

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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



AGENDA

Monday, October 16, 2023

4:30 P.M. Ribbon Cutting A Building - Postponed until October 17th at 4pm

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) (6) PERSONNEL,

- 2. 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)(6) Personnel.**

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Regular Session Resumes 6:30 P.M.

- 3. Invocation:** Commissioner Barbara Featherson
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chairman Coleman

6:30 PM or as soon as can be heard – Public Hearing regarding the 2023 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program Grant Application.

5. Approval of Agenda

6. Public Input

7. Approval of Board Minutes:

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- 8. Administration - Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Finance Employee, Susanne Wallace. **Page: 1**

- 9. Administration – Retirement Plaque of Appreciation:** The Governing Body will recognize Jeanette Ward from Emergency Services for over 29 years of service. **Page: 2**

- 10. Administration - Approval to Schedule the Second Public Hearing regarding the 2023 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program Grant Application:** Joshua Outlaw from the Adams Company is requesting to establish the second public hearing on November 6th, 2023, at 6:30 P.M., or as soon as can be heard regarding the 2023 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Application. **(Gail Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 3-4**

- 11. Airport – Approval of the Water and Sewer System Extensions for the Airport Improvements Project:** Airport Director Phil Edwards is requesting approval of the water and sewer extensions for the Airport Improvements Project estimated to cost \$887,905.00 and will come from the SCIF Funds. **(Phil Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 5-6**

- 12. Planning Department – Approval of the Resolution for the Designees of the 2020 FMA Grant Project:** Planning Board Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval of the resolution authorizing Dr. Gary Lanier as the primary agent and Bridgette Spann as the secondary agent for the 2020 FMA Project. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 7-8**

- 13. Facility Services – Approval of the Low Bids for the Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of the Former Sheriff’s Office Building:** Facility Services Director Stuart Carroll is requesting approval of the Asbestos Abatement and demolition of the former Sheriff’s Office building which will come out of the SCIF Funds. **(Stuart Carroll will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 9-22**

- 14. Soil and Water Conservation District – Approval of the Columbus County Beaver Bounty Program By-Laws:** Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District Director Morgan Hayes will present the second reading for approval of the revisions to the Columbus County Beaver Bounty Program By-Laws. **(Morgan Hayes will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 23-26**
- 15. Sheriff’s Office-Approval of the MOA with the Robeson County Sheriff’s Office:** Sheriff Bill Rogers is requesting approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) that will transfer the ownership of the fuel truck to Robeson County Sheriff’s Office with the understanding that they will provide law enforcement with helicopter assistance upon request. **(Sheriff Bill Rogers will be available for any questions commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 27-28**
- 16. DSS – Monthly Update for September 2023:** Social Services Director Algernon McKenzie will present the monthly Social Services update for September 2023. **(Algernon McKenzie will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 29-36**
- 17. DSS – Approval of 4 New Positions and the Budget Amendment due to Medicaid Expansion:** Social Services Director Algernon McKenzie is requesting approval of 4 new positions and the budget amendment associated due to Medicaid Expansion. **(Algernon McKenzie will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 37-40**
- 18. Finance – Approval of the Budget Amendments:** Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting approval of the following Budget Amendments:
1. Library - FY 22/23 Aid
 2. Sheriff - Good Shepherd Grant FY 22/23
 3. Article 44 - Economic Development
 4. Social Services - FY 22/23 Supplementals
 5. Revenue Replacement – Maintenance
- Pages: 41-46**
- 19. 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	BOARD ACTION
Jury Commission	EB	Gwen Joy (Commissioner's Appt.)	6/30/2023	
Board of Adjustments	VI	Jonathan Williams (Vice Chair) (Resigned)	9/30/2023	

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

20. Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V Combined Minutes:

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21. Water and Sewer District IV – Approval of Change Order No. 2 from Bill's Well

Drilling for a Test Well: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of Change Order No. 2 from Bill's Well Drilling for a test well in the amount of \$40,000. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 47-50

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

22. Comments: Commissioners.

23. Adjournment.