

# COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

127 W. Webster St  
Whiteville, NC 28472



## AGENDA

Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

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 and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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

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

### **GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Regular Session begins at 6:30 P.M.

2. Invocation: Pastor Dave Heller
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Giles E. Byrd

**Public Hearing - 6:30 PM - Water and Sewer District V System Development Fees.**

**Public Hearing - 6:30 PM or as soon as can be heard - Economic Development Incentive Grant for Project Access.**

4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of the Board Minutes:**
  - a. December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023
6. **Public Input**
7. **Administration - Employee of the Year Plaque:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Audrey Shelley as the Employee of the Year.
8. **Administration – Request from Whiteville City Manager Darren Currie regarding 127 West Columbus Street:** Whiteville City Manager Darren Currie is requesting approval for assistance when available from Facility Services for the interior demolition and clean-up of the 127 West Columbus Street property. **(Darren Currie will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
9. **Airport – Approval of the Notification of Funding Allocation between NCDOT and Columbus County for Airport Improvements:** Airport Director Phil Edwards is requesting approval of the \$11.75 Million Dollars of Direct Grant funds from the NCDOT Transport Reserve Funds for Airport Improvements. **(Phil Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
10. **Airport – Approval of the Airport Contract with the City of Whiteville and Engineers for the Water and Sewer Improvements Project regarding the New Terminal Building:** Airport Director Phil Edwards is requesting approval of the contract with the City of Whiteville and Engineering Services, P.A. and regarding the Columbus County Municipal Airport Water and Sewer Improvements Project total cost in the amount of \$1,000,715 regarding the new terminal building, to be paid from SCIF Grant. **(Phil Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
11. **Airport – Approval of the Lowest Qualified Bid for the New Terminal Building:** Airport Director Phil Edwards is requesting approval of the Lowest Qualified bid for the New Terminal Building paid by the SCIF Grant. **(Phil Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
12. **Health Department – Approval to Purchase Environmental Health Software in order to Ensure Proper Restaurant Inspection Reporting:** Health Department Director Kim Smith is requesting approval to purchase environmental health software to ensure proper restaurant inspection reporting which is mandated by the state in the amount of \$41,610 for 2 years which will come out of COVID Communicable Disease funds. **(Kim Smith will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**13. Emergency Services – Approval of the Amended Emergency Assistance Contact Information in the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement providing authorized representatives to contact for emergency assistance. **(David Ransom will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**14. Emergency Services – Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Columbus County Schools regarding Evacuation Resources:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval of the MOU with Columbus County Schools to provide licensed bus drivers to drive busses in the event of an emergency evacuation. **(David Ransom will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**15. Public Utilities – Approval of the Water District V System Development Fees and Supporting Documents:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the System Development Fees for Water and Sewer District V and the following documents: **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

a. Resolution to Adopt the Columbus County Water District V System Development Fee Analysis

b. Resolution to Adopt the Columbus County Water District V System Development Fee Capital Reserve Fund

c. Ordinance amending the Columbus County Public Utility Rates and Fee Schedule and Budget for Water District V

d. Amended Columbus County Public Utility Rates and Fee Schedule

**16. Economic Development – Approval of the Economic Incentive Grant for Project Access:** Economic Development Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of the Economic Incentive Grant for Project Access. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**17. Attorney’s Office – Approval of the Plat and Corrective Deed for the Riegelwood Park:** Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the Plat and Corrective Deed for the Riegelwood Park. **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**18. Finance - Approval of the November 2023 Report:** Finance Director, Lacie Jacobs, is requesting approval of the November 2023 Financial Report. **(Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

a. November 2023 Financial Report

**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
Airport Authority	II	Alex N. Jordan	10/20/2023	
Airport Authority	III	VACANT		
Airport Authority	V	William C. Cox III	10/20/2023	
Airport Authority	VI	Frank Horne	10/20/2023	
Airport Authority	VII	Kyle Peacock	10/20/2023	
Animal Control Advisory Council	II	Robert Adams	12/05/2023	
Board of Adjustments	VI	Vacant		
Board of Adjustments	VII	Vacant	6/30/2023	
Board of Health	At Large	Pat Ray (RN)	12/31/2023	
Board of Health	II	Brent Lawson (Dentist)	12/31/2023	
Voluntary Agricultural District Board	II	Craig Fisher	6/30/2023	
Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority	EB	Chris Smith	12/30/2023	

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

**20. Approval of Water and Sewer Combination Minutes:**

- December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (5 sets)

**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.**