

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

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



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## **AGENDA**

**Monday, December 4, 2023**

**5:45 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. Re-Organization of Board - Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:** Amanda B. Prince, Columbus County Attorney, will preside as Acting Chairman for the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

<b>NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN PRESIDES</b>
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NAME	TITLE	BOND \$	EXPIRE DATE
Lacie Jacobs	Finance Director (Columbus County)	\$1Million	Indefinite
Heather Woody	Assistant Finance Director	\$1Million	Indefinite
William Rogers	Sheriff	\$25,000	10/05/2024
Needom G. Hughes, IV	Tax Administrator	\$25,000	11-25-2024
Douglas E. Ward	Deputy Tax Administrator	\$25,000	Indefinite
Rachel H. Tyson	Public Housing Director	\$25,000	10-22-2024
Kandace Bullock	Register of Deeds	\$10,000	12/01/2024

**4. Invocation:** Commissioner Brent Watts

**5. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Chris Smith

**6. Approval of Agenda, Tax Refunds & Releases:**

a. 12.04.2023

**7. Public Input**

**8. Approval of Board Minutes:**

a. November 20, 2023

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**9. Administration – Retirement Plaques:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize the following:

a. Retiree - Algernon McKenzie for over 32 years of service with the Department of Social Services.

b. Retiree – Julie Strickland for over 29 years of service with Parks & Recreation.

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**10. Administration - Notice and Resolution regarding the Cancellation of December 18, 2023 Board Meeting, Unless Needed:** County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting approval of the notice and cancellation of the December 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting unless needed. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 2-3**

- 11. Administration- Approval and Adoption of Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners:** County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting approval of the Signatory Resolution by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 4-5**
- 12. Columbus County Schools – Approval to Extend the Lease Agreement of the North Campus Building A with Columbus County Schools:** Assistant Superintendent Eddie Beck is requesting approval to extend the lease agreement of the North Campus Building A with Columbus County Schools from 40 years to 50 years. (Eddie Beck will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 6-7**
- 13. Columbus County Schools – Approval of Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund 2023 – 2024 Grant Application:** Assistant Superintendent Eddie Beck is requesting approval of the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund 2023-2024 Grant Application. (Eddie Beck will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 8-27**
- 14. Cooperative Extension – Approval of the 2023 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Cooperative Extension:** Cooperative Extension Howard Wallace is requesting approval of the 2023 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Cooperative Extension. (Howard Wallace will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 28-52**
- 15. Facility Services – Approval of Change Order #1 with D.H. Griffin Wrecking regarding the addition of Tipping Fees for former Sheriff’s Office Building Demolition:** Facility Services Director Stuart Carroll is requesting approval of change order #1 with D.H. Griffin Wrecking regarding the addition of tipping fees for the demolition of the former Sheriff’s Office Building. (Stuart Carroll will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 53-61**
- 16. Emergency Services - Approval of Enterprise Geo Tab Contract to be installed on county vehicles for collection of vehicle data:** Assistant County Manager Nick West is requesting approval of the Enterprise Geo Tab Contract which will be installed on county vehicles for collection of vehicle data. (Nick West will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 62-76**
- 17. Opioid Settlement – Approval of the Revised Resolution and Budget Ordinance reflecting Opioid Settlement Budget Changes:** Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the revised resolution and budget ordinance reflecting Opioid Settlement Funds budget changes. (Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.) **Pages: 77-79**

**18. Finance - Approval of the Finance Report as of October 31, 2023 and Budget**

**Amendment:** Finance Director Lacie Jacobs is requesting approval of the Finance Report as of October 31, 2023 and the following budget amendments.

1. Finance - Employee Appreciation

**Pages: 80-87**

**19. Finance - Resolutions and Agreements for all Deposit and Investment Accounts:**

Finance Officer Lacie Jacobs is requesting approval of all Resolutions and Agreement. (Lacie Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 88-96**

**20. DSS – Monthly Update for November 2023:** Social Services Director Algernon

McKenzie will present the monthly Social Services update for November 2023.

(Algernon McKenzie will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 97-103**

**21. Health Services – Approval of the Bad-Debt Writeoff FY 2022-2023 and Audio**

**Equipment for Health Department:** Health Services Director Kim Smith is requesting approval of Bad Debt Writeoff for FY 2022-2023 and approval of Audio Equipment for the Health Department. Audio equipment will be paid from COVID Funds. (Kim Smith will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)

**Pages: 104-111**

**22. 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	BOARD ACTION
Airport Authority	II	Alex N. Jordan (Chair)	10/20/2023	
Airport Authority	IV	John P. Grice	10/20/2023	
Airport Authority	V	William C. Cox III	10/20/2023	
Airport Authority	VI	Frank Horne	10/20/2023	
Airport Authority	VII	Kyle Peacock	10/20/2023	
Board of Adjustments	VI	Vacant		
Board of Adjustments	VII	Vacant	6/30/2023	
Board of Health	At Large	Pat Ray (RN)	12/31/2023	

<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>Brent Lawson (Dentist)</b>	<b>12/31/2023</b>	
<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>Drew Cox (Engineer/Citizen)</b>	<b>12/31/2023</b>	
<b>Economic Development Commission</b>	<b>EB</b>	<b>R. Mitchell Tyler</b>	<b>6/30/2023</b>	
<b>Voluntary Agricultural District Board</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>Craig Fisher (Chair)</b>	<b>6/30/2023</b>	

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

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

a. November 20, 2023

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

**24. Comments:** Commissioners; County Manager

**25. Adjournment.**