

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472



AGENDA

Tuesday, January 21, 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 Ricky Bullard
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Scott Floyd
5. **Approval of Agenda, Tax Refunds & Releases:**
 - a. 01/21/2025
6. **Board Minutes Approval:**
 - a. December 2, 2024 Regular Session

Pages: 1-3

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7. **Public Input**
8. **Proclamation – Adoption of the Human Trafficking Awareness Month**
Proclamation: Columbus County Domestic Violence Advocate Lucy Byrd is requesting adoption of the Human Trafficking Awareness Month proclamation. **Pages: 4-5**
9. **Presentation - FY 23/24 Audit Presentation Acceptance:** CPA and Director of Mauldin & Jenkins, LeAnn Bagasala will present the FY 23-24 Audit Report. **Page: 6**
10. **Economic Development – Approval of the Development Agreement 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 Development Agreement 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.)** **Pages: 7-9**
11. **Transportation – Approval of the Amendment to the Lease Agreement with First Transit/Transdev for FY25:** Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval of the amendment to the lease agreement with First Transit/Transdev for FY25. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 10-13**
12. **Transportation – Approval to use Coastal Architecture for the Architectural Engineering and Design of the Transportation Building Expansion Project:** Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval to proceed with using Coastal Architecture for the architectural engineering and design of the Transportation building expansion project. This project was pre-budgeted and funded by the FY23 FTA Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 14-21**
13. **Administration – Approval to Transfer Ownership of County Owned Section of Chadbourn Park to the Town of Chadbourn:** Mayor of Chadbourn Phillip C. Britt is requesting approval to transfer ownership of county owned section of Chadbourn Park to the Town of Chadbourn. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 22-23**
14. **Administration – Approval of Reimbursement:** County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting approval of the \$400 reimbursement to Greg Hewett for beaver dam removal in Soules Swamp. Dam removal reimbursements were pre budgeted in the FY 24/25 budget. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 24-25**

- 15. Sheriff’s Office – Approval to Fund 15 New Patrol Vehicles:** Sheriff Bill Rogers is requesting approval for funding of 15 new patrol vehicles in the approximate amount of \$750,000 for the Sheriff’s Office. **(Bill Rogers will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 26-27**
- 16. Sheriff’s Office – Approval to Move 911 Center Under the Authority of the Sheriff’s Office:** Sheriff Bill Rogers is requesting approval to move the 911 center under the authority of the Sheriff. **(Bill Rogers will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 28-29**
- 17. DSS - Monthly Update:** DSS Interim Director Dwella Hall will give the monthly update for December 2024. **(Dwella Hall will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 30-38**
- 18. Finance – Approval of 3-Year Contract for DebtBook Services:** Interim Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the 3-Year contract for DebtBook services in the amount of \$61,818. **(Heather Woody will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 39-41**
- 19. Finance– Approval to Set a Collection Rate Schedule for Municipalities:** Deputy Finance Director Melanie Hester is requesting approval to set a collection rate schedule for municipalities. **(Heather Woody and Melanie Hester will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 42-45**
- 20. Finance – Approval of Budget Amendment and Salary Adjustment:** Interim Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following budget amendment and Salary Adjustment. One Motion will approve all of the following:
- a. Health Services – Dietician Contract
 - b. Dept. of Aging – Services Rendered
 - c. Sheriff’s Office – Salary Adjustment
 - d. Approval of Requisitions
- (Heather Woody will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 46-49**
- 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

<p>Zone I: Barbara Featherson</p> <p>Zone II: Chris Smith</p> <p>Zone III: Giles E. Byrd</p> <p>Zone IV: Lavern Coleman</p>	<p>Zone V: Brent Watts</p> <p>Zone VI: Ricky Bullard</p> <p>Zone VII: Scott Floyd</p>
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COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE
Columbus Regional Board of Trustees	EB	Pamela Young-Jacobs <i>(Recommended by the Board of Trustees)</i>	
Columbus Regional Board of Trustees	EB	Jamie Godwin <i>(Recommended by the Board of Trustees)</i>	
Columbus Regional Board of Trustees	EB	Vacant	
Economic Development Commission	VII	John Blosser (resigned)	6/30/2025
Aging Advisory Council	IV	Janet Hedrick (resigned)	6/30/2025

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:

a. December 2, 2024 Regular Session

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23. Water and Sewer District IV: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with International Paper Allocating 5 MGD (million gallons per day) for a Proposed Water Treatment Plant: Economic Development Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with International Paper allocating 5 mgpd for a proposed water treatment plant. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 50-53

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