

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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



AGENDA

**Monday, March 18, 2024
5:30 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.

- 2. Closed Session:** Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G. N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege and N.C.G. N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(4) Economic Development.

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Regular Session resumes at 6:30 P.M.

- 3. Invocation:** Commissioner Chris Smith
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Scott Floyd
- 5. Approval of Agenda**
- 6. Public Input**

7. Board Minutes:

- a. February 19th, 2024
- b. March 4, 2024

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8. Proclamation- Adoption of the Proclamation Recognizing all Ramps and Rails

groups: The Governing Body requests to adopt a proclamation recognizing all Ramps and Rails groups and their contribution to the community. **(Kristie Massey will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 1-2

9. Administration - Employee Spotlight: County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Eric Nobles from Facility Services as the Employee Spotlight.

Pages: 3-4

10. Cooperative Extension – Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement for Giant

Salvinia Eradication Project at Gapway Swamp: County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) for the eradication of Giant Salvinia in Gapway Swamp. The county’s cost-share is \$71,000 and it is for FY 24-25. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 5-7

11. Facility Services– Approval of the Bid-Award to Superior Mechanical and Budget

Amendment for the HVAC System: Facility Services Director Stuart Carroll is requesting approval of the HVAC system Bid-Award from Superior Mechanical and the budget amendment associated in the amount of \$552,912. **(Stuart Carol will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 8-10

12. Tax Administration - Re-Appointment of Tax Administrator Needom G Hughes IV

and Deputy Tax Collector Douglas Ward: Tax Administrator Needom Hughes is requesting approval of the re-appointment of the Tax Administrator for a term of 4 years and the Deputy Tax Collector for a term of 1 year. **(Needom Hughes will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 11-13

13. Health Services – Approval to Purchase a 24 kw Generac Generator to Connect

Vaccine Storage to the Computer Servers: Health Services Director Kim Smith is requesting approval to purchase a 24 kw Generac generator to connect the vaccine freezer and refrigerator to the computer servers. This purchase is \$21,300 and will come out of the COVID Funds. **(Kim Smith will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 14-17

14. Transportation - Approval of the annual review of the System Safety Plan:

Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval of the annual review of the system safety plan. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 18-19

- 15. Transportation – Approval of the Surcharge Increase Collected from Transdev:**
Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting to increase the surcharge collected from the vendor Transdev from 10 cents per mile to 14 cents per mile to help with covering the increased local match needed due to increasing costs. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 20-21**
- 16. Transportation – Approval of the Amended Vehicle Lease Agreement:**
Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval of the amended lease agreement with Transdev to remove the aged out vehicle and replace it with the new one. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 22-25**
- 17. Emergency Services – Approval of the Amended Interlocal Agreement with Bladen County for 911 Roll-Over:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval of the amended interlocal agreement with Bladen County for 911 roll over to include reciprocal language for both counties. **(David Ransom will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 26-28**
- 18. Attorney’s Office – Approval to Utilize Guideway School Ballfield for Practice:**
Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval to utilize the Guideway School Ballfield for practice. **(Joey Long and Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 29-30**
- 19. DSS - Monthly Update:** DSS Interim Director Dwella Hall will give the monthly update for February 2024. **(Dwella Hall will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 31-40**
- 20. Finance – Approval to Contract with Addiction Consulting and Training to apply for the Health Resources & Services (HRSA) Grant:** Grants Administrator Tess Norris is requesting approval contract with Addiction Consulting and Training to apply for the HRSA Grant. The cost is \$15,000 and will be paid with Opioid Funds. **(Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 41-44**
- 21. Finance – Approval of the Budget Amendments:** Finance Director, Lacie Jacobs, is requesting approval of the following budget amendments by the Board.
- a. Veterans Travel
 - b. Parks and Recreation - Fencing
 - c. Finance - Workers Compensation Insurance
 - d. DSS - Medicaid Expansion
 - e. DSS - DSS LIHWAP
- (Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 45-50**

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

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

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE
Chadbourn Planning & Zoning	EB	Reginald Thompson ETJ	2/29/2024
Chadbourn Planning & Zoning	EB	Jennifer Caines ETJ Alternate (Resigned)	8/31/2025
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	EB	Chief of Police - **Donald Dowless	
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	EB	Chief Court Counselor Designee – **Scott Herrera	
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	EB	Trillium Director Designee – **Shonteia Keaton	
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	EB	Director DSS – **Dwella Hall	
Tabor City Planning & Zoning	EB	Ricky Thompson ETJ	4/30/2024
Tabor City Zoning Board of Adjustments	EB	Johnnie Jernigan ETJ	4/30/2024
**These members have been voted on and approved by the JCPC and the has to be approved by the board according to (G.S. 143B-847)			

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

23. Water and Sewer District I, II, III, IV – Approval of the Water and Sewer Combination Minutes:

- a. February 19, 2024
- b. March 4, 2024

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

24. Comments: Commissioners and County Manager.

25. Adjournment