

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Monday, August 5, 2024**

**5:30 P.M. – Closed Session**

**6:30 P.M. – Regular Session**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at the Columbus County Commissioners Chamber, 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of conducting a Regular Session.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**  
Giles E. Byrd, **Vice Chairman**  
Lavern Coleman,  
Scott Floyd  
Barbara Featherson  
Brent Watts  
Chris Smith

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **Attorney**  
Jana Nealey, **Clerk to the Board**

**APPOINTEES ABSENT:**

**Agenda Item #1:     MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

**At 5:30 P.M. Chairman Ricky Bullard called the regular session meeting to order.**

**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) (5) REAL ESTATE**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to recess regular session and enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #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) (5) REAL ESTATE**

**RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Watts made a motion to recess closed session and enter into regular session, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Attorney Amanda Prince gave the general account as follows:

The board discussed (2) matters of Attorney-Client Privilege. No action was taken by the board.

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve the General Account, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Chairman Bullard recessed regular session until 6:30 P.M.**

**Regular Session resumes at 6:30 P.M.**

**Agenda Items # 3 and #4: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Lavern Coleman. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Chris Smith.

**Agenda Item# 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Watts made a motion to approve the Agenda with Add-on 22v Hurricane Debby Project Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #6: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

- a. June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Special Called Meeting
- b. July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Session Meeting

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed

**Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Citizen Howard Lofton Cox Jr. commented:**

- I live in the Dothan section - number one this is development I'm talking to you about the development tonight and infrastructure what I'm talking about is this next to my home they are presently building 900 homes on both sides of the Road just announced a permit for 100 homes on Marlowe Road now we talking about 19 if you go a mile from that you got 4,000 homes to be put in that's right at 6,000 homes within a mile you got 10,000 homes supposed to be put in on 905 at the state line, but I tell you what, I am giving you a little history lesson, in 2007 Horry County planning board and commissioners in Horry County Council approved 13,000 homes between Longs and Loris I followed this pretty closely you doubt me dig it up I'm not making this up what was what they had to once that development was approved is the developer had to build schools and parks for the people now when you talk to the county I see on Facebook where we talking about development, they say the tax base is going to increase well guess what it was going to increase in Horry County too but you were getting parks and schools built from this development. This county is getting nothing from the developers, nothing at all, except the tax base. Once the homes are built, if any parks are built, it's going to come from taxpayers. If you go to Brunswick County you got five really nice super parks over there for the people to use. There's no County Parks here in Columbus County, you've got city parks. I'm challenging this Board of Commissioners to work out some something where you can get something from these developers when they build this to help the people once the development is finished and they got the money and gone. Stores, buildings, and things like that will come from people that want to make money. The people that's here will have nowhere to go, nothing to do, unless it's funded by taxpayer money.
- As a taxpayer I am kind of appalled really appalled to see what was in the newspaper last week \$240 ,000 right a quarter of a million dollars that the board of education committed on to buying land that had never been appraised and they hadn't done anything with it. I don't think there is a member on this board that should spend that kind of money on something like that. This needs to stop, the school at Tabor was over built look at the capacity of the school and look at look at what's in there that's \$9 million something needs to stop.

**Citizen Ervin Kreutter commented:**

- I live in Oxford Village, Tabor City um just today I'm finishing work on a book I've got a lot more stuff to consolidate than I can on my own so I'm going to make some compromises to get the book out but I've got models that can see into the future that lay out a space where if you do this and do that and do the other that'll happen and um uh could have publish them sooner but frankly some of what I'm going to publish will go to Ai and if we're all standing around we won't get the use of it that's the reason I haven't published here before things are

getting desperate and we need a chance at this stuff um so I'm looking at hedge funds and private equity and their definitions what they do these people have organized the system to take to to undermine the standard of living of Americans across the board and they're in Europe they their business model is to squeeze wealth out of an organization and and move away and and if they fail they they have a system schemed that they bring in the richest people the biggest people the biggest organizations money then then so that they know they can't fail the 2008 bailout was essentially of head funds and private Equity bad decisions where they squeezed wealth out of people and companies and it was going to flop and to my knowledge nobody really caught up with this so we we these people have very sophisticated deals going on so it's complicated lot's going on but the end result is theft and um deception and we have um antitrust laws that have just been abandoned so um these people are on the verge I'm not going to put my weight behind it but there's all kinds of YouTube testimony by people and you can get paid on YouTube for bringing in people to watch I mean all kinds of people I call them doomsayers and don't really much appreciate them but telling us that this Market could crash and the last time we had one a big one we lost the country about a year ago I learned that 10 million people starve to death I'd never heard that before this isn't something we want to mess with and as I speak to you tonight we're now prepared to fend them off.

**Mayor Terry Mann commented:**

- Terry Mann, 203 Elm Street Whiteville. First of all, I came to personally thank you for letting me take part in the ceremony Friday at the courthouse. It was a remarkable event, but the real reason I came, is on behalf of The City Council and the citizens of Whiteville. I want to thank you and all that were involved in doing what y'all did to that building. If anybody that was there, at that ceremony or took the tour of that building, and was not proud of what they saw, I think they need to move to another County, because I mean it just gave me chills to sit there in that room and look at that building and see what's been done with it. I just appreciate you preserving energy, I mean, history and Mr Dixon, the architect, said one thing that really made a lot of sense. I believe it, if somebody closes their eyes, now especially a resident of Columbus County, and hears the word Courthouse, that's what they should see, so thanks again for what y'all did.

**Agenda Item #8: ADMINISTRATION – EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:**

County Manager Eddie Madden recognized Madison Priest from Building Inspections as the employee spotlight.

Madison, our coworker, brings a lot of energy to our office. She displays a positive and happy attitude with excellent customer service. She shows a willingness to learn and develop new skills. It is a pleasure to work with this young lady every day.

**Agenda Item #9: HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – APPROVAL of HISTORIC COURTHOUSE CHANGE ORDER #4 for FINAL ALLOWANCE & CONTINGENCY RECONCILIATION:**

Architect Lee Dixon attended and requested the approval of the Historic Courthouse Change Order #4 that will reconcile the final allowance and contingency funds for the contract with Thomas Construction Group.

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Featherson. The motion unanimously passed.



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Change Order

<b>PROJECT: (Name and address)</b> Columbus County Courthouse 113 Courthouse Square Whiteville, North Carolina 28472	<b>CONTRACT INFORMATION:</b> Contract For: Columbus County Courthouse Date: 12/21/2022	<b>CHANGE ORDER INFORMATION:</b> Change Order Number: 004 Date: 7/18/2024
<b>OWNER: (Name and address)</b> Columbus County 127 West Webster Street Whiteville, North Carolina 28472	<b>ARCHITECT: (Name and address)</b> Coastal Architecture 4206 Bridges Street, Suite C Morehead City, North Carolina 28557	<b>CONTRACTOR: (Name and address)</b> Thomas Construction Group LLC 1022 Ashes Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, North Carolina 28405

**THE CONTRACT IS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:**  
(Insert a detailed description of the change and, if applicable, attach or reference specific exhibits. Also include agreed upon adjustments attributable to executed Construction Change Directives.)  
AIA Change order #4 hereby incorporates the following PCO's:

POTENTIAL CHANGE ORDERS INCLUDED IN THIS PRIME CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER (1)

#Revision	Title	Amount	Schedule	Impact	Status
<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">8</a>	<a href="#">CE #154 - Final Allowance &amp; Contingency Reconciliation</a>	(\$19,021.77)	0 days	Pending - In Review	
Total:		(\$19,021.77)			

The original Contract Sum was	\$ 6,641,000.00
The net change by previously authorized Change Orders	\$ 165,089.55
The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order was	\$ 6,806,089.55
The Contract Sum will be changed by this Change Order in the amount of	(\$19,021.77)
The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be	\$ 6,787,067.78
The Contract Time will not be changed	
The new date Substantial Completion will be 9/1/2024	

**NOTE:** This Change Order does not include adjustments to the Contract Sum or Guaranteed Maximum Price, or the Contract Time, that have been authorized by Construction Change Directive until the cost and time have been agreed upon by both the Owner and Contractor, in which case a Change Order is executed to supersede the Construction Change Directive.

NOT VALID UNTIL SIGNED BY THE ARCHITECT, CONTRACTOR AND OWNER.

Coastal Architecture <b>ARCHITECT (Firm name)</b>  <b>SIGNATURE</b> Lee Dixon AIA President <b>PRINTED NAME AND TITLE</b> 7/26/2024 <b>DATE</b>	Thomas Construction Group LLC <b>CONTRACTOR (Firm name)</b>  <b>SIGNATURE</b> Michael Brisson Sr., Project Manager <b>PRINTED NAME AND TITLE</b> July 26, 2024 <b>DATE</b>	Columbus County <b>OWNER (Firm Name)</b>  <b>SIGNATURE</b>  <b>PRINTED NAME AND TITLE</b>  <b>DATE</b>
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PCO #08

Thomas Construction Group LLC  
1022 Ashes Drive Suite 200  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
Phone: +19107892295

Project: 22-10-0412 - Columbus County Courthouse  
113 Courthouse Square  
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

Prime Contract Potential Change Order #08: CE #154 - Final Allowance & Contingency Reconciliation

<b>TO:</b> Columbus County 127 West Webster Street Whiteville, North Carolina 28472	<b>FROM:</b> Thomas Construction Group LLC 1022 Ashes Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
<b>PCO NUMBER/REVISION:</b> 08 / 0	<b>CONTRACT:</b> 22-10-0412 - Columbus County Courthouse
<b>REQUEST RECEIVED FROM:</b>	<b>CREATED BY:</b> Michael Brisson (Thomas Construction Group LLC)
<b>STATUS:</b> Pending - In Review	<b>CREATED DATE:</b> 7/18/2024
<b>REFERENCE:</b>	<b>PRIME CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER:</b> #004 - Reconcile Contingency & Project Allowances
<b>FIELD CHANGE:</b> No	<b>ACCOUNTING METHOD:</b> Amount Based
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>PAID IN FULL:</b> No
<b>SCHEDULE IMPACT:</b> 0 days	<b>SIGNED CHANGE ORDER RECEIVED DATE:</b>
<b>EXECUTED:</b> No	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b> (\$19,021.77)

POTENTIAL CHANGE ORDER TITLE: CE #154 - Final Allowance & Contingency Reconciliation

CHANGE REASON: No Change Reason

POTENTIAL CHANGE ORDER DESCRIPTION: (The Contract Is Changed As Follows)

CE #154 - Final Allowance & Contingency Reconciliation  
Final reconciliation of construction contingency & allowances

ATTACHMENTS:

[ALLOWANCE SUMMARY 7.26.24 - FINAL REVISED.pdf](#) , [Contingency Log 7.18.24 - final.pdf](#)

#	Budget Code	Description	Amount
1	22-2001.0 Break Point Up-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$(380.00)
2	22-2002.0 Misc Roof Repair-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$0.00
3	22-2003.0 Door Hardware (Includes Taxes)-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$0.00
4	22-2004.0 Key Fob/Mag Lock-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$0.00
5	22-2005.0 Window Repair-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$0.00
6	22-2007.0 Appliances (Includes Taxes)-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$(1,869.00)
7	22-2008.0 Window Treatments-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$0.00
8	22-2009.0 Courtroom Furniture (Ind Tax)-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$(315.00)
9	22-2010.0 Elevator-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$(6,529.00)
10	22-2012.0 Tele/Data ASystem-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$0.00
11	22-2013.0 Courtroom AV-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$0.00
12	22-2006.0 Signage (Includes Taxes)-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$(6,013.00)
13	22-2011.0 Security Systems-Other	Final Reconciliation	\$(3,915.77)
Grand Total:			\$(19,021.77)

Lee Dixon (Coastal Architecture)  
4208 Bridges Street, Suite C  
Morehead City, North Carolina 28557

Columbus County  
127 West Webster Street  
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472

Thomas Construction Group LLC  
1022 Ashes Drive Suite 200  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405

DocuSigned by  
*Michael Brisson*  
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July 26, 2024

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COLUMBUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

7/26/2024

ALLOWANCE SUMMARY

#	ALLOWANCE	ORIGINAL BUDGET	Transfers	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT EXPENSE	CURRENT BALANCE	PROJ. EXPENSE	VARIANCE	COMMENTS
1	Brick Point Up	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,620	\$ 380	\$ -	\$ 380	FINAL
2	Misc. Roof Repair	\$ 30,000	\$ 950	\$ 30,950	\$ 30,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FINAL
3	Door Hardware	\$ 85,000	\$ 4,350	\$ 89,350	\$ 89,350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FINAL
4	Access Controls	\$ 30,000	\$ 6,482	\$ 36,482	\$ 36,482	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FINAL
5	Window Repair	\$ 50,000	\$ 82,723	\$ 132,723	\$ 132,723	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0)	FINAL - Any outstanding expense will be applied to Contingency
6	Appliances	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,131	\$ 1,869	\$ -	\$ 1,869	FINAL
7	Window Treatments	\$ 20,000	\$ (20,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Transferred to Window Repairs
8	Courtroom Furniture	\$ 86,000	\$ (31,000)	\$ 55,000	\$ 54,685	\$ 315	\$ -	\$ 315	TRANSFERRED \$20,000 TO CONTINGENCY 5.14.24, \$10,000 on 7/
9	Elevator (increased in Addm 3)	\$ 130,000	\$ 1,515	\$ 131,515	\$ 134,986	\$ 6,529	\$ -	\$ 6,529	Transferred \$1,515 to Contingency 7/18/24, to reconcile
10	Tele/Data	\$ 35,000	\$ 29,845	\$ 64,845	\$ 64,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FINAL
11	Courtroom A/V	\$ 90,000	\$ 4,593	\$ 94,593	\$ 94,593	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FINAL
12	Broadloom Carpet Material, including tax (4185Y @ \$35/SY)	\$ 14,630	\$ -	\$ 14,630	\$ 14,630	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FINAL - MATERIAL ON BUDGET
13	Tile Material Only (flooring & wall base) (1532 sf @ \$8/sf)	\$ 12,180	\$ -	\$ 12,180	\$ 12,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FINAL - MATERIAL ON BUDGET
14	Addm 1: 250sf SF of softst rot replacement (\$15/SF L&M)	\$ 3,750	\$ -	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FINAL
15	Addm 1: Signage	\$ 20,000	\$ (7,401)	\$ 12,599	\$ 6,595	\$ 6,013	\$ -	\$ 6,013	FINAL per revised invoice 6.6.24
16	Addm 2: Security System	\$ 150,000	\$ (101,541)	\$ 48,459	\$ 44,544	\$ 3,915	\$ -	\$ 3,915	FINAL
17	Addm 3: Screen Wall Brick Material Only (3500sf @ \$800/M)	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FINAL - Brick was slightly over allowance after freight - No Charge
18	Addm 5: Hardwood floor material allowance (1,000sf @ \$8/sf)	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Full allowance was exceeded - no charge for additional
AGGREGATE ORIGINAL/REVISED ALLOWANCE VALUES		\$ 781,360.00	\$ (29,485.00)	\$ 751,875.00					
			JTD EXPENSE		\$ 782,853.23				
					CURRENT BALANCE(\$)	\$ 19,021.77			
					PROJECTED EXPENSE	\$ -			
						PROJECTED BALANCE	\$ 19,021.77		

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COLUMBUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

7/18/2024

CONTINGENCY LOG

ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE VALUE: \$ 100,000.00						
CRP #	Allowance Reduction Proposal	Reason	Status	CRP Value (executed)	Budget Values	Comments
1	VE Credit: Plumbing - change branch supply pipe to pex, from copper	Post-Bid VE savings	Approved	\$ (8,800.00)		
2	VE Credit: Reduced Rigid Insulation on crawlspace perimeter walls	Post-Bid VE savings	Closed	\$ -		No savings
3	VE Credit: Eliminate Spray foam at 1st floor structure - add back PG batt	Post-Bid VE savings	Approved	\$ (13,839.00)		
4	VE Credit: Change spray foam at 2nd floor to fg batt & blown-in cellulose	Post-Bid VE savings	Approved	\$ (9,787.00)		
5	Relocate existing feeders per RFI #1, pull additional Neutrals	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 3,946.11		
6	Unforeseen Additional Demo	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 4,200.00		
7	RFI 13: Structural Floor repairs (50 joists) in balliff's area per RFI 13	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 14,502.06		T&M Work
8	RFI 6 & 17: Additional LVL's, Posts etc. at 2nd Floor	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 2,776.38		T&M Work
9	RFI 21: Old Restroom joist nailers (scab with 2x4 / 2x6)	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 6,946.34		T&M Work
10	RFI 22: Fill unforeseen Slab depressions (flowable fill)	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 2,250.00		
11	RFI 28: Remove unforeseen raised subfloor and replace	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 2,203.39		T&M Work
12	RFI 30: Room 138/139 wall extensions required.	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 788.72		T&M Work
13	RFI 23: Unforeseen: Deteriorating window sub sills	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 380.00		T&M Work
14	VE CREDIT: Reduced DOAS unit circuits for elimination of strip heat	Submittal Coordination	Approved	\$ (2,573.00)		
15	RFI 35: Jury room subfloor elevations & additional leveling	Unforeseen	Closed	\$ -		No cost incurred.
16	Reconcile plumbing fixture changes from touchless to manual operation	Design Revision	Closed	\$ -		hce pricing
17	VE CREDIT: 1st floor crown mould location changes per architect email	Design Revision	Approved	\$ (9,207.00)		7% deduct expected
18	RFI 47: Courtroom Judge's wall re-shoring, floor leveling/beams, & re-framing	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 2,651.74		T&M Work
19	RFI 42 - Rafter Repairs over Balliff's area	Unforeseen	Void	\$ -		No Cost Incurred
20	RFI 31 - Failed ceiling joist at stair	Unforeseen	Void	\$ -		No Cost Incurred
21	RFI 33 - Restroom joist repairs at room 221	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 565.38		T&M Work
22	RFI 36 - Ceiling Joist extensions/Band bd. at Rest. 209, 221,225	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 5,111.90		T&M Work
23	RFI 40 - Replace damaged subfloor in Rm 118	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 451.48		T&M Work
24	RFI 51 - Estates 137 requires header and post-down to foundation	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 1,482.00		T&M Work
25	RFI 41 - Unforeseen masonry scaffold demo in concealed spaces	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 608.00		T&M Work
26	RFI 39 - Hall 217 subfloor slope and elevation challenge	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 2,920.24		T&M Work
27	RFI 27- Restroom 118, 119, 121 - exhaust fan routing code issue	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 838.00		T&M Work
28	RFI 54 - Change 2nd floor restroom exh. to roof-vented	Design Development	Closed	\$ -		Closed - no cost
29	RFI 55 - Add chase framing & drywall at room 120 (closet)	Design Development	Approved	\$ 469.00		
30	RFI 56 - Straighten South Courtroom Wall	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 3,648.74		T&M Work
31	RFI 57 - Court Reporter & Resident Judge Floor Leveling	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 1,409.91		T&M Work
32	RFI 60- Extend dropped ceiling framing in Room 113	Design Development	Approved	\$ 695.00		
33	RFI 63 - Demo over-poured slab at main portico & old maint. Office	Design Development	Approved	\$ 1,064.00		
34	Misc. demo at stairs & hall - partial owner request	Owner request	Approved	\$ 1,216.00		include backup
35	Shave & Shim 1st floor ceiling joists where severely out of plane	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 1,824.00		1st fr expense only
36	Owner-requested 1st floor data changes	Owner Request	Approved	\$ 2,448.34		PCO signed in lieu of CRP
37	Light fixture allowance overage	Design Development	Approved	\$ 227.64		
38	RFI 66 - BD #17 - Cashier's counter changes	Owner Request	Approved	\$ 2,185.06		
39	FA REVISIONS PER PCO 02	AHU-Required	Void	\$ -		Included in CO #1
40	RFI 85: Re-Frame Courtroom Diffusers (excludes hangar install)	Design Development	Pending	\$ 8,401.30		
41	Visiting Judge Floor Leveling	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 4,900.00		
42	RFI 85: Add joist hangers per final diffuser framing detail.	Design Development	Approved	\$ 2,722.66		
43	Additional Roof Hatch & access ladder	Design Development	Approved	\$ 4,233.73		
44	Convert stair treads to wood (refinish existing) & paint risers black		Approved	\$ 9,153.02		
45	Credit: Savings on storm windows		Approved	\$ (14,300.00)		
46	North Entry Door Re-Framing - See #64		Closed	\$ -		
47	T. Strong Time on misc. rough carpentry. 10/23 - 11/10 - see EWO's	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 10,278.00		
48	Misc. Framing & drywall for added plumbing chases	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 1,053.00		
49	Relocate mini split in AOC data room	Design Development	Approved	\$ 1,391.96		
50	Pridgen Millwork - Add window in room 223	Owner Request	Approved	\$ 1,700.00		
51	Rebuild & re-screen existing porch screen doors	Design Development	Approved	\$ 666.99		
52	Misc. additional roofing	Unforeseen	Approved	\$ 950.00		
53	Install Terazzo Mop Sink	Design Development	Approved	\$ 1,119.00		
54	Drywall Wraps at HVAC line sets & electrical panels, thru 2/12/14	Owner Request	Approved	\$ 1,632.00		



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53	Install Terazzo Mop Sink	Design Development	Approved	\$ 1,119.00		53
54	Drywall Wraps at HVAC line sets & electrical panels, thru 2/12/14	Owner Request	Approved	\$ 1,632.00		54

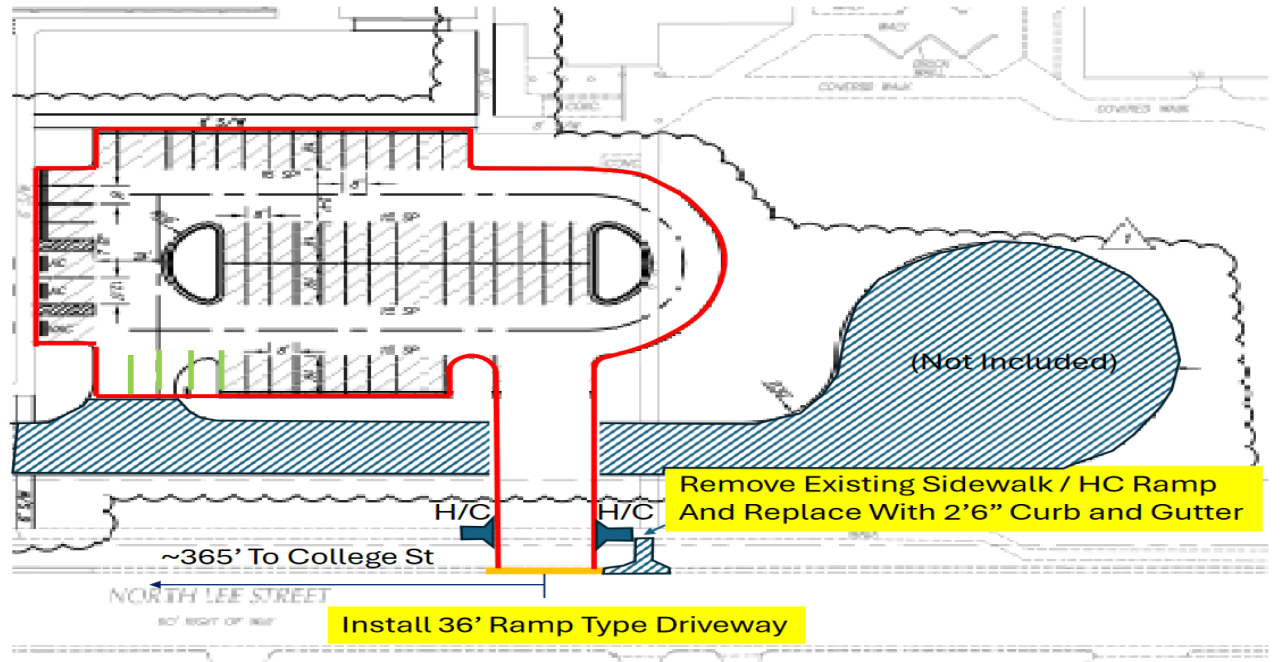
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55	Relocate Wall Sconces (2) at Judges Bench	Design Development	Closed	\$ -	No Charge	55
56	Relocate camera rough-in to coordinate with light fixtures	Design Development	Executed	\$ 2,898.12		56
57	Attic Access - Ladder Extension	Unforeseen	Executed	\$ 1,721.94		57
58	Misc. Unforeseen Finish Carpentry	Unforeseen	Executed	\$ 4,212.73		58
59	HVAC Lineset drywall on added chases	Design Development	Executed	\$ 967.00		59
60	Pridgen: New transom sashes where missing at existing door frames	Unforeseen	Executed	\$ 3,181.00		60
61	Plaster: First floor vault ceilings	Unforeseen	Executed	\$ 4,689.00		61
62	Pridgen: Stair Replacement	Design Development	Executed	\$ 6,776.30		62
63	Patch old hinge prep on existing jambs: Buddy & Fuzz	Unforeseen	Executed	\$ 4,120.00		63
64	Pridgen Quote for new entry door trim, misc. wall caps etc.	Unforeseen	Executed	\$ 4,613.00		64
65	Francisco drywall patching for Misc. camera relocation		Executed	\$ 900.00		65
66	Bob Becker - window hardware remove, paint, re-install	Unforeseen	Executed	\$ 3,600.00		66
67	Replace melted exterior light globes at North Entry	Unforeseen	Executed	\$ 1,200.00		67
68	Door Hardware material changes due to trim coordination	Design Development	Executed	\$ 2,137.50		68
69	RFI 96: Modify Door jambs to accept electrified strikes (9 locations) - Week of 6/19	Design Development	Executed	\$ 2,520.00		69
70	Fire Alarm system changes, and misc. electrical for conference 226	Owner Request	Executed	\$ 1,852.67		70
71	RFI 98: North Entry Exterior Header Trim	Design Development	Executed	\$ 3,178.15	Per onsite sketch by LD 5.14.24	71
72	RFI 97: Mill & Install Custom Wd door thresholds at Elevator Sills (Non ADA)	Unforeseen	Executed	\$ 3,058.00	Flooring & Millwork	72
73	Delete FA in elevator shaft	Design Development	Closed	\$ -	No Charge	73
74	Cover Exposed Concrete at East/West exposed concrete thresholds with wood flooring	Design Development	Executed	\$ 2,736.00		74
75	Sliding Barn Doors in Clerk's Office per BD 29	Owner Request	Executed	\$ 5,979.14	Change Order expense - Approval Req'd	75
76	TRANSFER FROM FURNITURE ALLOWANCE OVERAGE	N/A	Executed	\$ (20,000.00)		76
77	REVISED BAILIFF DESK	Owner Request	Executed	\$ 8,797.48	Updated to include electrical scope	77
78	RFI 66 door material changes (height increased)	Design Development	Executed	\$ 508.25		78
79	AOR system conversion to copper phone line	Owner Request	Executed	\$ 3,640.53	Change Order expense to keep off CC Network	79
80	Mech Yard Drainage per BD	Design Development	Executed	\$ 2,542.95		80
81	CREDIT: Return one refrigerator	Owner Request	Executed	\$ (759.86)		81
82	CREDIT: Eliminate awning at North entry	Design Development	Executed	\$ (5,000.00)		82
83	Electrical for two VRF heads in attic (not shown on plans)	Design Development	Executed	\$ 3,601.20	VRF heads not shown in electrical drawings, no circuits.	83
84	Shared savings: 50/50 split for valences at projectors.	Design Development	Executed	\$ 1,360.50	TCS absorbed 30% of cost, despite being a legitimate change order	84
85	CREDIT: Transfer from Furniture Allowance (Offset Overage)	N/A	Executed	\$ (12,515.00)	Final Reconciliation	85
J.T.D. REMAINING BALANCE				\$ 0	0%	
BUDGETED EXPENSE:				\$ -	0%	
PROJECTED BALANCE				\$ 0	0%	

**Agenda Item #10: WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS – APPROVAL of the APPLICATION and BUDGET AMENDMENT to use NC LOTTERY FUNDS for CONSTRUCTION of PARKING LOT at WHITEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:**

Whiteville City Schools Superintendent Dr. Jonathan Williams requested approval of the lottery funding application and the budget amendment for the proposed parking lot to be constructed on the Whiteville High School campus.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed



APPLICATION  
PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL FUND  
NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Columbus

Contact Person: Jonathan Williams

LEA: Whiteville City

Title: Superintendent

Address: 107 W Walter St Whiteville, NC 28472

Phone: 910-642-4116

Project Title: Parking Lot at Whiteville Hight School

Location: 413 North Lee Street Whiteville, NC 28472

Type of Facility: Nine - Twelve Public High School

North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 18C, provides that a portion of the proceeds of the North Carolina State Lottery Fund be transferred to the Public School Building Capital Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.2. Further, G.S. 115C-546.2 (d) has been amended to include the following:  
(3) No county shall have to provide matching funds...  
(4) A county may use monies in this Fund to pay for school construction projects in local school administrative units and to retire indebtedness incurred for school construction projects.  
(5) A county may not use monies in this Fund to pay for school technology needs.  
  
As used in this section, "Public School Buildings" shall include only facilities for individual schools that are used for instructional and related purposes, and does not include central administration, maintenance, or other facilities. *Applications must be submitted within one year following the date of final payment to the Contractor or Vendor.*

Short description of Construction Project: Construct a parking lot containing approximately 50 spaces and 3 accessible spaces to improve daily operations for students and staff

Estimated Costs:

Purchase of Land

\$ 0.00

Planning and Design Services

0.00

New Construction

Additions / Renovations

206,844.00

Repair

Debt Payment / Bond Payment

TOTAL

\$ 206,844.00

Estimated Project Beginning Date: 9/10/24

Est. Project Completion Date: 10/15/24

We, the undersigned, agree to submit a statement of state monies expended for this project within 60 days following completion of the project.

The County Commissioners and the Board of Education do hereby jointly request approval of the above project, and request release of \$ 206,844.00 from the Public School Building Capital Fund (Lottery Distribution). We certify that the project herein described is within the parameters of G.S. 115C-546.

(Signature — Chair, County Commissioners)

(Date)

(Signature — Chair, Board of Education)

(Date)

PRINT FORM

Form Date: July 01, 2011

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COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Ordinance making amendmets to the Whiteville City

Schools – Whiteville High School Parking Lot Capital Project

Fund

for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

**Section 1:** The following amounts are hereby made to the Whiteville City Schools – Whiteville High School Parking Lot Capital Project Fund as of August 15, 2024 pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Source of Revenue		
20-3597-449131	PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL FUND (LOTTERY)	\$ 206,844.00
Total Esitmated Revenues		\$ 206,844.00
Project Appropriations		
20-5913-524000	CONSTRUCTION	\$ 206,844.00
Total Project Appropriations		\$ 206,844.00

**Section 2:** The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget and any changes made during the County Commissioners' budget work sessions.

**Section 3:** The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met.

**Section 4:** The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.

**Section 5:** All expenditures relating to obtaining any bond referendum and or installment purchase will be reimbursed from bond proceeds and installment purchase proceeds in accordance with the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 -2.

**Section 6:** This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury

Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

**Section 7:** The County intends to seek Federal, State, and/or other grant funding to reduce the amount of loan proceeds. The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the County Manager and/or his representative to apply for and accept such funding if awarded

**Section 8:** This project ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Within five days hereof, copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the finance office in Columbus County, and with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Copies of the Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer, the Project Manager, and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

This Project shall become effective on August 15, 2024.  
ADOPTED, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

**Agenda Item #11: ADMINISTRATION – APPROVAL of the ANNUAL CONTRACT with the NC FORESTRY SERVICE in the AMOUNT of \$319,359 APPROPRIATED in the FY 24/25 BUDGET:**

County Manager Eddie Madden requested approval of the annual contract with the NC Forestry Service in the amount of \$319,359, which was appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Watts made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Featherson. The motion unanimously passed

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Department of  
Agriculture and Consumer Services

\$ **798,398**  
Total Cooperative Appropriation  
  
\$ **479,039** State  
  
\$ **319,359** County

AGREEMENT FOR THE PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT  
OF FOREST LANDS IN **COLUMBUS COUNTY** NORTH CAROLINA

THIS AGREEMENT is made under the authority of **Chapter 106, Article 75, of the North Carolina General Statutes, including N.C. Gen. Stat. § 106-906, titled "Cooperation between counties and State in forest protection and development,"** by and between the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (hereinafter called the Department), party of the first part, and the Board of Commissioners of **COLUMBUS COUNTY** in the State of North Carolina (hereinafter called the Board), party of the second part.

WHEREAS, the Board recognizing the need for active forest protection, development, reforestation, management and improvement in **COLUMBUS COUNTY** has accepted the offer of the Department for cooperation in accomplishing this object; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties contract and agree to maintain a legally appointed and equipped Forest Service office to support said county at the joint cost of the State and County, insofar as the joint funds will permit, as follows:

Part I. THE DEPARTMENT AGREES:

- 1. To select and employ permanent and temporary position(s) in order to successfully execute the mission of the NC Forest Service and to support the forestry program in said county. These positions include:
  - A) 1 County/Area Ranger(s) assigned for the purposes of controlling forest fires in said County; for detecting and extinguishing fires that break out; for investigating the origin of forest, woodland, and field fires; for enforcing the State’s forest fire laws; for taking such preventive measures, educational



and otherwise, to prevent forest fires; for developing and improving the forests through reforestation, promotion, and practice of Forest Management practices; and for protection of forests from insects and diseases.

- B) 2 Assistant County Ranger(s) for the purposes of assisting under the direction, supervision, and/or oversight of the County/Area Ranger in controlling forest fires in said County; for detecting and extinguishing fires that break out; for investigating the origin of forest, woodland, and field fires; for enforcing the State's forest fire laws; for taking such preventive measures, educational and otherwise, to prevent forest fires; for developing and improving the forests through reforestation, promotion, and practice of Forest Management practices; and for protection of forests from insects and diseases.
  - C) 0.17 Forestry Management Clerk for purposes of providing administrative support, serving as the back-up administrative contact for the assigned district, counties within the district, or unit, and serving as the primary contact for forest management administrative business within the assigned district.
  - D) 3.17 Forest Fire Equipment Operator(s) for purposes of establishing fire suppression control lines in assigned work areas and in other areas as needed using equipment, including crawler tractors (fire dozers), with various attachments, such as a fire plow, hurricane blades, etc., and operate and maintain all types of heavy site preparation equipment.
  - E) Temporary position(s) on an as-needed basis.
2. To furnish position(s) so employed a badge of office, stationery and report forms, instructional posters for use in the County, leaflets for distributing to landowners and others; to purchase necessary equipment, communication systems, and other Forestry improvements insofar as the joint funds will permit.
  3. To pay the identified position(s) for all official services rendered at a fair rate of pay. Rates of pay are to be established by the Department in accordance with existing State salary administration policy.
  4. To direct, supervise, instruct, and inspect, through its agents, the work and conduct of each position, to discipline and, when necessary, discharge such position(s).
  5. To submit to the Board monthly, or at other mutually satisfactory intervals, an itemized statement of all monies to be paid by the County and those paid by the Department for the work conducted pursuant to this Agreement within said County.

#### State Funding

6. To make available annually from State, Federal, and other funds allotted to it, the sum of **Four Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Thirty Nine Dollars (\$479,039)** as its share of an annual budget of **Seven Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$798,398)** for carrying on the above listed work in said County.

#### Part II. THE BOARD AGREES:

7. To pay the Department 40% of the total cost of the salary of position(s) specified in Part I.1 above and expenses and other proper expenditures made in connection with the overall forestry program in said County, upon receipt and consequent approval of the periodic statements submitted by the Department.

#### County Funding

8. To appropriate annually the sum of **Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars (\$319,359)**, which sum shall be available for expenditure under the terms of this Agreement, and shall represent the County's share of the annual budget for carrying on work listed in this Agreement in said County.

#### Part III. IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH PARTIES:

9. That this Agreement becomes effective **July 1, 2024**, and lasts through **June 30, 2025**.
10. Payments made for services rendered in a prior contract period will apply toward the contract period in which the services were rendered and not toward the contract period when the payments are made.

That the annual appropriations as set forth above may be revised in writing by mutual agreement between the Department and the Board, based on the amount of annual appropriation desirable for the proper conduct of the Forestry work. Such revision shall become effective at the beginning of the stated Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Any unused balance of County funds remaining at the end of a Fiscal Year shall revert to said County unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by both parties.

11. That this Agreement may be modified only in writing and upon execution by both parties.
12. That the Board reimburse the Department as provided in Part II of this Agreement by forwarding a county voucher drawn in favor of the Department for the amount of the County's share of expenditures as set forth in the Department's monthly

statement to the Board. That such payments be made by the Board within thirty days following receipt of the Department's billing.

- 13. The title to all improvements and equipment purchased and/or constructed in connection with this Agreement will rest with the Department; such materials or their equivalent will remain in the County as long as this Agreement is in effect, or as long as they are needed by the Department for the proper conduct of the work therein.
- 14. That the County/Area Ranger periodically or at the request of the Board, shall present to the Board statements of the work being done within the County, so that said Board may be always informed regarding the Forestry finances and activities within the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties do hereunto affix their names and seals upon the date herein below specified.

For the Board of County Commissioners of **COLUMBUS COUNTY**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ County Manager

Provisions for the payment of the monies to fall due under this Agreement have been made by appropriation duly made or by bonds or notes duly authorized and this Agreement has been pre- audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act

**Agenda Item #12: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / PLANNING – APPROVAL to ESTABLISH PINEBROOK as a PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT:**

Economic Development / Planning Director Gary Lanier requested but Dylan Bowen attended the meeting, approval to establish Pinebrook as a Planned Unit Development District. The required public hearing for Pinebrook was held at the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular session meeting.

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

***\*THE FULL SITE PLANS FOR PINEBROOK PUD IS HOUSED IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE***

**Agenda Item #13: HEALTH SERVICES – APPROVAL of the HEALTH SERVICES BUDGET AMENDMENTS:**

Health Services Director Kim Smith requested approval of the following Health Services budget amendments:

- a. Dentist Salary – Contracted Services  
Motion: 1-
- b. Additional ARPA Funding
- c. COVID Funds – AA719 Bridge Access Program
- d. COVID Funds – AA716 Vaccination Program

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

<b>BUDGET AMENDMENT</b>						FY24/25
Name of Department:		Columbus County Health				
Agency Head Signature:		<i>[Signature]</i> by <i>yjs</i> 7-17-24				
Date Prepared / Submitted to Admin:		July 16, 2025		Date Received in Admin:		
Budget Code		EXPENDITURES			Requested	
Fund	Dept.	Category	Classification		Increase or (Decrease)	
10	5171	512100	Salaries & Wages		(\$120,000)	
10	5171	519001	Contracted Services		\$120,000	
			Total Net Expense		\$0	
Budget Code		REVENUES			Requested	
Fund	Dept.	Category	Classification		Increase or (Decrease)	
			Total Net Revenue		\$0	
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Signature		Date				
Explanation of Increase or Decrease:						
Dentist salary is now contract services						

BUDGET AMENDMENT				FY 24/25
Name of Department:		Columbus County Health		
Agency Head Signature:		<i>Kimberly Smith 072924</i>		
Date Prepare / Submitted to Admin:		July 29, 2024 Date Received in Admin:		

Budget Code			EXPENDITURES	Requested
10	5188	512100	Salaries and Wages	\$10,000
10	5188	512700	Longevity	\$500
10	5188	518100	FICA	\$2,000
10	5188	518200	Retirement Contribution	\$2,000
10	5188	518300	Insurance Contribution	\$2,000
10	5188	525105	Gas	\$1,000
10	5188	526001	Departmental Supplies	\$32,500
10	5188	531100	Travel	\$50,000
			Total Net Expense	\$100,000

Budget Code			REVENUES	Requested
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)
10	3510	430168	ARPA TSF Public Health Services	\$100,000
			Total Net Revenue	\$100,000

☐ This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County Finance Office:

☐ This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County County Manager:

☐ This budget revision has been approved by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners on:

Signature Date

Explanation of Increase or Decrease:

Additional ARPA Funding FY 24/25 AA121

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<b>BUDGET AMENDMENT</b>				FY 24/25
Name of Department:		Columbus County Health Department		
Agency Head Signature:		<i>Kimberly Smith O'Neil</i>		
Date Prepared / Submitted to Admin:		July 29, 2024		Date Received in Admin:

Budget Code			EXPENDITURES	Requested Increase or (Decrease)
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	
10	4213	512100	COVID Salaries and Wages	\$10,000
				\$500
10	4213	512700	COVID Longevity	\$2,000
10	4213	518100	COVID FICA	\$2,000
10	4213	518200	COVID Retirement	\$2,000
10	4213	518301	COVID Insurance	\$2,000
10	4213	528001	COVID Departmental Supplies	\$40,496
			Total Net Expense	\$56,996

Budget Code			REVENUES	Requested Increase or (Decrease)
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	
10	3581	430172	COVID Funding	\$56,996
			Total Net Revenue	\$56,996

☐ This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County Finance Officer:  
  
☐ This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County County Manager:  
  
☐ This budget revision has been approved by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Date

**Explanation of Increase or Decrease:**

**Additional COVID Funding AA716 Vaccination Program**

**Agenda Item #14: HEALTH SERVICES – APPROVAL of FEE INCREASE DUE to MANUFACTURER PRICE INCREASE for the MIRENA IUD:**

Health Services Director Kim Smith requested approval of increase in fee for the Mirena IUD due to the manufacturer increase in price from \$135.61 to \$350.44. The updated fee will be \$350.44 for Medicaid patients and \$420.44 for Non-Medicaid patients.

Attorney Amanda Prince requested approval of the resolution granting County Manager Edwin H. Madden signatory authority on the lease with the USDA for office space in the Farm Services Building, to be used by Soil and Water Conservation and Cooperative Extension.

**MOTION:**  
Commissioner Featherson made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING SIGNATORY AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, Columbus County currently leases a portion of 45 Government Complex Road to USDA to operate Columbus Soil and Water; and

**WHEREAS**, USDA requires proposals to renew the said lease from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, the process of submitting the proposal requires an individual to be granted signatory authority and authority to negotiate the terms of the lease;

**THEREFORE, the BOARD of COMMISSIONERS of the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS RESOLVES THAT** The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to sign documents required for the proposal to lease and negotiate the terms of proposal for the lease of a portion of 45 Government Complex Road to USDA on behalf of the county.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Agenda Item #18: DSS – APPROVAL of the MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING (MOU) with the STATE of NORTH CAROLINA to be COMPLIANT in UPDATED NC GEN. STAT. 108A-74:**  
DSS Interim Director Dwella Hall requested approval of the MOU with the State of North Carolina in order to be compliant with updated NC Gen. Stat. 108A-74 which requires counties and regional social services departments to enter into annual written agreements for all social services programs.

**MOTION:**  
Commissioner Featherson made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

***\*\*A COPY OF THE MOU IS HOUSED IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE\*\****

**Agenda Item #19: SHERIFF’S OFFICE – APPROVAL of the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUCTION SALE for SURPLUS PROPERTY:**  
Sheriff’s Office Logistics Captain Robert Creech requested approval of the resolution authorizing the auction sale of surplus property to be held at the Sheriff’s Office on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 A.M

**MOTION:**  
Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUCTION SALE**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbus owns property listed on Schedule A, attached and incorporated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the property is currently surplus property for the County; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-270 permits the County to sell property at public auction upon approval of the County Commissioner and after publication of a notice announcing the auction;

**THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS RESOLVES THAT:**

- 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the sale at public auction of the property listed on Schedule A,

2. The auction will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Sheriff’s Office, located at 817 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC.
3. The terms of the sale are:
- That the property is sold in its current condition, as is, and the County gives no warranty with respect to usability of the property; and
  - That the buyer will pay the full amount of his or her bid before the conclusion of the auction, either in cash or with a certified check. Failure to make payment on the day of auction cancels the buyer’s bid.
4. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time and the right to reject all bids.
- Adopted this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ricky Bullard, Chair  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jana Nealey, Clerk to the Board

**SEAL**

**SCHEDULE A is ATTACHED**



SCHEDULE A

VEHICLES TO BE SOLD: COLUMBUS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

VEH. #		VEH. VIN.	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	
1	141	2C3CDXAT5JH164560	2018	DODGE	CHARGER	
2	133	2C3CDXATXJH164554	2018	DODGE	CHARGER	
3	63	2B3KA43G96H396229	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	
4	123	2C3CDXATXGH339994	2016	DODGE	CHARGER	
5	130	2C3CDXAT6GH356692	2016	DODGE	CHARGER	
6	139	2C3CDXAT1JH164555	2018	DODGE	CHARGER	
7	134	2C3CDXAT5JH164557	2018	DODGE	CHARGER	
8	38	2B3KA43VX9H567542	2009	DODGE	CHARGER	
9	126	2C3CDXATXGH339997	2016	DODGE	CHARGER	
10	104	2B3CL1CT4BH540015	2011	DODGE	CHARGER	
11	65	2C3CDXAT5EH166184	2014	DODGE	CHARGER	
12	24	2B3AA4CT4AH205463	2010	DODGE	CHARGER	
13	114	1FM5K8AR7FGB40988	2015	FORD	EXPLORER	
14	43	1FM5K8AR3EGA59985	2015	FORD	EXPLORER	
15	23	1GNFK13028R273395	2008	CHEV	TAHOE	
16	71	2B3KA43V59H597175	2009	DODGE	CHARGER	
17	115	1FM5K8AR0FGB40993	2015	FORD	EXPLORER	
18	89	1FAHP2MK0FG131957	2015	FORD	TAURUS	
19	1	2C3CDXAT5CH190689	2012	DODGE	CHARGER	

SCHEDULE A (CONT'D)

20	60	2B3KA53H66H172821	2006	DODGE	CHARGER	
21	2	1GNSK2E01DR321996	2013	CHEV	TAHOE	
22	58	1FTEW1E52KKF07956	2019	FORD	F150	
23	79	1C6RR7LT8LS159294	2020	RAM	1500	
24	27	1FAHP2MK5FG199915	2015	FORD	TAURUS	
25	68	1C6RR7LT2LS159291	2020	RAM	1500	

VEHICLES TO BE SOLD: COLUMBUS COUNTY FLEET SERVICES

VEH. #	VEH. VIN.	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	
1	506	1FTNF21598EE39898	2008	FORD	F-250 TRUCK
2	508	1FDJF37Y4GNA87944	1986	FORD	E-350 DUMP TRUCK
3	502	1FTYR14U6WPA16716	1998	FORD	RANGER TRUCK
4	610	1FMPU16506LA55711	2006	FORD	EXPEDITION SUV
5	660	2C4RDGRG8CR385347	2012	DODGE	CARAVAN VAN
6	312	3C4PDCAB3FT518250	2015	DODGE	JOURNEY SUV
7	308	1FTRF1229FNB16589	2005	FORD	F-150 TRUCK
8	655	1J8FT4707D256422	2007	JEEP	COMPASS SUV
9	458	1FTYR10C2YTA82672	2000	FORD	RANGER TRUCK
10	658	2G1WB58KX89260701	2008	CHEVY	IMPALA CAR
11	455	1FTRE14WX5HA62270	2005	FORD	E-150 VAN

SCHEDULE A (CONT'D)

12	503	1FTNF21555EA61302	2005	FORD	F-250	TRUCK
13	659	5TDZK23C295239160	2009	TOYOTA	CAMERY	CAR
14	661	2C4RDGBG0GR324628	2016	DODGE	CARAVAN	VAN
15	607	1FTSS34L16HA47203	2005	FORD	E-350	VAN
16	758	1FTRF12288KD17941	2008	FORD	F-150	TRUCK
17	J69	LV0855A165069	1994	JOHN DEER	855	TRACTOR

Agenda Item #20: SHERIFF’S OFFICE – APPROVAL of the LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (LESO) PROJECT ORDINANCE for EQUIPMENT and the PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PAYOUT:

- Sheriff’s Office Logistics Captain Robert Creech requested approval of the following:
- a. Sheriff’s Office Payout – FY 24/25 Budget Amendment approved 7/15/24
  - b. Sheriff’s Office – LESO Project Ordinance for Equipment

MOTION:

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENTFY 24/25

Name of Department: Sheriff's Office

Agency Head Signature:

Date Prepare / Submitted to Admin: July 25, 2024Date Received in Admin:

Budget Code			EXPENDITURES	Requested
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)
10	4310	512101	SALARIES & WAGES - PAYOUT	\$183,386
10	4310	518101	FICA - PAYOUT	\$14,029
10	4310	518302	INSURANCE - PAYOUT	\$0
10	4310	518201	RETIREMENT - PAYOUT	\$27,579
10	4310	518401	401K - PAYOUT	\$9,160
10	4320	512101	SALARIES & WAGES - PAYOUT	\$189,801
10	4320	518101	FICA - PAYOUT	\$12,650
10	4320	518302	INSURANCE - PAYOUT	\$0
10	4320	518201	RETIREMENT - PAYOUT	\$26,666
10	4320	518401	401K - PAYOUT	\$2,680
10	4380	512101	SALARIES & WAGES - PAYOUT	\$6,533
10	4380	518101	FICA - PAYOUT	\$500
10	4380	518302	INSURANCE - PAYOUT	\$0
10	4380	518201	RETIREMENT - PAYOUT	\$892
			Total Net Expense	\$473,876

Budget Code			REVENUES	Requested
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)
10	3991	499101	FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	\$473,876
			Total Net Revenue	\$473,876

☐ This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County Finance Office:

☐ This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County County Manager:

☒ This budget revision has been approved by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners on:

Signature

Date

Explanation of Increase or Decrease:

PAYOUT OPTION 2 FOR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. COMP TIME OVER 170 HOURS AND ALL HOLIDAY AND ADMIN TIME. ESTIMATED SALARIES OF \$379,720 WITH ASSOCIATED BENEFITS.



COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Ordinance making amendments to the Columbus County Sheriff's Office LESO Fund

for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

**Section 1:** The following amounts are hereby made to the Columbus County Sheriff's Office LESO Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

	Current Appropriations	Changes	Proposed Appropriations
94-4310-550010 NON-CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$42,600.00	\$0.00	\$42,600.00
94-4310-550000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$92,098.00	-21,993.00	\$70,105.00
94-4310-535300 M/R VEHICLES	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
94-4310-535110 M&R BLDG/GROUNDS	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
94-4310-526001 DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES	\$20,000.00	\$21,993.00	\$41,993.00
94-4310-519001 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
TOTAL	\$172,698.00	\$ 0.00	172,698.00
94-3431-489058 SALE OF CCSO LESO EQUIPMENT	172,698.00	\$ 0.00	172,698.00

**Section 2:** The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget and any changes made during the County Commissioners' meeting.

**Section 3:** The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations.

**Section 4:** This project ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Within five days hereof, copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the finance office in Columbus County, and with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Copies of the Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer, the Sheriff's Office, and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this amendment.

This Amendment shall become effective on August 5, 2024

ADOPTED, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024

**Agenda Item #21: FINANCE – APPROVAL of RESOLUTIONS and AGREEMENTS for all DEPOSIT and INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS:**

Interim Finance Director Heather Woody requested approval of all resolutions and agreements for all deposit and investment accounts.

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

*\*A COPY OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS ARE HOUSED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE\**

**Agenda Item #22: FINANCE – APPROVAL of FY 23/24 PAY REQUESTS, FY 24/25 BUDGET AMENDMENTS, and PROJECTS ORDINANCES:**

Interim Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following:

FY 23/24 Pay Requests:

- a. Attorney - Santana S. Miller

c. Governing Body - NACO

e. Economic Development - Cape FearCOG

g. Economic Development - Timmons Group

i. Airport - Talbert & Bright

k. Sheriff's Office - Campbell Oil Company

m. Sheriff's Office - Inmotionhosting.com

o. Sheriff's Office - Cerro Gordo Body Shop

q. Sheriff's Office - Cadet Program Paul Carrano
- b. Health Dept - Pitney Bowes

d. Health Dept - Open Dental Software

f. Health Dept - Toshiba Business Solutions

h. Health Dept - Security Solutions of America

j. Health Dept - Laboratory Corp.

l. Admin. - Phoenix Enviro Corp

n. Tax Office - The Sourcing Group LLC

p. Tax Office - Midrange Solutions

r. Tax Office - LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt LLC

MOTION:

Commissioner Floyd. made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

Invoices presented to the Finance office for payment without a 2024 purchase order to cover to cost.				
This list is as of July 31, 2024. This should be our last list of Vendors for FY 2023/2024.				
Department	Vendor	Reference	Amount of Invoice	Uncovered Cost
Attorney	Santana S. Miller	Legal services from 4/1/24-6/11/24	\$ 1,733.75	\$ 1,733.75
Governing Body	NACO	County Dues 1/1/24-12/31/24	\$ 1,162.00	\$ 1,162.00
Economic Development	Cape Fear Council of Governments	Planning Services November 2023 to June 2024	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 1,385.00
Economic Development	Timmons Group	Professional Services thru May 31, 2024 (Industrial Site Identification & Eval)	\$33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Airport	Talbert & Bright	Administration Service of CPC-Apron Expansion	\$ 7,873.40	\$ 7,873.40
Sheriff's Office	Campbell Oil Company	Bulk Fuel Purchases 6/13/24, 6/21/24, 6/27/24	\$11,043.21	\$ 9,057.94
Sheriff's Office	Inmotionhosting.com	columbussheriff.com Domain	\$ 207.48	\$ 207.48
Sheriff's Office	Cerro Gordo Body Shop	Repairs for Damage for two 2021 Dodge Durangos	\$10,054.79	\$ 10,054.79
Sheriff's Office Cadet Program	Paul Carrano	Reimbursement of Payment to MGM for 15 Cadet T-Shirts & 5 Instructor T-shirts	\$ 319.18	\$ 319.18
Health Dept	Pitney Bowes	Lease from April 30 2024 - June 29 2024	\$ 524.52	\$ 524.52
Health Dept	Open Dental Software	Monthly Maintenance Fee & Text Usage for May 2024	\$ 228.67	\$ 228.67
Health Dept	Toshiba Business Solutions	June Copier Usage	\$ 1,909.29	\$ 1,909.29
Health Dept	Security Solutions of America	Security Services 6/24/24 - 6/30/24	\$ 930.00	\$ 930.00
Health Dept	Laboratory Corporation	Medical Testing Results 5/20/24 - 6/26/24	\$ 987.41	\$ 987.41
Administration	Phoenix Enviro Corp	Services for 2022 Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool (ESFRLP) Grant	\$ 1,986.00	\$ 1,986.00
Tax Office	The Sourcing Group LLC	1800 pcs. 4x6 Postcard and Postage NC Privilege License Bill	\$ 451.38	\$ 451.38
Tax Office	Midrange Solutions	System Maintenance for AS400 system and Land Records conversion to BIS	\$ 549.00	\$ 549.00
Tax Office	LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt LLC	Advance Person Searches, Custom Comprehensive Reports and June 2024 Minimum Commitment	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Total			\$74,745.08	\$ 72,759.81

FY 24/25 Budget Amendments and Project Ordinances:  
s. Columbus County Schools – East Columbus School Budget Amendment

Ordinance making amendments to the Columbus County Schools –  
Eastern Columbus Pre K – 8 School Capital Project Fund  
for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby made to the Columbus County Schools – Eastern Columbus Pre K – 8 School Capital Project Fund as of August 15, 2024 pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Source of Revenue		
20-3596-449130	NEEDS BASED LOTTERY FUNDS	\$ 52,000,000.00
20-3596-432304	ARTICLE 44 SALES TAX TRANSFERRED FROM GF	\$ 2,600,000.00
Total Estimated Revenues		\$ 54,600,000.00
Project Appropriations		
20-5925-519902	ENG/ARCHITECT FEES	\$ 2,506,291.00
20-5925-519903	APPRAISAL & SURVEY	\$ 20,000.00
20-5925-519940	PERMITTING FEES	\$ 3,000.00
20-5925-524000	CONSTRUCTION	\$ 40,171,511.00
20-5925-548802	ADMINISTRATIVE COST	\$ 150,000.00
20-5925-549956	CONTINGENCY	\$ 9,749,198.00
20-5925-551010	FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,000,000.00
Total Project Appropriations		\$ 54,600,000.00

Section 2: The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget and any changes made during the County Commissioners' budget work sessions

Section 3: The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met

Section 4: The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.

Section 5: All expenditures relating to obtaining any bond referendum and or installment purchase will be reimbursed from bond proceeds and installment purchase proceeds in accordance with the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 -2.

Section 6: This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

Section 7: The County intends to seek Federal, State, and/or other grant funding to reduce the amount of loan proceeds. The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the County Manager and/or his representative to apply for and accept such funding if awarded.

Section 8: This project ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Within five days hereof, copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the finance office in Columbus County, and with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Copies of the Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer, the Project Manager, and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Coleman to suspend the rules in order to add the land acquisition for the East Columbus School as an additional separate project ordinance and update the Article 44 sales tax budget amendment to reflect this, seconded by Commissioner Watts.**

Additional Project Ordinance to reflect property purchase for East Columbus School



COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
Ordinance making appropriations to the Columbus County Schools – East  
Columbus Pre K – 8 School Capital Project Fund  
for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby made to the Columbus County Schools – East Columbus Pre K – 8 School Capital Project Fund as of August 5, 2024 pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Source of Revenue		
20-3596-432304	ARTICLE 44 SALES TAX TRANSFERRED FROM GF	\$ 480,000.00
Total Estimated Revenues		\$ 480,000.00
Project Appropriations		
20-5925-557000	APPROPRIATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION	\$ 480,000.00
Total Project Appropriations		\$ 480,000.00

Section 2: The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget and any changes made during the County Commissioners' budget work sessions.

Section 3: The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met.

Section 4: The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.

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Section 7: The County intends to seek Federal, State, and/or other grant funding to reduce the amount of loan proceeds. The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the County Manager and/or his representative to apply for and accept such funding if awarded.

Section 8: This project ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Within five days hereof, copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the finance office in Columbus County, and with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Copies of the Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer, the Project Manager, and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project]

This Project shall become effective on August 5, 2024.



t. Columbus County Schools – Williams Township Gymnasium and Classrooms

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
Ordinance making amendments to the Columbus County Schools –  
Williams Township School Gymnasium Capital Project Fund  
for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

**Section 1:** The following amounts are hereby made to the Columbus County Schools – Williams Township School Gymnasium Capital Project Fund as of August 15, 2024 pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Source of Revenue			
20-3595-449131	PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL FUND (LOTTERY)		\$ 2,840,075.00
20-3595-432304	ARTICLE 44 SALES TAX TRANSFERRED FROM GF		\$ 950,000.00
Total Estimated Revenues			\$ 3,790,075.00
Project Appropriations			
20-5924-524000	CONSTRUCTION		\$ 3,790,075.00
Total Project Appropriations			\$ 3,790,075.00

**Section 2:** The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget and any changes made during the County Commissioners' budget work sessions

**Section 3:** The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met.\

**Section 4:** The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.

**Section 5:** All expenditures relating to obtaining any bond referendum and or installment purchase will be reimbursed from bond proceeds and installment purchase proceeds in accordance with the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 -2.

**Section 6:** This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

**Section 7:** The County intends to seek Federal, State, and/or other grant funding to reduce the amount of loan proceeds. The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the County Manager and/or his representative to apply for and accept such funding if awarded.

**Section 8:** This project ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Within five days hereof, copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the finance office in Columbus County, and with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Copies of the Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer, the Project Manager, and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

This Project shall become effective on August 15, 2024.  
ADOPTED, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

u. Article 44 Sales Tax – Budget Amendment

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5	Agency Head Signature:			
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7	Date Prepare / Submitted to Admin:		August 1, 2024	Date Received in Admin:
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9	Budget Code		EXPENDITURES	Requested
10	Fund Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)
11	10	9800	598020	TRANSFER TO SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS
12				\$4,030,000
13				
14				
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24				
25				
26			Total Net Expense	\$4,030,000
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28	Budget Code		REVENUES	Requested
29	Fund Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)
30	10	3991	499125	ARTICLE 44 FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED
31				\$4,030,000
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37			Total Net Revenue	\$4,030,000
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43	<input type="checkbox"/> This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County County Manager:			
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49	Signature		Date	
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51	Explanation of Increase or Decrease:			
52	TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,600,000 FOR OUR MATCH OF NEEDS BASED LOTTERY FUNDS FOR THE EASTERN COLUMBUS SCHOOL, PLUS \$480,000 TOWARDS THE PURCHASE LAND. ALSO \$950,000 FOR OUR CONTRIBUTION FOR THE WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP GYMNASIUM.			
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**MOTION:**  
Commissioner Watts made a motion to approve all the budget amendments, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #23: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS: STAFF is REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS, REAPPINTMENTS or REPLACEMENTS to the FOLLOWING BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS.**

**Legend: EB**                               **=Entire Board**  
**Listed Zone #**                           **=Individual Commissioner**

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<b>Zone I:</b>	<b>Barbara Featherson</b>	<b>Zone V:</b>	<b>Brent Watts</b>
<b>Zone II:</b>	<b>Chris Smith</b>	<b>Zone VI:</b>	<b>Ricky Bullard</b>
<b>Zone III:</b>	<b>Giles E. Byrd</b>	<b>Zone VII:</b>	<b>Scott Floyd</b>
<b>Zone IV:</b>	<b>Lavern Coleman</b>		

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Planning Board	IV	Norman Wayne Roberts	02/17/2023	HOLD
Planning Board	VI	Jason Worley	04/20/2023	Reappointed
Planning Board	VII	Daryl Hardwick	09/30/2023	Reappointed
Southeastern Economic Development Commission	EB	Lisa Nye	04/01/2024	Reappointed
Economic Development Commission	II	Mike Pease	6/30/2024	JE Thompson Appointed

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V.**  
**MOTION:**

At 7:20 P.M. a Motion was made by Commissioner Floyd and second by Commissioner Coleman to recess regular session and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V.

**Agenda Item #24: APPROVAL of WATER and SEWER COMBINATION MINUTES:**  
a. June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Special Called Meeting  
b. July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Session

**MOTION:**  
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #25: WATER and SEWER DISTRICT V – APPROVAL of the LEBANON CHURCH RD (DOTHAN) PROJECT RESOLUTION and ASSOCIATED AMENDED CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE:**

Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles requested approval of the resolution for a state allocation that is being passed through DEQ in the amount of \$15,385,700 for the Lebanon Church Rd (Dothan) Project in District V and the amended capital project ordinance associated.

**MOTION:**  
Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY**

**LEBANON CHURCH ROAD TRANSMISSION AND WATER SUPPLY GRANT**

**RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS,** the County of Columbus has received a Directed Projects grant from the 2023 Appropriations Act, Session Law 2023-134, administered through the Drinking Water State Reserve and Wastewater

Reserve to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water/wastewater infrastructure needs, and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered 2023 Appropriations Act funding in the amount of \$15,385,700 to perform work detailed in the submitted application, and

**WHEREAS,** the Columbus County Board of Commissioners intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS:**

That County of Columbus does hereby accept the 2023 Appropriations Act Directed Projects Grant offer of \$15,385,700.

That County of Columbus does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to.

That Harold Nobles, Director of Public Works, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with this project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted this the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 2024 in Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina.

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
Ordinance making appropriations to the Lebanon Church Road  
Capital Project Fund  
for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:  
  
Section 1: The following amounts are hereby made to the Lebanon Church Road Capital Project as of August 5, 2024 pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

	Current Revenue	Changes	Proposed Revenue
47-3729-438020 State Budget Appropriations	\$15,151,400	+\$234,300	\$15,385,700

	Current Appropriations	Changes	Proposed Appropriations
47-7207-524000 Construction	\$12,498,182	-	\$12,498,182
47-7207-599100 Contingency	\$824,834	+\$234,300	\$859,134
47-7207-519927 Design, Permitting, Bid Services	\$1,033,452	-	\$1,033,452
47-7207-519981 Construction Observation	\$393,830	-	\$393,830
47-7207-519983 Project Administration	\$459,235	-	\$459,235
47-7207-541900 Land	\$119,087	-	\$119,087
47-7207-519101 Legal Costs	\$25,000	-	\$25,000
Total Appropriations	\$15,151,400	+\$234,300	\$15,385,700

DEQ State allocation to support growth in Water District V.  
  
Revenue increase due to DEQ decreasing their administration fee from 3% to 1.5%.  
  
Section 2: The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget and any changes made during the County Commissioners' budget work sessions.  
  
Section 3: The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met.  
  
Section 4: The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.  
  
Section 5: All expenditures relating to obtaining any bond referendum and or installment purchase will be reimbursed from bond proceeds and installment purchase proceeds in accordance with the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 -2.  
  
Section 6: This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.  
  
Section 7: The County intends to seek Federal, State, and/or other grant funding to reduce the amount of loan proceeds. The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the County Manager and/or his representative to apply for and accept such funding if awarded.  
  
Section 8: This project ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Within five days hereof, copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the finance office in Columbus County, and with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Copies of the Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer, the Project Manager, and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.  
  
This Project shall become effective on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
ADOPTED, this 5th day of August 2024

Ricky Bullard, Chairman  
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

**ADJOURN COMBINATION MEETING OF Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV AND V BOARD MEETING.**

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #26: COMMENTS:****A. Board of Commissioners****Commissioner Watts commented:**

- I don't have much to say tonight um everyone's already said how nice the courthouse is. If you all haven't seen it, you need to go look at it. Someone said it's the people's courthouse and it's something to be proud of.
- The next thing would be the tropical storm or whatever it comes out to be. Please be safe and if it's flooding don't drive at night stay at home, you would probably be better off.

**Commissioner Coleman commented:**

- County employees are working hard they're working hard for the county and trying to keep it going I appreciate that thank you for all you do.
- There will probably be lot of flooding going on. I think they call them for about 12 in of rain Minimum, so if you can't see the highway, don't drive across.

**Vice Chairman Byrd commented:**

- Mr. chairman being they been short I might run over three minutes.
- Miss Amanda I understand that you have looked for some right away agreements and some maps showing that there was a 60ft easement on Loop Road. I have met with Mr. Cox and Mr. Clark on numerous occasion. The other afternoon, I got a call he wanted me to come down and I circled the road and picked up a gentleman that called me and we rode and looked and something's got to be done. If we have a 60 foot right away, I'm not sure Mr. Cox, Mr. Drew Cox, and Mr. Clark is aware that some of those have some right of ways that were put there years ago, because an easement is all the they need. I don't know what angle we need to pursue to get this handled, but I could open my truck door and water would run almost run in my truck door. Nice homes flooding under it and everywhere and crossing the road. There's a ditch between it, now this is a completely U road thats why it's called a loop road but it's just like a big U and the water is coming all the way from, I followed it from highway 74 through the little ditches and the different ways to get into the Loop Road and it has to cross it to go on to the branch there at Buckhead. I want to ask that we proceed to do whatever we can, even to the point I will post the bond myself, if that can be done to help the state go ahead. In the years back, that's what you had to do, I don't know if you can now or not. The person that's mainly holding the road up, I think, is about 89 years old. I'm not sure that he actually himself owns any of the property and it may be that the property's already got an easement across it, because this road has been a problem since back in the 80s. That is when I served on the board between 86 and 90. That is the road we worked on it and I remembered getting a Mr. Mott to sign the right away. I hope they did record it. We need to really address it and let the state know what we have and that may help them go ahead and proceed with it.
- I rode down 21 going north and on the same road, Blacksmith Rd, the water was backed up kind of like doorsteps because it couldn't get through the culverts, you know you all of us have seen culverts with dirt piled up right at the end of them. Some maintenance there on 211 would take the water out of those yards. We need to do everything we can do to address that issue.

**Commissioner Smith commented:**

- I'd just like to bring up the Courthouse again and like they said it was basically free and when you see Brenden Jones thank him.

**Commissioner Featherson commented:**

- I too am very proud of that Courthouse um and I was also very thankful for print that they gave us I will forever keep that and probably pass it down to my kids. It was really a proud moment for me, as I stated earlier, I started working at the tax office there in my early 20s so it is a great change.
- The tax notices have been sent out or are going out and in the envelope there is a way for citizens to divvy up how they pay their taxes, so that's a great way of getting it paid without hurting them too much. I also got a call from someone asking about the service fee if they paid online so I was asked to um see if the county can check out other uh vendors who may do it for free or do it for a lesser fee so I don't know how that would work but anyway um tax notices are out and um it's a good time to start paying on them.

- I like to say a shout out to Frank Southern from The Hearts Foundation they did a back to school supply for kids over in Chadbourn and Sheriff Department employees were involved as well and the mayor of Chadbourn, so I like to just give a shout out to them, I think they packed hundreds of backpacks for kids. There are other drives going on so if you can help please do so.

**Chairman Bullard commented:**

- I'd like to just say thank you to this board right here for working together over the past three years and working very smoothly through the courthouse and getting it done. It speaks a lot of the ones that were involved, the County Manager, Judge, and the Clerk of Court, we all came together and used common sense and we moved forward without no trouble and I thank each one of you for that.

## **B. County Manager**

**County Manager Eddie Madden commented:**

- I will piggy back on that. I think this Board needs to be commended for its participation in the courthouse project, also, as Commissioner Byrd mentioned, the \$1.9 million that was appropriated from the Georgia Pacific sale. The total project cost to date for the courthouse is \$7.94 million, so roughly \$8 million. This board has committed some dollars toward it and it was a wise investment. It brought back the building to life certainly made a significant impact on the town or the city of Whiteville, and every taxpayer will be very proud of it, so, kudos to all of you for your vision. I also want to say thank you to our staff who worked very hard during that project that the Chairman has alluded to that and some of you have as well. I'd like to recognize Stuart Carroll. Stewart worked as our unofficial project manager, he was the liaison between the contractor, architect, the Clerk of Court's office, and the County, to make sure that project went very smoothly. There were a number of people behind the scenes working on that from Grant Administration to Finance and certainly our office staff as well and then of course a number of our folks participated in in the event on Friday and that can't be overlooked and I want to express my appreciation to them.
- The next thing I want to mention is the audit is complete we did successfully get the audit transmitted to the local government commission by the 31<sup>st</sup>. We're very pleased about that I did receive confirmation from Leanne and she will be presenting the audit report to the board at your next meeting, August the 19th.
- I know the hot topic of the day is the storm that's pending and it's, of course, at our doorstep. We have had a couple of briefings today and I'll say more in a minute about that, but I do want to call on if David Ransom or Nick West would like to give a quick update on the progress of the storm.

***Assistant County Manager Nick West gave the following update on Tropical Storm Debby:***

- *We are obviously going to experience if the projected path uh comes our way as as this forecast we're going to have an extremely excessive amount of rainfall over a long period of time uh a period of 48 hours is what is forecasted for a slow rainfall over like I said a for period of 48 hours which is going to obviously contribute to uh flooding Rivers um and such so uh flash flooding dangers so we've been meeting with State officials and our local officials here in the county have anticipated that the storm is going to arrive here in Columbus County, the most severe part of the storm, on Wednesday into Wednesday evening and then into Thursday. There's going to be a period of about 48 hours they were we're impacted by this by this rainfall wind gusts up to 45 to 50 miles an hour but the problem is as a storm comes off the coast of Florida into the Atlantic Ocean it's going to slow down this to approximately four to five miles per hour so obviously that's the problem that the storm is not going to come and get through and get on out. As it approaches North Carolina it's going to increase in rain and also about 5 miles per hour, based on what they're forecasting.*
- *We have been meeting with our County staff the EOC is scheduled to open on Wednesday at noon and, so we'll be operating a partial activation on Wednesday at noon we'll be sending updates and completing situational reports as we go along, starting tomorrow. We have sent out one this afternoon, a brief situation report, but tomorrow we'll be sending out a full situation report.*

- *I encourage everyone to stay inside and try to mitigate the hazards of Road flooding and River flooding so um I'll take any questions that you have.*

- **Commissioner Watts Responded:**

Nick the um the gauge that we're supposed to put in at the Waccamaw River is it up? The one that measures the depth of the river?

*County Manager Eddie Madden stated that it had just been recently been installed and he doesn't think that the one Commissioner Watts is referring to is installed just yet.*

*Nick West responded:*

*There's a website I can get that website for you that shows the water gauge um level like you said what about two meetings ago we approved the funding for I didn't know if it was already installed or not it's highly unlikely it's been installed but I don't think it will be much longer yeah obviously the problems that we're facing now with the rain that we've already received the rivers are at elevated levels the ground is saturated even with the ground wet like that even you know 40 50 m hour winds gust is going to bring some trees down so we're expecting some power outages as well so um it's going to be a tough go for the next uh 72 hours now where will our shelter be yeah we're planning it potentially planning to have one shelter yes sir and we'll expand as needed.*

**County Manager Eddie Madden continued:**

- Just a few more things, Mr. chairman, thank you uh we were notified by the Department of Aging that no congregate meals will be served after tomorrow for the remainder of the week they will be delivering meals to homebound individuals, beginning tomorrow, they will have a five-day supply that will get them through at least Sunday.
- Mrs. Edwards told me today that we will be position positioning two water department employees down in the Delco area just in case roads become impassible, so they can monitor Wells and lift stations in that part of the County. Water billing will not be impacted, so bills will go out as normal. We happen to be falling on an off week for the billing cycle, so that will not be impacted.
- We will maintain essential staff so as you've heard Mr. West indicate, that we will have a partial activation, so all of our EOC Representatives, School Systems, Attorney's Office, Administration, and Finance, all the Departments that have EOC responsibilities, will be on hand beginning Wednesday. We are going to be in this building or over at the Emergency building next door in the EOC and then depending on our ability to open the offices we will at least call in um essential staff and ask that the non-essential employees remain home where it's safe for them and their families. It is possible that some services will be temporarily impacted by the event if there are high winds that are associated with this there are protocols in place for that and we will adhere to those protocols so our purpose and our priority is to maintain the safety and well-being of our employees and our citizens um and we will we will do everything within our effort uh to make sure that that is accomplished. State of Emergency was declared a few hours ago, so it's very likely that we will have to call the Chairman in at some point this week to enact a local State of Emergency. We sent out a press release this afternoon so that information is readily available to our residents and we will post information on our Facebook page and social media platforms regularly as events as the storm evolves and we have more information available.
- We pray for everyone's safe and wellbeing we're hopeful that this storm will stay off the coast, but if it does not, we will be ready and we will provide you the services that are necessary for our citizens.

**Agenda Item #27: ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:**

At 7:36 P.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.