

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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



AGENDA

**Monday, February 3, 2025
5:45 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

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

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Regular Session Resumes at 6:30 P.M.

- 3. Invocation:** Vice Chairman Chris Smith
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Ricky Bullard
- 5. Approval of Agenda**
- 6. Board Minutes Approval:**
 - b. January 6, 2025 Regular Session**
- 7. Public Input**

Board Minutes Section

8. Administration – Retirement Plaques: County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize the following employees and present their retirement plaques:

- a. Dorene Evans— DSS Social Worker Supervisor III - 9/20/04 -10/31/24
- b. Douglas Ward —Tax Administration—Deputy Tax Collector 9/01/04- 9/20/24
- c. Kimberly Sellers – Veterans Services Director 11/17/03 – 09/27/24

9. Proclamation – Black History Month February 2025: The Governing Body is requesting adoption of the proclamation for Black History Month February 2025.

Pages: 1-2

10. Proclamation - Approval to Adopt the Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation: Columbus County Domestic Violence Advocate Lucy Byrd is requesting approval to adopt the Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.

Pages: 3-4

11. Administration – Approval of the FY 2025/2026 Legislative Needs List: County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting approval of the FY 2025/2026 Legislative Needs List to send to NC House Majority Leader, Brenden Jones. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 5-6

12. Administration- Approval of the Lease with the NC Forestry Service for Office Space for Portion of 2nd Floor, A Building: Operations Section Chief Shane Hardee is requesting approval of the lease to use office space on a portion of the 2nd floor in the A Building. The lease will be in the amount of \$2,850 per month, which includes utilities, housekeeping, and door swipe system. **(Shane Hardee will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 7-13

13. Emergency Services – Approval of the Resolution to Change Columbus County’s Fire Danger Risk Range from Moderate Hazard to High Hazard: Interim Emergency Services Director Kay Stephens is requesting approval of the resolution to change Columbus County’s Fire Danger Risk Range from Moderate Hazard to High Hazard. **(Kay Stephens will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 14-15

14. Finance – Approval of Finance Report and Budget Amendment: Interim Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following Finance Report and budget amendment. One Motion will approve all of the following:

- a. YTD Finance Report
- b. Sheriff’s Office – Insurance Proceeds - \$33,492 Increase

Pages: 16-21

15. 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 II: Chris Smith

Zone V: Brent Watts
Zone VI: Ricky Bullard

Zone III: Giles E. Byrd
Zone IV: Lavern Coleman

Zone VII: Scott Floyd

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE
Economic Development Commission	VII	John Blosser (resigned)	6/2025

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

16. Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV, and V Combination Minutes:

a. January 6, 2025 Regular Session Combined Minutes

Board Minutes Section

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

17. Comments: Commissioners and County Manager.

18. Adjournment