

# **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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



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## **AGENDA**

**Monday, April 1, 2024  
5:45 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**

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

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

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

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

- 3. Invocation:** Commissioner Barbara Featherson
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Lavern Coleman
- 5. Approval of Agenda**
- 6. Public Input**
- 7. Board Minutes:**
  - a. March 18, 2024 Regular Session**

**Board Minutes Section**

- 8. Consent Agenda Items:**
- a. Proclamation - Week of the Young Child
  - b. Proclamation – Child Abuse Awareness
  - c. Proclamation – Sexual Assault Awareness
  - d. Resolution to establish America 250 Columbus County Committee **Pages: 1-5**
- 9. Presentation – Coastal Horizons:** Spokesperson Rakhee Patel will present an update on current resources and programs that Coastal Horizons offers Columbus County. **(Rakhee Patel will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 6-7**
- 10. Administration – Approval of the HMGP-Florence Non-Expedited Bid for Group 1 Demolition of 2 houses:** Assistant County Manager Gail Edwards is requesting approval of the Bid-Award from Group 1 in the amount of \$20,700 for the demolition of a house located at 413 Angelo Circle and the other located at 214 W. Walter Street, Whiteville. This is fully grant funded. **(Gail Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 8-12**
- 11. Emergency Services – Approval of the Proposal from Retro Environmental, Inc for Asbestos Abatement of Building C - 911 Center:** Emergency Services Director David Ransom is requesting approval of the proposal from Retro Environmental, Inc. for the asbestos abatement of Building C – 911 Center in the amount of \$14,250. This project is being funded through the SCIF allocation. **(Nick West will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 13-14**
- 12. Sheriff’s Office – Approval of Capital Project Ordinance for Department of Public Safety Grant:** Sheriff William Rogers is requesting approval of the Department of Public Safety Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$980,000. **(Sheriff Rogers will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 15-17**
- 13. Attorney’s Office – Approval to Transfer the Deed for Williams Township School to the Columbus County Board of Education:** Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval to transfer the deed for Williams Township School to the Columbus County Board of Education. **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 18-19**
- 14. Finance – Acceptance of Lead for North Carolina Fellow for Columbus County:** Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting acceptance of the Lead for North Carolina Fellow for Columbus County for FY 24-25. **(Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 20-21**

**15. Finance – Approval of the Monthly Report for February 2024, Change Orders, and Budget Amendments:** Finance Director, Lacie Jacobs, is requesting approval of the following Monthly Report for February 2024, change orders, and budget amendments:

- a. Financial Report as of February 2024
- b. Historic Courthouse Change Order #4 - Wall
- c. Historic Courthouse Change Order #5 - Sidewalks
- d. Aquatic Weed Control
- e. Health Dept - ARPA Funding
- f. Environmental Health
- g. QRV Bolton
- h. Elections Primary
- i. Airport – Terminal Building – Amendment

**(Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**Pages: 22-49**

**16. Governing Body - Approval to have a Budget Workshop for Sheriff's Office:**

Chairman Ricky Bullard is requesting approval to hold a Budget Workshop for the Sheriff's Office, April 8th, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Chambers.

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**17. 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

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COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE
SCC Board of Trustees	EB	Robert Ezzell ( <b>resigned</b> )	
Tabor City Planning & Zoning	EB	Ricky Thompson ETJ	4/30/2024

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

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

- a. March 18, 2024 Combination Minutes

**Board Minutes Section**

**19. Water and Sewer Districts IV and V - Approval of the Resolution and Bid Award to KBS Construction Company and Notice to Proceed for the Lakeland Village Up Fit Project and Marlowe Road Waterline Extension:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the Resolution and issuance of the bid in the amount of \$838,260 to KBS Construction Company and the notice to proceed for the Lakeland Village up fit Project and Marlowe Road waterline extension. This work is all grant funded. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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**20. Water and Sewer District V - Approval to Pay Invoice for Bills Well Drilling for Guideway Elementary School Test Well:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval to pay the invoice from Bill's Well Drilling for the Guideway Elementary School Test Well in the amount of \$11,375 which will be paid using the SCIF allocation. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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

**21. Comments:** Commissioners and County Manager.

**22. Adjournment**