

# ***COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***

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



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## **AGENDA**

**Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**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) (5) REAL ESTATE, and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) (6) PERSONNEL**

- 2. Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G. N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege, 143-318.11(A)(5) Real Estate and S. § 143-318.11(A)(6) Personnel**

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

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

- 3. Invocation:** Vice Chairman, Laverne Coleman
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Chris Smith
- 5. Approval of Agenda**
- 6. Approval of the Board Minutes:**
  - a. March 6, 2023**
- 7. Public Input**

8. **Proclamations-** Columbus County Commissioners wish to recognize the following Ramps and Rails groups:
- a. **Beaverdam Baptist Men** **Approved 3.6.23**
  - b. **Boardman Pentecostal Holiness Church Men's Ministry** **presented 4.3.23**
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9. **Proclamations - Telecommunicators' Week:** Columbus County Commissioners wish to recognize National Telecommunicators Week.
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10. **Administration - Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Human Resources Employee Karen Ward.
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11. **Administration – Staff Accomplishments:** County Manager Eddie Madden would like to acknowledge Economic Development Department's Existing Industry and Business Retention Specialist, Dylan Bowen, for achieving his certification as a Workforce Developer through NC State. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
12. **Administration – Presentation:** County Manager Eddie Madden will make a presentation of alternate proposals for County properties. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
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13. **Duke Energy – Warming Stations:** Pam Hardy from Duke Energy will present Columbus County with a \$2,500 check for the Warming Stations set up and operated on Christmas Eve, December 2022. **(Pam Hardy will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)**
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14. **Economic Development- Approval of Public Hearing:** EDC & Planning Director Dr. Gary Lanier is requesting to establish a public hearing on April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 P.M., or as soon as can be heard, to receive public input and comments with regard to the proposed Carolina Bluff PUD Zoning District which would be established on Marlowe Road near the NC/SC line. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
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15. **Economic Development- Approval of Public Hearing** EDC & Planning Director Dr. Gary Lanier is requesting to establish public hearing on April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 P.M., or as soon as can be heard, in regards to the proposed Antioch Court Subdivision on Antioch Church Road **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
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**16. Emergency Services – Viper Radio Re-Programing Contracts:** Assistant County Manager Nick West is requesting approval of the 3 following contracts and 1 budget amendment associated with the service contract:

- a. Motorola Solutions Reprograming
- b. Jack L. Thorpe Reprograming
- c. Motorola Solutions Service Contract and Budget Amendment

**(Nick West will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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**17. Emergency Services – Budget amendment for the QRV program:** Assistant County Manager Nick West is requesting approval of a budget amendment for the QRV program. **(Nick West will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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**18. Administration – Approval of use of office space for Rebuild NC:** Assistant County Manager Nick West is requesting the use of temporary office space for (2) NC Rebuild staff members in the Building Inspections Department to serve the citizens of Columbus County recovering from Hurricane Florence. **(Nick West will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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**19. Airport – Airport Grant Agreement:** Phil Edwards is requesting approval of the grant agreement and the associated budget ordinance between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Columbus County for the amount of \$62,619 with no county match, for the design and bidding of a new terminal building. **(Phil Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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**20. Transportation-Approval of Additional Funds from NCDOT-IMD:**

Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval of the budget amendment and additional funds granted due to the increased cost in purchasing replacement vehicles. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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**21. Transportation - Approval of Supplemental Grant Application:** Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval of a supplemental grant application for building expansion. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

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**22. Finance-Approval of Budget Amendment:** Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting approval of the following budget amendment:

- a. Water District IV EDA Project - Contingency

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**23. 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

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

COMMITTEE	ZONE EB	PERSON(S)	EXP.DATE
Board of Adjustments	I	Jerome Chestnut	(Resigned)1/21/2025

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

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

- March 06, 2023 (5 sets)

**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.**