

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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



AGENDA

**Monday, June 16, 2025
4:30 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, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(5) REAL ESTATE

- 2. Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G. N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege, N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(4) Economic Development, and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(5) Real Estate.**

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Regular Session Resumes at 6:30 P.M.

- 3. Invocation:** Commissioner Brent Watts
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Ricky Bullard
- 5. Approval of Agenda**
- 6. Board Minutes Approval:**
 - a. June 2, 2025 Regular Session
- 7. Public Input**

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8. **Employee Spotlight:** County Manager Eddie Madden will recognize Rebekah Benton from Cooperative Extension as the Employee Spotlight. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**
9. **Proclamation – Adoption of the Proclamation of Recognition for Serenity Harvey Four-Time Gold Medal Winner in Indoor and Outdoor Track:** The Governing Body is requesting adoption of the proclamation of recognition for Serenity Harvey four-time gold medal winner in indoor and outdoor track. **Pages: 1-2**
10. **Administration – Approval to Extend Lease with NC Department of Adult Corrections (DAC) for Office Space for Probation and Parole and Juvenile Justice:** County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting extend lease with NC DAC for office space for Probation and Parole and Juvenile Justice. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 3-26**
11. **Airport – Airport Project Update:** Airport Director Phil Edwards and Talbert and Bright representative John Massey will give an update on the Airport Terminal Building. **(Phil Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)**
12. **Airport - Approval of the Amended Airport Management Contract:** Airport Director Phil Edwards is requesting approval of the amended Airport Management Contract to extend the term to 3 years. **(Phil Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)** **Pages: 27-33**
13. **Transportation – Approval to the Renew Annual Lease with Transdev:** Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval to renew annual lease with Transdev. **(Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 34-52**
14. **Opioid Settlement – Approval of the Contract Extension for Drug Court Development Services and Resolution Associated:** County Manager Eddie Madden is requesting approval of the contract extension for Drug Court Development Services and the resolution associated. **(Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 53-63**
15. **Attorney’s Office – Approval of the Interlocal Agreements for Tax Collections:** Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the Interlocal Agreements for Tax Collections with the following:
- a. Boardman
 - b. Bolton
 - c. Brunswick
 - d. Cerro Gordo
 - e. Fair Bluff
 - f. Sandyfield
 - g. Tabor City
- Pages: 64-65**

- 16. Attorney's Office – Discussion and Approval to Establish a Public Hearing regarding a New Ordinance Designating the Requirement of Permits for Gatherings:** Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting to discuss and establish a public hearing on July 7th, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon as can be heard, regarding a new ordinance designating the requirement of permits for gatherings. **(Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 66-67**
- 17. DSS- Monthly Report for May 2025:** DSS Director Dwella Hall will present the monthly report for the month of May. **(Dwella Hall will be available for any questions the commissioners may have)** **Pages: 68-78**
- 18. Finance – Approval to Establish a Year-End Budget Closeout Meeting:** Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval to establish a year-end budget meeting on Monday June 30th, 2025. **(Heather Woody will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Page: 79**
- 19. Finance – Approval of the 2nd Reading of the Amended Purchasing Policy:** Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the 2nd reading of the amended purchasing policy, chapters 1-7. **(Heather Woody will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 80-83**
- 20. Finance – Approval of the Finance Budget Amendments and Project Ordinances:** Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following Finance budget amendments and Project Ordinances:
- a. Budget Amendments - Finance, Tax & Attorney (\$0)
 - b. Budget Amendments - Governing Board, Administration, Personnel, Finance (\$0)
 - c. Budget Amendments - Elections, Register of Deed, Management Information, Central Garage, Facility Services and Emergency Management (\$0)
 - d. Budget Amendments - Register of Deeds (\$55,200)
 - e. Ordinance Amendment - Water District IV Waterline EDA Project
 - f. Ordinance Amendment - Farmland Preservation Grant (-73,870). Includes approved letter to cancel project.
- Pages: 84-93**
- 21. 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
Southeast Economic Development Commission	EB	Lisa Nye (resigned)	04/01/2028 4 year term

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

22. Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV, and V Combination Minutes:

a. June 02, 2025 Regular Session

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23. Water and Sewer District III - Approval of Resolution to Closeout Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) Grant: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the resolution to closeout Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) Grant. (**Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.**)

Pages: 94-96

24. Water and Sewer District IV - Approval of Resolution to Closeout Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) Grant: Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the resolution to closeout Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) Grant. (**Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.**)

Pages: 97-99

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