

# **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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



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## **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, September 23, 2024**

**3:45 – Commissioners Photos**

**4:00 P.M. Interviews**

**5:45 P.M. – Closed Session**

**6:30 P.M. – Regular Session**

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

**RECESS SPECIAL CALLED 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)(6) PERSONNEL**

- 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) (6) Personnel.**

**RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into SPECIAL CALLED SESSION**

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

**Resumes at 6:30 P.M.**

- 3. Invocation:** Commissioner Brent Watts
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Lavern Coleman

<p><b>Public Hearing – 6:30 PM or as soon as can be heard - The 5311 &amp; 5310 Transportation Grant Applications for FY26.</b></p>
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**5. Approval of Agenda, Tax Refunds & Releases:**

a. 9/16/2024

**Pages: 1-2**

**6. Administration – Recognition of Columbus Industries 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting recognition of the Columbus Industries 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**7. Governing Body – Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Local Farmers Need for Monetary Aid as a Result of this Year’s Unprecedented Drought:** The Governing Body is requesting a discussion and possible action regarding the local farmers need for monetary aid as a result of unprecedented weather conditions this year.

**8. Administration - Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Kendra Graham from Veterans’ Services as the Employee Spotlight.

**9. Transportation – Approval of the 5311 & 5310 Transportation Grant Applications for FY26:** Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval of the 5311 & 5310 Transportation Grant Applications for FY26. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**Pages: 3-5**

**10. Transportation – Approval of the ROAP Grant Application for FY 25:**

Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval of the ROAP grant application for FY25. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**Pages: 6-10**

**11. Sheriff’s Office – Approval of the Amended Resolution to Include Additional Surplus Property and Associated Budget Amendment:** Sheriff William Rogers is requesting approval of the amended resolution to include additional surplus property and associated budget amendment.

**Pages: 11-19**

a. Amended Resolution

b. Budget Amendment for Surplus Property

**(Robert Creech will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**12. Emergency Services – Approval of the NC Shelter Grant and Associated Budget Amendment:**

Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval of the Shelter Grant for \$375,000 that will allow the funding to install automatic transfer switches to (4) of the county's emergency school shelter locations. There is no county match on these funds. **(David Ransom will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**Pages: 20-42**

- 13. Emergency Services – Approval of Change Order #1 for the 911 Center Building Project:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval of change order #1 which will reschedule the start date of the 911 Center Building Project, due to the automatic transfer switch, generator, and electrical gear production time frames do not fit within the current stated 365-day contract duration because of supply and availability changing the start date to September 19th, 2024. **(David Ransom will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 43-47**
- 14. Health Services – Approval of the Bad Debt Write-Off for FY 2024:** Health Services Director Kim Smith is requesting approval of the bad debt write off for FY 2024. **(Kim Smith will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 48-49**
- 15. Health Services – Approval of the Contract for a Nutritionist from Nutrition Plus to Assist with the WIC Program:** Health Services Director Kim Smith is requesting approval of the contract for a Nutritionist in the amount \$50,000. This contract is from Nutrition Plus and will assist with staffing in the WIC Program. The contract is 95% federally funded and 5% local funds. **(Kim Smith will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 50-56**
- 16. Department of Aging – Approval of the SCIF Allocation and Grant Project Ordinance for the Tabor City Senior Center Project:** Department of Aging Director Kristie Massey is requesting approval of the SCIF allocation in the amount of \$550,000 and the associated project ordinance for the Tabor City Senior Center Project. **(Kristie Massey will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 57-59**
- 17. Opioid Settlement – Approval to Continue as a Participant in Litigation:** Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval to continue as a participant in the Tyco and BASF as it pertains to the Opioid Settlement. **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Page: 60**
- 18. Economic Development / Planning Department – Approval to Establish a Public Hearing on the Expansion of the Gragg Tract Planned Unit Development Zoning District:** EDC / Planning Department Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval to establish a public hearing on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon as can be heard regarding the expansion of the Gragg Tract Planned Unit Development Zoning District. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 61-63**
- 19. Economic Development / Planning – Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Brunswick County and Columbus County for Sewer Services Provided by Brunswick County to a Portion of Columbus County:** Economic Development / Planning Director is requesting approval of the Interlocal Agreement regarding sewer services provided by Brunswick County to a portion of Columbus County. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 64-71**



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

- 26. Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V - Approval of Service Contract with Charles R. Underwood, Inc. for Preventative Maintenance of Wells and Booster Pump Stations and Associated Budget Amendment:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the service contract with Charles R. Underwood, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 for preventative maintenance of wells and booster pump stations and the associated budget amendment. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**Pages: 96-100**

- 27. Water and Sewer Districts IV – Approval of Task Order #11 with Green Engineering and the Associated Project Ordinance for the Livingston Chapel Road Project Water System Improvements:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of task order number 11 and Project Ordinance for the Livingston Chapel Road Project Water System Improvements. The project total is \$2,854,839 and will be funded through SCIF allocation and appropriated fund balance. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**Pages: 101-104**

- 28. Water and Sewer Districts IV - Approval of Task Order #12 with Green Engineering and the Associated Project Ordinance for the Riegelwood Sanitary District Water System Improvements:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of task order number 12 and project ordinance for the Riegelwood Sanitary District Water System Improvements. The project total is \$2,574,639 and will be funded through loan and grant funds. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**Pages: 105-111**

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

- 29. Comments:** Commissioners and County Manager.

- 30. Adjournment**