

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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



AGENDA

Monday, May 19, 2025

4:00 P.M. – 5:15 P.M. Budget Workshop

5:30 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 Ricky Bullard
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chairman Chris Smith
- 5. Approval of Agenda**
- 6. Board Minutes Approval:**
 - a. May 05, 2025 Regular Session
- 7. Public Input**

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8. **Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Patrick Treadway from Building Inspections as the Employee Spotlight. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
9. **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**
10. **Presentation – Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) Program:** Soil and Water Conservation Director Morgan Hayes will conduct a presentation regarding the Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) Program. **(Morgan Hayes will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 3-4**
11. **Administration –Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Presentation Acceptance and Request for Public Hearing:** County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting acceptance of the FY 25-26 Proposed Budget Presentation and approval of the FY 25-26 Budget Public Hearing for Monday, June 2nd, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. or as soon as can be heard. **(Mr. Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 5-6**
12. **Columbus County Schools –Approval to use Lottery Funds and Budget Amendment for Nakina Middle School Parking Lot:** Assistant Principal Adam Thompson is requesting approval to use NC Lottery Funds and the associated budget amendment to pave the Nakina Middle School parking lot. **(Adam Thompson will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 7-8**
13. **Transportation - Approval to sign the pre-application documents needed for our FY27 5311 NCDOT Grant application:** Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval to sign the pre-application documents needed for our FY27 5311 NCDOT Grant application. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)** **Pages: 9-10**
14. **Tabor City Chamber of Commerce – Requesting permission to Possess, Transport, Receive, Deliver, and Display Fireworks at South Columbus High School, Waive Permit Fee, and Approval of \$1,000 Special Appropriation Budget Amendment:** The Tabor City Chamber of Commerce Director Cynthia S. Nelson, is requesting permission to possess, transport, receive, deliver and display fireworks, waive the permit fee and approval of the special appropriation budget amendment in the amount of \$1,000. This is for the 38th Annual Columbus County Fireworks Celebration Thursday, July 3, 2025. **Pages: 11-12**
15. **Opioid Settlement – Approval of the Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Opioid Settlement Budget:** Consultant Cynthia Wiford is requesting approval of the resolution for the FY 25/26 Opioid Settlement budget. **(Cynthia Wiford will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)** **Pages: 13-17**

- 16. Emergency Services- Approval of New 911 Center VIPER Radio and Internet Connectivity Contract:** Interim Emergency Services Director Kay Stephens is requesting approval of the new 911 Center VIPER Radio and internet connectivity contract for emergency dispatch procedures. **(Kay Stephens will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)** **Pages: 18-31**
- 17. Attorney's Office – Approval of the 3M (PFAS) Settlement:** Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the 3M (PFAS) settlement. **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)** **Pages: 32-37**
- 18. Finance – Approval of the 1st Reading of the Amended Depreciation Schedule:** Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the 1st reading of the amended depreciation schedule. **(Heather Woody will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)** **Pages: 38-46**
- 19. Finance – Approval of the Amended Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule:** Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the amended budget ordinance and processing fee schedule due to software conversion. **(Heather Woody will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)** **Pages: 47-53**
- 20. Sheriff's Office / Detention Center – Request for Detention Center Funding and Budget Amendment:** Logistics Captain Robert Creech is requesting approval of funding for food at the Detention Center and the associated budget amendment. **(Robert Creech will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)** **Pages: 54-55**
- 21. Finance – Approval of Budget Amendments and Project Ordinance:** Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following budget amendments and project ordinance:
- a. Budget Amendment – Fines and Forfeitures
 - b. Budget Amendment – ABC Profit Distributions
 - c. Budget Amendment – ABC Bottle Tax Increase
 - d. Budget Amendment – Veterans Office Grant
 - e. Project Ordinance - Airport
- Pages: 56-62**
- 22. DSS- Monthly Report for April 2025:** DSS Director Dwella Hall will present the monthly report for the month of April. **(Dwella Hall will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)** **Pages: 63-73**

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 Combination Minutes:**
- a. May 05, 2025 Regular Session

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- 24. Water and Sewer Districts I, II, II, IV, and V – Approval of the Resolution for the Local Water Supply Plan:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the resolution for the Local Water Supply Plan. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

Pages: 74-75

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**