

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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



AGENDA

Monday, April 17, 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

- 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 begins at 6:30 P.M.

- 3. Invocation:** Commissioner Barbara Featherson
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Giles E. Byrd

6:30 PM - Public Hearing – with regard to the proposed Carolina Bluff PUD Zoning District which would be established on Marlowe Road near the NC/SC line.

6:30 PM or as soon as can be heard- Public Hearing – with regard to the proposed Antioch Court Subdivision on Antioch Church Road.

5. Approval of Agenda

6. Approval of the Board Minutes:

- a. March 21, 2023

7. Public Input

8. Proclamations - Child Abuse Awareness Month: DSS Director Algernon McKenzie is requesting approval of a proclamation recognizing April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. (Al McKenzie will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.) **Pages: 1-4**

9. Proclamations- Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Advocate Tonya Jones from Family's First is requesting approval of a proclamation recognizing April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. (Tonya Jones will be available for any questions the commissioners may have) **Pages: 5-8**

10. Proclamations – Lineman Appreciation Day: Communications Manager Brooks Versaggi from Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) is requesting approval of the proclamation recognizing April 18th as Lineman Appreciation Day. Duke Energy Linemen will also be recognized. (Brooks Versaggi will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.) **Pages: 9-12**

11. Administration - Employee Spotlight: County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Darlene Jenkins-Parks from Social Services. **Pages: 13-16**

12. 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 December 2022. (Pam Hardy will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 17-18**

13. Economic Development – Approval of the First Reading for Zoning District: EDC & Planning Director Dr. Gary Lanier is requesting the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to approve the first reading for the establishment of the proposed Carolina Bluff PUD Zoning District. (Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 19-44**

14. Economic Development – Approval of Antioch Church Rd. Subdivision: EDC & Planning Director Dr. Gary Lanier is requesting the Columbus County Board of Commissioners approve the proposed Antioch Court Subdivision on Antioch Church Road. (Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 45-56**

- 15. Economic Development – Approval to Establish a Public Hearing:** EDC & Planning Director Dr. Gary Lanier is requesting establish a public hearing on Monday, May 1st 2023 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon as can be heard, on the creation of the proposed McGill Meadows Planned Unit Development Zoning District. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 57-70**
- 16. Southeastern Community College – Approval of Relocation of a mobile unit from the Sheriff’s Office:** Southeastern Community College’s President, Dr. Chris English, is requesting approval to relocate and use mobile unit #821 from the Sheriff’s Office to Fair Bluff for truck driver training class. **(Dr. English will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 71-76**
- 17. Human Resources – Approval of the Mark III Brokerage, Inc. Contract:** Human Resources Director Kay Stephens is requesting approval of the contract with Mark III Brokerage for employee benefits insurance programs. **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 77-82**
- 18. Attorney’s Office- Approval of Forestry Service Deed:** Staff Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the deed to be presented to the North Carolina State Forestry Service for property located at 1413 Chadbourn Hwy, Whiteville, NC 28472. **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 83-88**
- 19. Attorney’s Office - Evergreen School the Right of First Refusal:** Staff Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting consideration of the right of first refusal on Evergreen School. **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 89-94**
- 20. Transportation- Approval of Lease Agreement:** Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval of amendments to the vehicle lease agreement to age out old vehicles. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 95-100**
- 21. DSS - Monthly Update:** Social Services Director Algernon McKenzie will present the monthly Social Services update. **(DSS Director Al McKenzie will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 101-112**
- 22. Finance - Approval of Service Contract with Debtbook:** Finance Director, Lacie Jacobs, is requesting approval for a two-year contract with Debtbook. **(Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 113-120**
- 23. Finance - Approval of Budget Amendment and Audit update:** Finance Director, Lacie Jacobs, is requesting approval of the following budget amendment. **Pages: 121-124**
- a. Sheriff Office - DEA/ATF Funding

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

- 24. 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
Chadbourn Planning & Zoning Board	ETJ	Jennifer Caines (resigned) (One-Mile Radius Alternate)	8/31/2025

Pages: 125-126

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

- 25. Approval of Water and Sewer Combination Minutes:**

- March 21, 2023 (5 sets)

- 26. Water District I - Resolution to Closeout AIA Grant:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the resolution to close out the \$150,000 AIA Grant to GIS the district. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 127-136

- 27. Water District I – Approval of deeding Waterlines:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of deeding waterlines, after the disconnect occurs, in district I as the result of a previous interlocal agreement with Tabor City. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 137-143

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

- 28. Comments:** Commissioners and County Manager.

- 29. Adjournment.**

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