

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St
Whiteville, NC 28472



AGENDA

Tuesday, January 16th, 2024

4:00 P.M. Historic Courthouse Workshop Tour

5:00 P.M. – Closed Session

6:30 P.M. – Regular Session

1. Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Ricky Bullard

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(6) PERSONNEL

1. 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.

2. **Invocation:** Commissioner Brent Watts
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Barbara Featherson
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of the Board Minutes:**
 - a. December 18, 2023 Special Called Meeting
6. **Public Input**

Board Minutes Section

7. **Administration - Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Tammy Vereen from Department of Social Services. **Page: 1**

8. **Economic Development – Approval to Contract with Attorney Ernest C. Pearson on the Building Spec Project:** Economic Development and Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval to contract with Attorney Ernest C. Pearson on the Building Spec Project. (Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Page: 2**

9. **Historic Courthouse – Update on Renovations to the Historic Courthouse by Architect Lee Dixon from Coastal Architecture:** Architect Lee Dixon will give an update on the renovations to the Historic Courthouse. (Lee Dixon will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Page: 3**

10. **Administration – Approval of the Contract with Coastal Architecture for Professional Design Services of the Sheriff’s Office Expansion:** County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting approval of the contract with Coastal Architecture for professional design services of the Sheriff’s Office expansion paid from the SCIF allocation. (Lee Dixon will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 4-8**

11. **Cooperative Extension - Rob Emens from NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources to Present an Update on Giant Salvinia:** Rob Emens from the NC DEQ will give the annual update on the eradication of Giant Salvinia in Columbus County. (Rob Emens will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 9-11**

12. **Airport – Approval of the Resolution regarding a Portion of SR 1181 (Airport Road) for New Terminal Updates:** District Engineer Kenneth Clark from The Department of Transportation is requesting approval of the resolution regarding abandonment of a portion of Secondary Road (SR) 1181 in order to start the airport’s new terminal building updates (Kenneth Clark will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 12-17**

13. **Administration - District Engineer Kenneth Clark with NC Department of Transportation Updates:** District Engineer Kenneth Clark from The Department of Transportation will present updates on road work in Columbus County. (Kenneth Clark will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Page: 18**

14. **Economic Development – Approval of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District regarding the GRAGG TRACT:** Economic Development and Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District for the GRAGG TRACT. (Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 20-38**

15. Economic Development – Approval of the Amended Interlocal Agreement with the City of Whiteville for 127 West Columbus Street Property: Economic Development and Planning Director is requesting approval of the amended Interlocal Agreement with the City of Whiteville regarding the 127 West Columbus Street Property. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 39-61**

16. Emergency Services – Approval to Purchase Defibrillators up to the amount of \$30,000 for Sheriff’s Office and Emergency Services Vehicles: Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval to purchase defibrillators up to the amount of \$30,000 for the Sheriff’s Office and Emergency Services Vehicles. This has been previously budgeted. **(David Ransom will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Page: 62**

17. Finance – Approval of Budget Amendments: Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting approval of the following budget amendments:

- a. EMS Tower Lease
- b. EMS Viper Radio
- c. Finance Training and Supplies
- d. Detention Center SRF Fund

Pages: 63-67

18. DSS – Monthly Update: DSS Interim Director Dwella Hall will give the monthly update for December 2023. **(Dwella Hall will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 68-79**

19. Appointments/Re-Appointments/Replacements: Staff is requesting appointments, re-appointments or replacements to the following boards, committees and councils.

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

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE /EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE	BOARD ACTION
Cape Fear Aging Advisory Council	EB	Jerome McMillian	6/30/2022	

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

20. Water and Sewer District IV – Approval to Purchase Property for a Well Site for the EDA Grant Project: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval to purchase property located on Old Lake Road for the EDA Grant Project’s second well

site in the amount of \$24,000. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 80-88

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

21. Comments: Commissioners and County Manager.

22. Adjournment.