

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Monday, January 8, 2024
9:00 A.M. – Special Called Meeting**

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 Special Called Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Chris Smith

Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 9:00 A.M. Chairman Ricky Bullard called the special called meeting to order.

Agenda Item #2 and #3: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

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

Agenda Item #4: 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:

- 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

MOTION:

Commissioner Featherson made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT V
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE ANALYSIS
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
BY GOVERNING BODY**

WHEREAS, Columbus County Water District V is authorized under Article 8 of North Carolina General Statute 162A (the Statute) to assess a System Development Fee for service imposed with respect to new development to fund costs of capital improvements necessitated by and attributable to such development, to recoup costs of existing facilities to serve such new development, and a combination of both, and;

WHEREAS, Water District V, in compliance with the North Carolina General Statute, desires to assess a System Development Fee for its water system, and;

WHEREAS, Water District V retained the services of Green Engineering, PLLC, a professional firm qualified to perform and create a System Development Fee analysis in the state of North Carolina, to develop cost-justified System Development Fees based on the approach set forth in the Statute, and;

WHEREAS, the resulting System Development Fees are listed in Exhibit A and are titled System Development Fee by Meter Size, and;

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

Section 1. Water District V accepts the analysis and System Development Fee calculation and adopts the System Development Fees as listed in Exhibit A. These fees will be incorporated into Columbus County Public Utilities Rates and Fee Schedule for Water District V. A copy of the analysis is available for review in the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners office and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Water District V establishes a Capital Reserve Fund as required by the Statute via a Capital Reserve Fund Resolution.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective and binding upon its adoption.

Exhibit A

Meter Size	AWWA Capacity	Capacity Factor	Water SDF
5/8 x 3/4"	30	1	\$2,978
1"	50	2.56	\$7,624
1.5"	100	5.76	\$17,153
2"	160	10.24	\$30,495
3"	300	23.04	\$68,613
4"	500	40.96	\$121,979
6"	1000	92.16	\$274,453
8"	1600	163.84	\$487,916
**Over 8 inches to be Calculated.			

Adopted this the 8th day of January, 2024 at Columbus County, North Carolina.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

 Ricky Ballard, Chairman Date 1-8-24

ATTESTED BY:

 Jana Nealey, Clerk to Board Date 1-8-24

**COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT V
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
BY GOVERNING BODY**

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus recognizes the imperative to allocate funds for upcoming capital projects associated with Columbus County Water District V water system and associated areas, as well as to meet debt service obligations for previous capital projects related to said system, and;

WHEREAS, the County of Columbus will resolve to accumulate funds over the course of the next 10 years from the date of adoption of this resolution, and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 159-18, there exists the authority to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, and;

WHEREAS, compliance with North Carolina General Statute 162A, Art. 8 mandates the meticulous accounting of all earnings from System Development Fees within a designated Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby creates a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding capital projects related to Columbus County Water District V water system and associated areas:

Development Phase II - Install 61,584 linear feet of 16-inch diameter water main along Lebanon Church Road and James B. White Highway (US 701). This section of water main improvements begins at Water District V's existing 250,000-gallon elevated water tank on Lebanon Church Road and terminates at the intersection of James B. White Highway (US 701) and Beaverdam Road. Install two new water deep well water supplies and upgrade the existing US Hwy 701 Booster Pumping Station. Construct two (2) deep well water supplies and one (1) booster pump station upgrade. Projected cost of this 16-inch water main including valves, hydrants, fittings, wells, booster station upgrade, technical services, project administration, and contingency is \$16,385,041.

Development Phase III - Install 20,243 linear feet of 16-inch water main along Marlowe Road, Ramsey Ford Road, Guide Road, NC 904 and Lebanon Church Road from the existing 6-inch water main on Dothan Road to connect with the existing 250,000 elevated water tank on Lebanon Church Road. Projected cost of this installation including valves, hydrants, fittings, technical services, project administration, and contingency is \$4,170,407

Development Phase IV - Install 15,549 linear feet of 12-inch diameter water main from James B. White Hwy along Beaverdam Road to Peacock Road and install 3,485 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water main along Peacock Road from Beaverdam Road to connect with the existing 6-inch water main on Shade Fisher Road. Construct new 1400 GPM booster station at intersection of US 701 and Beaverdam Road. Projected cost of this installation including valves, hydrants, fittings, booster station, technical services, project administration, and contingency is \$6,615,491.

Development Phase V - Install 19,545 linear feet of 12-inch water main along Beaverdam Road from Peacock Road to Rough and Ready Road, install two (2) each water supplies deep wells, construct one million gallon ground storage tank at intersection of Lebanon Church and James B. White Hwy. Projected cost of this installation including pipe, tank, wells, valves, hydrants, fittings, technical services, project administration, and contingency is \$6,615,491.

Development Phase VI - Install 3,665 linear feet of 6-inch water main from Old State Road along Hickory Hill Road, install one (1) deep well water supply. Projected cost of this installation including pipe, well, valves, hydrants, fittings, technical services, project administration, and contingency is \$1,312,828.

Development Phase VII - Install 18,979 linear feet of 16-inch water main and 3,457 linear feet of 6-inch water main along Dothan Road and Old Dothan Road from Marlowe Road to a proposed 1.0 million gallon elevated water storage tank. Projected cost of this installation including water mains, valves, hydrants, fittings, technical services, project administration, and contingency is \$5,904,125.

Development Phase VIII - Construct a 1.0 MG elevated water storage tank and install 11,517 linear feet of 12-inch water main along Old Dothan Road from the proposed elevated tank site to connect with the existing 8-inc water main on Seven Creeks Hwy (NC 905). Projected cost of this installation including elevated tank, water mains, valves, hydrant, fittings, technical services, project administration and contingency is \$9,006,176.

Section 2. This Capital Reserve Fund shall remain effective until all the above - listed projects, and any projects added in the future, are completed. The Capital Reserve Fund may be amended by the Board of Commissioners as needed to add additional appropriations, modify or eliminate existing capital projects, and/or add new capital projects.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective and binding upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 8th day of January, 2024 at Columbus County, North Carolina.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY:


 Ricky Ballard, Chairman Date 1-8-24


 Jana Nealey, Clerk to Board Date 1-8-2024

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Ordinance amending the Columbus County Public Utility Rates and
Fee Schedule and Budget for Water District V
for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

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

Section 1: The following amendment is hereby made to the Columbus County Public Utility Water District V Budget as of January 8, 2024, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 162A-209 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Section 2: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in Columbus County Water District V Capital Reserve Fund for the projects as described in the Resolution to Adopt the System Development Fee Capital Reserve Fund.

	Appropriations	
	Original Ordinance July 1, 2023	Amended Ordinance January 8, 2024
Water District V System Development Fee Capital Reserve Fund Projects	---	\$297,800.00

Section 3: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Columbus County Water District V Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

	Estimated Revenue	
	Original Ordinance July 1, 2023	Amended Ordinance January 8, 2024
Water District V System Development Fee Capital Reserve Fund	---	\$297,800.00

Section 4: The following amendment is hereby made to the Columbus County Public Utility Rates and Fee Schedule for Water District V as of January 8, 2024, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 162A-209 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE BY METER SIZE			
Meter Size	AWWA Capacity	Capacity Factor	Water SDF
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Section 5: The System Development Fees as outlined in this ordinance shall be assessed at New Development in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 162A-213 (b) which is defined as the construction, reconstruction, redevelopment, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, enlargement of any structure which increases the number of service units as defined by North Carolina General Statute 162A-201 (6b).

Section 6: The System Development Fees as outlined in this ordinance pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 162A-213 (b), the local government unit shall collect the system development fee at the earlier of either of the following:

- 162A-213 (b1) The time of application for connection of the individual unit of development to the service or facilities.
- 162A-213 (b2) When water or sewer service is committed by the local governmental unit.

Section 7: This 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 this ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer, the Project Manager, and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this amendment.

Ordained this 8th day of January, 2024 at Columbus County, North Carolina.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTESTED BY:

Ricky Bullard 1-8-24
 Ricky Bullard, Chairman Date

Jana Nealey 1-8-24
 Jana Nealey, Clerk to Board Date

Columbus County Public Utilities
Rates and Fees Schedule
Fiscal Year 2023-2024

APPROVED
 Columbus County Board
 of Commissioners on 1-8-24
Jana Nealey

	Rates and Fees Effective 07/01/2022	Rates and Fees Effective 01/08/2024
1 Water Rates & Fees		
Water rates include both a base rate charge based on meter size and consumption charge based on metered consumption, billed monthly.		
A. Base Rate Charge by Meter Size		
No water is included in the base rate.		
3/4" Meter Service	\$ 27.25	\$ 28.00
1" Meter Service	\$ 33.00	\$ 34.00
1.5" Meter Service	\$ 40.00	\$ 42.00
2" Meter Service	\$ 53.00	\$ 55.00
3" Meter Service	\$ 78.00	\$ 81.00
4" Meter Service	\$ 105.00	\$ 108.00
6" Meter Service	\$ 157.00	\$ 162.00
8" Meter Service	\$ 207.00	\$ 213.00
B. Consumption Charges		
Consumption charges are per 1,000 gallons		
0 - 2,999	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.50
3,000 - 4,999	\$ 4.60	\$ 4.75
5,000 - 20,999	\$ 4.85	\$ 5.00
21,000 - 49,999	\$ 6.70	\$ 7.00
50,000 +	\$ 7.70	\$ 8.00
C. Bulk Water Rates		
Bulk water rates are per 1,000 gallons		
Industrial Bulk Rate	\$ 4.85	\$ 5.00
Municipal Bulk Rate	\$ 4.85	\$ 5.00
Commercial Bulk Rate	\$ 7.70	\$ 8.00
Institutional Bulk Rate	\$ 7.70	\$ 8.00
(Commercial and Institutional Water Customers that Exceed 50,000 Gallons Per Month will be charged a bulk rate of \$8.00 per 1,000 Gallons.)		

Agenda Item #5: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

At 9:05 A.M., Commissioner Watts made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Floyd The motion unanimously passed.

JANA NEALEY, Clerk to the Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman