

# **COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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



## **AGENDA**

**Monday, August 4, 2025  
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, N.C.G.S. § 143-  
318.11(A)(4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, and N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A) 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) Real Estate**

**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:** Commissioner Brent Watts
- 5. Approval of Agenda**
- 6. Board Minutes Approval:**
  - a. July 28, 2025 Regular Session

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- 7. Public Input**

**8. Proclamation – Recognition and Support for the Following Columbus County Baseball and Softball Teams for Participation and Success in the 2025 World Series:**

**Baseball**

Riegelwood Dixie 8U  
Riegelwood Dixie Baseball 6U  
Dixie Junior Baseball League 13U

**Softball**

South Columbus Ponytails  
Central Columbus Darlings  
Dixie Softball Angels – World Series Champs

- 9. Attorney’s Office - Approval of the Farmers’ Market Contract Extension:** Attorney Amanda Prince is requesting approval of the Farmers’ Market Contract extension for a term of one year. (Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 1-6**

- 10. Attorney’s Office – Approval to Participate in Settlement regarding Purdue Direct associated with the Ongoing Opioid Settlement:** Amanda Prince is requesting approval participate in settlement regarding Purdue Direct associated with the ongoing Opioid Settlement. (Amanda Prince will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 7-14**

- 11. Airport - Approval of Airport Deed of Utility and Access Easement:** Airport Director Phil Edwards is requesting approval of the revised Utility and Access Easement for the lift station and the sewer line and manhole as part of the Airport Project. (Phil Edwards will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 15-19**

- 12. Transportation - Contract with Coastal Architecture for Design and Oversight for the Transportation Building Expansion Project:** Transportation Director Joy Jacobs is requesting approval of the contract with Coastal Architecture for design and oversight for the Transportation Building Expansion Project. This is funded through NC DOT. (Joy Jacobs will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 20-24**

- 13. Opioid Settlement– Approval for the County Manager or his designee to Execute all Contracts Necessary to enact the Approved Opioid Settlement Strategies:** Opioid Settlement Consultant Cynthia Wiford is requesting approval the County Manager or his designee to execute all contracts necessary to enact the approved Opioid Settlement Strategies. (Eddie Madden will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

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- 14. Department of Aging – Approval of the PEAS (Providing Elders Additional Sustenance) Grant & Budget Amendment:** Aging Director Kristie Massey is requesting approval of the PEAS (Providing Elders Additional Sustenance) Grant in the amount of \$34,946 and the associated budget amendment. (Kristie Massey will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 26-30**

- 15. Department of Aging – Approval to Condense Two CNA Positions into One Social Worker Position:** Aging Director Kristie Massey is requesting approval to condense 2 CNA positions into one Social Worker position. **(Kristie Massey will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 31-33**
- 16. Solid Waste - Approval to Purchase Two Pre-Budgeted F-150's:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval to purchase two Ford F-150s in the amount of \$94,142.40 for Solid Waste. These were pre-budgeted in the FY 25/26 Solid Waste Budget. **(Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 34-37**
- 17. Planning Department – Approval to Establish a Public Hearing Regarding the Coleman Tract PUD on Dothan Road, Tabor City, NC:** EDC and Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval to establish a public hearing on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon as can be heard regarding the Coleman Tract Planned Unit Development (PUD). **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 38-74**
- 18. Planning Department – Approval to Establish a Public Hearing Regarding the J T Sarvis Tract PUD Located on Peacock Road, Tabor City, NC:** EDC and Planning Director Gary Lanier is requesting approval to establish a public hearing on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon as can be heard regarding the JT Sarvis Tract Planned Unit Development (PUD) located on Peacock Road, Tabor City, NC. **(Gary Lanier will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 75-96**
- 19. Economic Development – Approval of the MOU with the Jobs Foundation: Interim** EDC Director Dylan Bowen is requesting approval of the MOU with the Jobs Foundation which is a requirement set by Golden LEAF for the Site development grant, \$590,000, on the 38-acre parcel. **(Dylan Bowen will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 97-108**
- 20. Emergency Services – Approval to Declare Old Kenwood Nexedge Radio System Equipment as Surplus and Approval for Private Party Negotiation:** Emergency Services Director Kay Stephens is requesting approval to declare Kenwood Nexedge Radio System equipment as surplus and authorize a private party negotiation. **(Kay Stephens will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 109-110**
- 21. Emergency Services – Approval of the Quote from Motorola to Relocate Existing Radio Equipment from the Current 911 Center to the New 911 Center.:** Emergency Services Director Kay Stephens is requesting approval of the quote in the amount of \$295,792 received from Motorola to relocate existing radio equipment from the current 911 center to the new 911 center. This is a single source vendor and will be funded through the 911 Center Construction Project. **(Kay Stephens will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)** **Pages: 111-118**

**22. Finance – Approval of the Second Reading of the Amended Purchasing Policy:** Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the first reading of the amended purchasing policy to include a conflict of interest form. **(Heather Woody will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)**

**Pages: 119-133**

**23. Finance – Approval of Budget Amendments, Requisition, and a Departmental PO:** Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following Budget Amendments, Requisition, and a Departmental PO:

- a. Sheriff's Office – D.A.R.E. - \$11,914
- b. Social Services – Earmarked State Funding - \$745,050
- c. Requisition – Opioid Settlement
- d. Departmental Purchase Order Number

**Pages: 134-139**

**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**

<b>Zone I:</b>	<b>Barbara Featherson</b>	<b>Zone V:</b>	<b>Brent Watts</b>
<b>Zone II:</b>	<b>Chris Smith</b>	<b>Zone VI:</b>	<b>Ricky Bullard</b>
<b>Zone III:</b>	<b>Giles E. Byrd</b>	<b>Zone VII:</b>	<b>Scott Floyd</b>
<b>Zone IV:</b>	<b>Lavern Coleman</b>		

COMMITTEE	ZONE/ EB	PERSON(S)	EXP. DATE
Home Care and Community Block Grant	I	Shavonda Collins	6/30/2025
Home Care and Community Block Grant	I	Jackie Davis	6/30/2025
Home Care and Community Block Grant	II	VACANT	
Home Care and Community Block Grant	II	Karen Thurman	06/30/2022
Home Care and Community Block Grant	III	Frank Wilson	6/30/2025
Home Care and Community Block Grant	III	Blondell Junious	6/30/2025
Home Care and Community Block Grant	IV	David Pattillo	6/30/2025
Home Care and Community Block Grant	IV	Veronica Beaver	6/30/2025
Home Care and Community Block Grant	VI	Billy Hammond	6/30/2025
Home Care and Community Block Grant	VI	Peggy Gerald	6/30/2025
Home Care and Community Block Grant	VII	VACANT	
Home Care and Community Block Grant	VII	VACANT	

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

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

a. July 28, 2025 Regular Session

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- 26. Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV, and V – Approval of the First Reading of the Updated Customer Service Policy:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the first reading of the updated Customer Service Policy. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 140-149**

- 27. Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV, and V – Approval to Purchase Two Pre-Budgeted F-150's:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval to purchase two Ford F-150s in the amount of \$94,142.40 for Public Utilities. These were pre-budgeted in the FY 25/26 Public Utilities Budget. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 150-153**

- 28. Water and Sewer District II – Approval of Green Engineering Task Order #13 for the Phase IV Dothan Community / Beaverdam Road Extension Project:** Public Utilities Director Harold Nobles is requesting approval of the Task Order #13 from Green Engineering in the amount of \$406,552 for the Phase IV Dothan Community / Beaverdam Road Project. This will be funded through the SCIF allocation. (Harold Nobles will be available for any questions the commissioners may have.)

**Pages: 154-159**

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

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

- 30. Adjournment**