the Vacation Vittles Food Program. (Vice-Chairman Laverne Coleman will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Page: 6**
- 11. Administration – Appoint the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Voting Delegate Designee and Alternate for the 116th Annual Conference:** Columbus County must designate (1) person and (1) alternate to vote at the NCACC’s 116th Annual Conference Business Session which will be held in Wake County on Saturday, August 26, at 2 pm, with each county entitled to one vote on items that come before the membership, including the election of the NCACC Second Vice President. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 7-8**
- 12. Housing Authority – Approval to Revise the Unit Utility Allowances for Section 8 due to 10% Increase in Utility Rates:** Housing Authority Director Rebecca Tyson is requesting approval to revise the Individual Unit – Utility Allowances for Section 8 due to the recent 10% increase in utility rates. (Rebecca Tyson will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 9-23**
- 13. DSS – DSS Monthly Update:** Social Services Director Algernon McKenzie will present the Social Services administrative update for the month of May 2023. (Al McKenzie will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages:24-31**
- 14. Finance – Finance Administrative Update and Approval of Budget Amendment:** Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting approval of the monthly Finance Administrative Update and the following Budget Amendment.
1. Health - Maternal Health State Grant.
 2. Cooperative Extension 4-H program
 3. WIC Funding
 4. Move Position from DSS to Attorney’s Office (Info attached)
 5. Sheriff’s Office – NARC Training Funds (Info attached)
- (Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 32-51**

15. Finance – Approval of the First Reading of the Proposed Blanket Purchase Order Policy Effective July 1, 2023: Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting approval of the first reading of the proposed blanket purchase order policy effective July 1, 2023. (Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 52-54**

16. Attorney’s Office – Approval of the Farmers’ Market Contract: Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the Farmers’ Market Contract extension for a term of one year. (Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 55-60**

17. Attorney’s Office – Approval of the Resolution to Sell the Tabor Property: Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the Resolution to sell the Tabor City Property located near 323 West 3rd Street. (Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 61-70**

18. 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	BOARD ACTION
Fair Bluff Planning Board (ETJ)	EB	George Perry (resigned)	12/31/2023	

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

19. Water and Sewer District III – Approval of Resolution for the Water System Asset Inventory Assessment (AIA) Grant - America Rescue Grant for \$150,000: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the resolution for the Water System Asset Inventory Assessment (AIA) Grant - America Rescue Grant for \$150,000. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 72-73

20. Water and Sewer District III – Approval of the Proposal from Bill’s Well Drilling Company for Emergency Replacement of a Pump on Page Road: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the proposal from Bills Well Drilling Company to remove the existing turbine pump and replace it with a submersible pump. The total cost for this project is \$71,985.80. State funds will be used to cover this

expense. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 74-75

21. Water and Sewer District IV – Approval of the Amended Capitol Project

Ordinance: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the following Capitol Project Ordinance amendment made to the for Lakeland Village that reclassifies \$31,000 from Contingency to Miscellaneous expenses. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 76-77

22. Water and Sewer District IV –Approval of the EDA Project Well Site Property:

Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval to purchase the well site located near 21128 Andrew Jackson Highway East for the sum of \$30,000.00 for the one-acre property needed for the EDA Project. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 78-80

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

23. Comments: Commissioners and County Manager.

24. Adjournment.