

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472



AGENDA

Monday, March 17, 2025
4:00 P.M. – Sheriff’s Office Budget Workshop
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, 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 Giles E. “Buddy” Byrd
5. **Approval of Agenda, Tax Refunds, & Releases:**
 - a. 03/17/2025
6. **Board Minutes Approval:**
 - a. March 3, 2025 Regular Session

Pages: 1-3

7. **Public Input**

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- 8. Presentation – Presentation – Trillium Annual Update:** Cecelia Peers will present Trillium’s annual update. (Cecelia Peers will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Page: 4**
- 9. Presentation – Health Services Director Kim Smith will give the Dental Health Update for Columbus County:** Health Services Director Kim Smith will present the Dental Health update for Columbus County. (Kim Smith will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 5-6**
- 10. Health Services – Approval to Establish a Single County Child Fatality Prevention Team:** Health Services Director Kim Smith is requesting approval to establish a single county Child Fatality Prevention Team in accordance to a new state mandate. (Kim Smith will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 7-9**
- 11. Planning Department – Approval of the 2nd Reading regarding the New Ordinance Regulating RV’s, Campers, and Travel Trailers:** EDC/Planning director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of the 2nd reading regarding the new ordinance regulating RV’s, Campers, and Travel Trailers. This action item is associated with the previously held public hearing. (Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 10-12**
- 12. Economic Development – Approval to Establish a Public Hearing regarding the Building Reuse and Incentive Grant:** Economic Development Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval to establish a public hearing on Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., or as soon as can be heard, regarding the Building Reuse and Incentive Grant. (Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 13-14**
- 13. Attorney’s Office– Approval of the Facility Use Agreement for Guideway School Gym:** County Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the Facility Use Agreement for the Guideway School Gym. (Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 15-16**
- 14. Department of Aging – Approval to Accept the State Fiscal Recovery Funds and Housing Home Improvement Grant, and Capitol Project Ordinance:** Department of Aging Director Kristie Massey is requesting approval of the State Fiscal Recovery Funds and Housing Home Improvement Grant in the amount of \$51,463, and the Capitol Project Ordinance. No local match is required. (Kristie Massey will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 17-25**
- 15. DSS – Monthly Report for February 2025:** DSS Director Dwella Hall will present the DSS monthly report for February 2025. (Dwella Hall will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 26-34**
- 16. Facility Services – Approval of Low Quote and Purchase Order:** Facility Services Director Stuart Carrol is requesting approval of the purchase order for the following:

 - a. DSS HVAC System – \$46,660 Pridgen Brothers- pre-budgeted for FY 24/25 (Stuart Carroll will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

- 17. Solid Waste - Approval of Low Quote and Purchase Order:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the low quote and purchase order for the following:
- a. Side by Side for Landfill - \$23,218 - pre-budgeted for FY 24/25
- (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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- 18. Finance – Approval of the Budget Amendments, Capital Project Ordinance, Departmental Purchase Orders, and Salary Adjust:** Interim Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following Financial Report, Project Ordinance, Budget Amendments, Departmental Budget Adjustments, and Departmental Purchase Orders:
- a. Register of Deeds - Budget Amendment – additional revenues
 - b. Beaver Bounty Program – Budget Amendment – Dam removal
 - c. Emergency Services Grant - Budget Amendment – line item adjustment
 - d. Emergency Services Grant - Capital Project Ordinance – line item adjustment
 - e. Departmental Purchase Orders
 - f. Salary Adjustment

Pages: 40-47

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

- 19. Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV, and V Combination Minutes:**
- a. March 3, 2025 Regular Session

Board Minutes Section

- 20. Water and Sewer District IV: Approval of the Funding Offer from DEQ for Riegelwood Upfit Project:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the funding offer from DEQ for the Riegelwood Upfit Project. The county received a State Revolving Fund-Repayable Loan in the amount of \$2,574,639 for the construction of the Riegelwood Waterline Replacement. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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- 21. Water and Sewer District V: Approval of the Low Bid from Temple Grading for Waterline Extensions for the Lebanon Church Road (Dothan) Project:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the low bid from Temple Grading, in the amount of \$8,433,893, for waterline extensions and associated services for the Lebanon Church Road (Dothan) Project. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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

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

- 23. Adjournment**