

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472



AGENDA

Monday, October 21, 2024
5:30 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)(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 REGULAR SESSION

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Regular Session Resumes at 6:30 P.M.

3. Invocation: Commissioner Lavern Coleman
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Chris Smith

Public Hearing – 6:30 P.M. or as soon as can be heard regarding the Preliminary Plats for the McGill Meadows Planned Unit Development District (PUD):

5. Approval of Agenda, Tax Refunds & Releases:

a. 10/21/2024

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6. Board Minutes Approval:

a. October 07, 2024 Regular Session

7. Public Input

8. Administration – Recognition of Disaster Relief Personnel for Hurricane Helene:

County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize those staff members who assisted with disaster relief in Western NC following Hurricane Helene. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

9. Presentation – Ron Lewis from Foundation Forward will Present Information

regarding their Charters of Freedom Replicas: Ron Lewis from Foundation Forward will present information regarding their Charters of Freedom replicas. **(Ron Lewis will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 2-18

10. Administration – Approval of the Resolution for the Broadband Technical

Assistance Program: Randolph Keaton and Floria Oates-Williams are requesting approval of the resolution supporting the Broadband Technical Assistance Program. **(Floria Oates-Williams will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 19-20

11. Economic Development / Planning – Approval of the Preliminary Plats for the McGill Meadows Planned Unit Development District (PUD):

EDC & Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of the proposed preliminary plans for McGill Meadows PUD Zoning District located on Seven Creeks Hwy, Tabor City, NC. This is the action item associated with the above public hearing. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 21-40

12. Economic Development / Planning – Approval of Budget Amendment and Grant Project Ordinance Regarding Columbus County’s Portion of the Tabor City Shell Building Project:

Economic Development / Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of Budget Amendment and Grant Project Ordinance regarding Columbus County’s portion associated with the Tabor City Shell Building Project. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 41-44

13. Cooperative Extension - Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with

Agricultural Technician Michael Shuman: Cooperative Extension Director Howard Wallace is requesting approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Agricultural Technician Michael Schuman. **(Howard Wallace will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 45-47

- 14. Attorney's Office – Approval of the 15 Year Extension to the Management Agreement with Columbus Regional to Include Additional County Owned Property:** Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the 15-year extension to the management agreement with Columbus Regional to include additional county owned property. (Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 48-49**
- 15. Emergency Services – Cerro Gordo Fire and Rescue Update Regarding Staffing Issues:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting discussion regarding Cerro Gordo Fire and Rescue EMS staffing issues. (David Ransom, Chief Terry Floyd and Assistant Chief Garrett Floyd will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 50-53**
- 16. Emergency Services – Approval of the Low Bid for Metal Building at the North Campus:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval of the low bid from Viking Steel in the amount of \$87,900 for a metal building to be located at the North Campus. (David Ransom will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 54-63**
- 17. Emergency Services – Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Columbus County 911 and Davie County 911 to Provide Backup Assistance if Needed:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Columbus County 911 and Davie County 911 to provide backup assistance in the event that communication systems malfunction. (David Ransom will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 64-66**
- 18. Emergency Services – Approval of the Amendment to the ImageTrend, LLC Software Services Agreement:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval of the amendment to the software services agreement with ImageTrend, LLC, in the amount of \$27,250, to include the addition of sixteen (16) county fire departments as required in the new service contracts. There are sufficient funds in the budget to cover this cost. (David Ransom will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 67-71**
- 19. DSS – Monthly Report:** DSS Director Dwella Hall will present the monthly report for September 2024. (Dwella Hall will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 72-81**
- 20. DSS - Approval of the Columbus County Department of Social Services Child Care Waiting List Policy:** DSS Director Dwella Hall is requesting approval of the Columbus County Department of Social Services Child Care Waiting List Policy. (Dwella Hall will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 82-85**

21. Finance – Approval of the Finance Report, Budget Amendment, Budget Ordinance, and Salary Adjustments: Interim Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following Finance Report, Budget Amendment, Budget Ordinance, Salary Adjustments:

- a. Finance Report – September 2024
- b. Budget Amendment – HUD
- c. Budget Ordinance – American Rescue Plan (ARPA)
- d. Tax Administration – Salary Adjustment / Classification Changes
- e. Sheriff’s Office – Salary Adjustments / Additional Duties
- f. DSS – Salary Adjustments / Work Against

Pages: 86-91

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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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