

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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



AGENDA

**Monday, May 05, 2025
6:00 P.M. Closed Session
6:30 P.M. – Regular Session**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** Chairman Lavern Coleman

**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 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 Feathersson
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Brent Watts
- 5. Approval of Agenda**
- 6. Board Minutes Approval:**
 - a. April 21, 2025 Regular Session
- 7. Public Input**

Board Minutes Section

8. **Proclamation - Adoption of the 1st Annual Columbus County Ramps and Rails Appreciation Month Proclamation:** The Governing Body is requesting adoption of the 1st annual Columbus County Ramps and Rails Appreciation Month Proclamation. **Pages: 1-2**
9. **Proclamation - Child Care Provider Appreciation:** Selena Rowell from the Columbus County Partnership for Children is requesting adoption of the proclamation for May 9th as Child Care Appreciation Day. (Selena Rowell will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 3-4**
10. **Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Brian Riggins from Solid Waste as the Employee Spotlight. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)
11. **Presentation – Mike Unrue from Foundation Forward will conduct a Presentation regarding the Charters of Freedom Program:** Mike Unrue from Foundation Forward will present information about their Charters of Freedom program. (Mike Unrue will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)
12. **Administration – Discussion of Recommendations for Municipal Tax Collections:** County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting discussion of the recommendations regarding municipal tax collections. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 5-17**
13. **Administration – Approval to Establish a Budget Workshop on May 19th, 2025:** County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting approval to establish a budget workshop for the commissioners on Monday, May 19th, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Page: 18**
14. **Airport - Acceptance of the Division of Aviation Block Grant and Approval of Grant Agreement:** Airport Director Phil Edwards is requesting acceptance of the Division of Aviation Block Grant in the amount of \$21,914, and approval of the grant agreement for design of the AWOS system. The associated Capital Project Ordinance was approved during 4/21/2025 meeting. (Phil Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have) **Pages: 19-56**
15. **Emergency Services - Approval of Coastal Architecture as the Vendor for the Local Shelter Capability-Building Project:** Interim Emergency Services Director Kay Stephens is requesting approval of Coastal Architecture as the vendor to complete the Local Shelter Capability-Building Project. This is grant funded. (Kay Stephens will be available for any questions the commissioners may have) **Pages: 57-59**
16. **Economic Development – Approval of the Low Bid from Graka Builders Inc. for the Tabor City Shell Building Project:** EDC/Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of low bid from Graka Builders Inc., in the amount of \$1,302,735, for construction

of the Tabor City Shell Building. (Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 60-64

- 17. Economic Development – Approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Windsor Commercial for the Logistics Parkway Extension Project as part of the IDF Grant:** EDC/Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of Professional Services Agreement with Windsor Commercial to provide grant management for the Logistics Parkway Extension Project as part of the IDF Grant. This is funded with the IDF Grant allocation. (Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 65-68

- 18. Economic Development – Acceptance of the OneNC Grant and Approval of the Grant Agreement for Barrier Fencing:** EDC/Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting acceptance of the OneNC Grant in the amount of \$275,000, and the grant agreement associated. (Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 69-91

- 19. Finance – Approval of the Finance Report for March 2025, Budget Amendments, and Project Ordinances:** Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following Finance Report for March 2025 budget amendment and Project Ordinances:
- a. Finance Report March 2025
 - b. Budget Amendment – Corner
 - c. Budget Amendment – Health Services – Supplies Reimbursement Duplin Co
 - d. Project Ordinance – SCIF Grant 20165
 - e. Project Ordinance – EMS Tier II Grant

Pages: 92-102

- 20. 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
Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees	EB	Dr. Maude Davis	06/30/2025
Southeast Economic Development Commission	EB	Gary Lanier	04/30/2025

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

21. Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV, and V Combination Minutes:

a. April 21, 2025 Regular Session

Board Minutes Section

22. Water and Sewer District II – Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Permitting Emergency Interconnection with the Town of Chadbourn: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) permitting emergency interconnection with the Town of Chadbourn. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 104-114

23. Water and Sewer District II – Approval of Task Order #13, for Phases IV & V of the

Beaverdam Road Waterline Extension Project: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of Task Order #13 for Phases IV and V for the Beaverdam Road Waterline Extension Project. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 115-122

24. Water and Sewer District IV – Approval of the Low Bid from Metcon, Inc. the Revised

Capital Project Ordinance, and Contract from Green Engineering for the Livingston Creek Project: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the Low bid from Metcon, Inc. negotiated to the amount of \$2,510,338.25, the revised capital project ordinance, and contract from Green Engineering for the Livingston Creek Project. Contract pending final approval from the County Manager and Attorney. This is funded with the SCIF allocation. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

Pages: 123-127

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

25. Comments: Commissioners and County Manager.

26. Adjournment