

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**Tuesday, January 3, 2023****6:00 P.M. – Closed Session****6:30 P.M. – Regular Session**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at the Columbus County Commissioners Chamber, 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of conducting a Regular Session.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**Lavern Coleman, **Vice-Chairman**

Chris Smith

Giles E. Byrd

Barbara Featherson

Scott Floyd

APPOINTEES PRESENT:Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney/Deputy****Clerk to Board****COMMISSIONER ABSENT (EXCUSED):**

Brent Watts

Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the Tuesday, January 3, 2022 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

At 6:01 P.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client privilege, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The Motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #2: CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S §143-318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY –CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND N.C.G.S § 143-318.11 (A) (6) PERSONNEL

No official action was taken.

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION

At 6:30 P.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to recess Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Items # 3 and #4: INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman Lavern Coleman. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Featherson.

Agenda Item# 5: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

A. November 21, 2022 – Regular Session

MOTION:

Commissioner Featherson made a motion to approve the Board Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6: APPROVAL OF AGENDA and AGENDA ADD-ON 6A:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Agenda and add on of 6A, seconded by Vice Chairman Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #6A: APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO CLERK TO THE BOARD JANA NEALEY:

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Coleman made a motion to approve Clerk to the Board Jana Nealey, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

- Mr. Madden stated that we are delighted to have Jana.
- She went through a very rigors application process
- She was unanimously recommended to this Board this evening in close session as the next Clerk to the Board for Columbus County.
- She is joined this evening by some individuals from her current employer and that is to be commended.
- The Warren is here, Mr. Jamie Bullard
- Ms. Strickland she is headed of Human Resources;
- She will start January 9, 2023 and will be present at the next board meeting.

Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Cecelia Pierce with Trillium made a check presentation to the board in the amount of \$152,865. This check will cover the purchase of 250 medication lock boxes and will also cover the medication assisted treatment Vivitrol for those that are seeking long term treatment at the healing place.

Agenda Item #8: PROCLAMTION of APPRECIATION:

Chris Wilcox was presented with Certificate of Appreciation by Columbus County Board of Commissioners, County Manager Eddie Madden, Staff Attorney Boyd Worley, and Staff Attorney Amanda Prince.

Proclamation of Appreciation January 3, 2023			
Whereas , Christopher (aka Chris) Wilcox is a former student of the Columbus County and Whiteville City School Systems.			
Whereas , Christopher subsequently became a professional NBA player and his career in the NBA spanned eleven-years prior to his retirement in 2013 with the Boston Celtics.			
Whereas , since retiring, Christopher has returned to his home state of North Carolina to live, and he continues to give back to the youth in our county.			
Whereas , Christopher is a positive role model for our youth. He displays care, concern, love, and support for the youth in this county in many ways.			
Whereas , each quarter, Christopher thru the Wilcox Foundation gives back in some way to our youth including:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting a summer basketball camp for twenty years; • Providing Thanksgiving food drives for untold numbers of families for approximate 20 years; • Providing backpacks to youth for approximately 20 years (served 500 families in 2022) and arranged for the SCC campus to be open for walk-thru and viewing, therefore giving youth a glance at a future life; • Partnered with local beauticians and barbers in August 2022 to provide haircuts and styles for approximately 100 students prior to their return to school; and • Each year he purchases shoes for the Whiteville basketball team. 			
Whereas , Christopher is a positive influence to youth and families in this county. We, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners feel he should be recognized for such.			
Therefore , the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, wish to present this Proclamation, to Chris Wilcox, this the 3 rd day of January, 2023.			
_____ Ricky Bullard, Chairman	_____ Lavern Coleman, Vice-Chairman	_____ Barbara Featherson	_____ Brent Watts
_____ Chris Smith	_____ Giles "Buddy" Byrd	_____ Scott Floyd	_____ Eddie Madden, County Manager
_____ Boyd Worley, Board Attorney		_____ Amanda Prince, Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk	

Agenda Item #9: EMPLOYEE of the YEAR:

County Manager Eddie Madden recognized the Employee of the Year along with the other nominees.

The Employee of the Year is Nakoma Simmons with Cooperative Extension. She has been an employee for 25 years. She has a positive attitude and is loyal and goes above and beyond to help in her department. Additional employees that was nominated was Karen Ward, with Human Resources; she has been an employee for 17 years. Darlene Jenkins Parks has been employed with Social Services for 15 years.

Presented To
NAKOMA SIMMONS

In Sincere Appreciation For Your
Outstanding Service
As
COLUMBUS COUNTY
EMPLOYEE
OF THE
YEAR
2022

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 3, 2023

Agenda Item #10: RETIREMENT PLAQUE of APPRECIATION:

Doris Simmons retired with 20 years’ service as 911 dispatcher and supervisor.

Presented To
DORIS SIMMONS

In Grateful Appreciation For Your
Dedication And Loyalty
To

COLUMBUS COUNTY
11/01/2002 – 11/02/2022

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Item #11: ADMINISTRATION APPROVAL of NEEDS LIST By COUNTY MANGER EDDIE MADDEN to LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION:

COLUMBUS COUNTY NEEDS LIST
Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Public Utilities -New Development	
Six wells on Southern end of County	4,800,000
Water Tank in Dothan Community	3,900,000
Water Tank in Delco Area	3,900,000
Two wells -Delco Area	1,600,000
Total	14,200,000
Solid Waste- New Development	
Build a transfer station for contractor use capable of accommdating larger dump Trailers	5,500,000
Total	5,500,000
Emergency Services	
Four Quick Response Vehicle - \$425,000 each	1,700,000
Total	1,700,000
Economic Development	
50,000 square foot shell building	5,000,000
Three pad ready sites \$1M each	3,000,000
Wet Well and sewer line to serve the 50 acres of the Southeast Regional Park	1,500,000
Total	9,500,000
Health Department	
New Health Department Agency	20,000,000
Total	20,000,000
Facility Based Crisis and Assessment Center	
Repurpose the Millier Building for this center	5,000,000
Total	5,000,000
Aging	
2,400 square foot metal building with brick façade for Tabor City	650,000
Total	650,000
GRAND TOTAL	56,550,000

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Coleman made a motion to approve the needs list, seconded by Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #12: TRANSPORATION UPDATE on TRANSPORTATION FUNDING:

Transportation Director Joy Jacobs will provide an update on Transportation funding for the current fiscal year. Chairman Bullard advised this is a non-action item.

In the past public transportation has been able to work within the allotted grant funds for the transports by charging a \$10.00 fee each way for trips outside of the city limits of Whiteville and limiting the trips that we accepted. For example, of ways we have limited the trips we have cut back to medical appointments only and we do have some regulars that we have been taking to work for many years that we continued to take. During the pandemic we had CARES funding to help with the cost of the trips so we were able to accommodate everyone and they were riding for free for much of last year. With the new budget year, we are back to our regular funding but the cost of providing the trips has gone up. We went back to charging the fee but in discussing the budget with the county manager we agreed to only charge \$5.00 at the time because some passengers were having trouble paying the \$10.00. As you can see in our monthly reports we are over budget for the year so far by \$19,614.80. We can go back to charging the full \$10.00 which will help offset some of the cost but it will also keep some people from being able to ride with us. This alone I don't believe will get us completely back within budget but it will help. Also, if we cut back to just doing medical appointments and those going to work only that will mean we would not be transporting students to SCC for classes either. Right now I need to know how the board would like for us to proceed. I don't like to limit or turn people away but without additional funding we will not be able to make it til the end of the fiscal year otherwise.

As of the end of November we are \$19,614.80 over budget for the year.

EDTAP							
FY 22-23	\$ By Month	Cumulative Total \$	Guideline \$'s	Trips	Cost/Trip	Miles	Cost/Mile
Jul-21	\$ 7,396.99	\$ 7,396.99	\$ 6,517.25	361	\$ 20.49	4,803	\$ 1.54
Aug-21	\$ 12,205.24	\$ 19,602.23	\$ 13,034.50	426	\$ 28.65	5,150	\$ 2.37
Sep-21	\$ 8,141.12	\$ 27,743.35	\$ 19,551.75	256	\$ 31.80	3,283	\$ 2.48
Oct-21	\$ 7,077.46	\$ 34,820.81	\$ 26,069.00	219	\$ 32.32	2,865	\$ 2.47
Nov-21	\$ 6,122.89	\$ 40,943.70	\$ 32,586.25	180	\$ 34.02	2,459	\$ 2.49
Dec-21			\$ 39,103.50		#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
Jan-22			\$ 45,620.75		#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
Feb-22			\$ 52,138.00		#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
Mar-22			\$ 58,655.25		#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
Apr-22			\$ 65,172.50		#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
May-22			\$ 71,689.75		#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
Jun-22			\$ 78,207.00		#DIV/0!		#DIV/0!
TOTALS \$ 40,943.70				1,442		18,560	
Grant \$ 78,207.00				YTD Summaries \$ 28.39			\$ 2.206
Supplement \$				\$2082.05 over budget			
TOTAL \$ 78,207.00							
\$ Remaining \$ 37,263.30							

EMPLOYMENT TRANSPORTATION						
FY 22-23	CCT \$	DSS \$	Cumulative Total \$	Guideline \$'s	Trips	Cost/Trip
July	\$ 3,025.62		\$ 3,025.62	\$ 1,353.92	130	\$ 23.27
August	\$ 3,431.55		\$ 6,457.17	\$ 2,707.84	86	\$ 39.90
September	\$ 2,656.18		\$ 9,113.35	\$ 4,061.76	71	\$ 37.41
October	\$ 1,963.01		\$ 11,076.36	\$ 5,415.68	53	\$ 37.04
November	\$ 923.34		\$ 11,999.70	\$ 6,769.60	27	\$ 34.20
December				\$ 8,123.52		#DIV/0!
January				\$ 9,477.44		#DIV/0!
February				\$ 10,831.36		#DIV/0!
March				\$ 12,185.28		#DIV/0!
April				\$ 13,539.20		#DIV/0!
May				\$ 14,893.12		#DIV/0!
June				\$ 16,247.04		#DIV/0!
TOTALS \$ 11,999.70		\$ -			367	
Cumulative Total \$ 11,999.70						\$ 32.70
Grant	\$ 16,247.00					
Supplement	\$ -					
TOTAL \$ 16,247.00						\$3,980.10 over budget

\$ Remaining	\$ 4,247.30
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RGP				
Month	\$ Spent	Cumulative Total \$ Spent	\$ Allotted	Trips
July	\$ 5,372.92	\$ 5,372.92	\$ 7,715.67	277
August	\$ 9,286.32	\$ 14,659.24	\$ 15,431.34	298
September	\$ 11,973.74	\$ 26,632.98	\$ 23,147.01	387
October	\$ 13,394.02	\$ 40,027.00	\$ 30,862.68	439
November	\$ 18,113.55	\$ 58,140.55	\$ 38,578.35	551
December	\$ -		\$ 46,294.02	
January	\$ -		\$ 54,009.69	
February	\$ -		\$ 61,725.36	
March	\$ -		\$ 69,441.03	
April	\$ -		\$ 77,156.70	
May	\$ -		\$ 84,872.37	
June	\$ -		\$ 92,588.04	
\$13,552.65 over budget				

Agenda Item #13: TRANSPORATATION DIRECTOR JOY JACOBS is REQUESTING APPROVAL of RURAL OPERATING ASSITANCE PROGRAM (ROAP) ADDITIONAL FUNDING:

**CERTIFIED STATEMENT
SECOND ROAP DISBURSEMENT (JANUARY 2023)
FY2023
RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
County of Columbus**

WHEREAS, the state-funded, formula-based Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Integrated Mobility Division provides funding for the operating cost of passenger trips for counties within the state;

WHEREAS, the county uses the most recent transportation plans (i.e., CCP, CTIP, LCP) available and other public involvement strategies to learn about the transportation needs of agencies and individuals in the county before determining the sub-allocation of these ROAP funds;

WHEREAS, the county government or regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 25 or Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes (upon written agreement with the municipalities or counties served) are the only eligible recipients of Rural Operating Assistance Program funds which are allocated to the counties based on a formula as described in the Program Guidelines included in the ROAP State Management Plan. NCDOT will disburse the ROAP funds only to counties and eligible transportation authorities and not to any sub-recipients selected by the county;

WHEREAS, the county finance officer will be considered the county official accountable for the administration of the Rural Operating Assistance Program in the county, unless otherwise designated by the Board of County Commissioners;

WHEREAS, the passenger trips provided with ROAP funds must be accessible to individuals with disabilities and be provided without discrimination on the basis of national origin, creed, age, race, or gender (FTA C 4702.1B, FTA C 4704.1A, Americans with Disabilities Act 1990); and

WHEREAS, the period of performance for these funds will be July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 regardless of the date on which ROAP funds are disbursed to the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, by signing below, the duly authorized representatives of the County of Columbus North Carolina certify that the following statements are true and accurate:

- The county employed a documented methodology for sub-allocating ROAP funds that involved the participation of eligible agencies and citizens. Outreach efforts to include the participation of the elderly and individuals with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, minorities and low-income persons in the county’s sub-allocation decision have been documented.
- The county will advise any sub-recipients about the source of the ROAP funds, specific program requirements and restrictions, eligible program expenses and reporting requirements. The county will be responsible for invoicing any sub-recipients for unexpended ROAP funds as needed.
- The county will monitor ROAP funded services routinely to verify that ROAP funds are being spent on allowable activities and that the eligibility of service recipients is being properly documented. The county will maintain records of trips for at least five years that prove that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible transportation service on the billed date, by whatever conveyance at the specified cost.
- The county will be responsible for monitoring the safety, quality, and cost of ROAP funded services and assures that any procurements by subrecipients for contracted services will follow state and federal guidelines.

The county will conduct regular evaluations of ROAP funded passenger trips provided throughout the period of performance.

The county will only use the ROAP funds to provide trips when other funding sources are not available for the same purpose or the other funding sources for the same purpose have been completely exhausted.

The county assures that the required matching funds for the FY2023 ROAP can be generated from fares and/or provided from local funds.

The county will notify the Regional Grant Specialist assigned to the county if any ROAP funded services are discontinued before the end of the period of performance due to the lack of funding. No additional ROAP funds will be available.

The county will provide an accounting of trips and expenditures in monthly reports to NCDOT – Integrated Mobility Division or its designee. **Back-up documentation is required to support the monthly reports, failure to provide documentation will affect future disbursements. The June report will be considered the annual report.**

Any interest earned on the ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application. The County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.

The county is applying for the following amount of secondary FY2023 Rural Operating Assistance Program funds:

State-Funded Rural Operating Assistance Program Second Disbursement	Allocated	Requested
Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)	15,168	15,168
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)	3,129	3,129
Rural General Public Program (RGP)	17,977	17,977
TOTAL	36,274	36,274

VITNESS my hand and county seal, this _____ day of January, 2023.

Signature of County Manager/Administrator

Signature of County Finance Officer

Printed Name of County Manager/Administrator

Printed Name of County Finance Officer

State of North Carolina County of



MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the ROAP additional funding, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #14: FINANCE- APPROVAL of TRILLIUM OPIOID REMDIATION GRANT ORDINANCE: FINANCE DIRECTOR LACIE JACOBS is REQUESTING APPROVAL of the GRANT ORDINANCE:

(Lacie Jacobs will be available to answer any questions Commissioners may have.)

**COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Ordinance making appropriations to the Trillium Opioid
Remediation Grant Project Fund
for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby made to the Trillium Opioid Remediation Grant Project pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

Source of Revenue

33-3573-422035 Trillium Opioid Remediation Grant	\$ 152,865
Total Estimated Revenues – Trillium Opioid Remediation Grant	<u>\$ 152,865</u>

Project Appropriations

33-5702-526001 Departmental Supplies	<u>\$ 152,865</u>
Total Project Appropriations – Trillium Opioid Remediation Grant	<u>\$ 152,865</u>

Description: Trillium Health Resources (LME/PIHP) is providing funding to purchase medicine lockboxes to be distributed by the Columbus County Health Department. Trillium is also providing funding to purchase 90 vials of Vivitrol to be disbursed by the Healing Place of New Hanover County for the population receiving services.

Section 2: The project undertaken pursuant to this ordinance is in accordance with the Recommended Budget and any changes made during the County Commissioners' budget work sessions.

Section 3: The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy all applicable regulations. The terms of any financing agreement also shall be met.

Section 4: The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain costs of various projects, for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.

Section 5: All expenditures relating to obtaining any bond referendum and or installment purchase will be reimbursed from bond proceeds and installment purchase proceeds in accordance with the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 -2.

Section 6: This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

Section 7: The County intends to seek Federal, State, and/or other grant funding to reduce the amount of loan proceeds. The adoption of this ordinance authorizes the County Manager and/or his representative to apply for and accept such funding if awarded.

Section 8: This project ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Within five days hereof, copies of this ordinance shall be filed with the finance office in Columbus County, and with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County. Copies of the Capital Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer, the Project Manager, and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

This Grant Project shall become effective on January 3, 2023.
ADOPTED, this 3rd day of January, 2023

MOTION:

Ricky Bullard, Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

BUDGET AMENDMENT

FY 2023

Name of Department: Health Department
 Agency Head Signature: Lentley Smith 11/28/22
 Date Prepared: November 28, 2022 Date Received in Admin: _____

Budget Code Fund Dept. Object	Classification Line Item	Requested Increase or (Decrease)
10 5171 526001	Dental Departmental Supplies	\$25,000
10 5171 650010	Dental Non-Capital Outlay	\$5,000
10 5171 650000	Dental Capital Outlay	\$28,594
Total Net Expense		\$58,594

Budget Code Fund Dept. Object	Classification Line Item	Requested Increase or (Decrease)
10 3510 440098	Dental Grants	\$58,594
Total Net Revenue		\$58,594

This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County Finance Office:
 This budget revision has been approved by the Columbus County County Manager:
 This budget revision has been approved by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners on: _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Explanation of Increase or Decrease

Grant FY21-22 Carryover to FY 22-23 Duke Endowment Funding

BUDGET AMENDMENT
Columbus County, NC
 Name of Department: Finance
 Agency Head Signature: Lacie Jacobs
 Date Prepared: December 15, 2022 Date Received in Admin: _____

Budget Code Fund Dept. Object	Classification Line Item	Requested Increase or (Decrease)
49 4352 524000	Construction	1,680,914
49 4352 551010	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	100,000
Total Net Expenditures		1,780,914

Budget Code Fund Dept. Object	Classification Line Item	Requested Increase or (Decrease)
49 3452 489199	Transfer from General Fund	1,780,914
Total Net Revenue		1,780,914

This budget revision has been approved by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners on: _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Explanation of Increase or Decrease

BUDGET AMENDMENT
Columbus County, NC
 Name of Department: Finance
 Agency Head Signature: Lacie Jacobs
 Date Prepared: December 15, 2022 Date Received in Admin: _____

Budget Code Fund Dept. Object	Classification Line Item	Requested Increase or (Decrease)
10 9800 589049	Transfer to Historic Courthouse - Capital Project	1,780,914
Total Net Expenditures		1,780,914

Budget Code Fund Dept. Object	Classification Line Item	Requested Increase or (Decrease)
10 3991 499103	American Rescue Plan - Revenue Replacement	1,780,914
Total Net Revenue		1,780,914

This budget revision has been approved by the Board of Columbus County Commissioners on: _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

Explanation of Increase or Decrease

Budget Amendment needed to increase the availability of funding for the Historic Courthouse Renovations.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments as presented, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #16: JCPC APPROVAL of MEMBERSHIP CHANGES – JCPC CHAIRMAN TERRY MANN is REQUESTING CHANGES to the COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP.

Chairman Terry Mann expressed his concerns over the inability to get members to show up for the JCPC meetings. He is asking the Commissioners help in finding people who will serve on the board and also remove members who are not attending the meetings and have missed three consecutive unexcused absents.

Requested Members to be Removed:

- Whiteville Police Chief Doug Ipock
- Sheriff Jody Green, or his designee
- Steve Nobles
- Tabitha Etheridge
- Randy Ellis – Commissioner Byrd’s Appointee
- Judge Pauline Hankins
- Chris Hanks – Commissioner McDowell’s Appointee

Requested add-on:

Judge Sarah McPherson (Replaced) Judge Hankins

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made motion to remove the requested members and add on Judge McPherson in Judge Hankins place as requested by Chairman Terry Mann, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #17: APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/REPLACEMENTS: STAFF is REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS 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 of Health	EB	Charles McDowell	Term
Columbus Regional Healthcare Board	EB	Commissioner Appointment	Term
Cape Fear Council of Governments	EB	Current – Brent Watts Alternate – Lavern Coleman	12/2/22
Parks and Recreation	District 1	Clarence Williams	12/2/22
Parks and Recreation	District VI	Worley Edwards	12/2/22
Parks and Recreation	District VII	Necole Babson	12/2/22
Partnership for Children	EB	Jerome McMillian	12/2/22

MOTION: Vice Chairman Coleman made a motion to appoint Commissioner Scott Floyd to serve on the Board of Health, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Commissioner Coleman made a motion for Chris Smith to serve on Columbus Regional Healthcare Board, seconded by Commission Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION: Commissioner Byrd made a motion for Commissioner Watts to serve on the Cape Fear Council of Governments and Commissioner Coleman to serve as the Alternate for this board, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

Commissioner Featherson re-appointed Clarence Williams to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Chairman Bullard re-appointed Worley Edwards to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Commissioner Floyd re-appointed Necole Babson to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

MOTION: Commissioner Byrd made a motion for Commissioner Featherson to serve on the Partnership for Children Committee, seconded by Vice-Chairman Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICTS I, II, III, IV AND V. Approval of the November 21 2022 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Chairman Coleman and second by Commissioner Smith to recess regular session and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV and V.

Agenda Item #18: WATER and SEWER DISTRICT I, II, III, IV and V – APPROVAL of the NOVEMBER 21, 2022 MINTUES:

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Coleman made a motion to approve the November 21, 2022 minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN COMBINATION MEETING OF Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts I, II, III, IV AND V BOARD MEETING.

Agenda Item #19: COMMENTS:

A. Board of Commissioners

1. **Commissioner Byrd** stated the following:

Well I am glad we all made it back to start the new year and look forward to 2023 and hope things we have been working on will come to light and the main thing that this board will move forward and represent everyone in Columbus County.

Vice Chairman Coleman stated the following:

I hopes we to put of things from the past year behind us and I am hoping we can all pull together and I appreciate all you do for the county.

Commissioner Featherson stated the following:

Happy New Year to everyone and as Commissioner Byrd stated, we need to keep our eyes on the county and not a particular group, but we must promote our county in a positive light and she stated she is delighted to be on the board and appreciates the support she has received from the board and administration. Tye Moss and another young man who are in college represented Columbus County positively in the college bowl games.

Commissioner Floyd stated the following:

I am excited about being on the board and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Smith stated the following:

I would like to say Happy New Year also. I went to the Department of Aging Christmas Party and just wanted to say what a good group of people are there. He also stated Bladenboro Hwy to old Lumberton Road has no shoulder on the road and this need to be addressed. Mr. Madden stated that he would send a letter to DOT regarding this.

Commissioner Bullard stated the following:

Happy New Year to everyone and I look forward to working with everyone. I also take this position very seriously. I would like to share a message that was given to me when I was sworn in and would like to share this prayer with the board; Psalm 106:3 Blessed are those who act justly and do right.

B. **County Manager Mr. Eddie Madden** stated the following

I would like to extend Happy New Year to the board and we have been through a very cold few weeks and it is times like this when our employees are asked to rise to the occasion we had to call on our public utilities department, they worked most Christmas Eve and Christmas day restoring service throughout the county from frozen pipes and other causes. In addition, our Emergency Services

Department opened a cold weather station here on the property for anyone who needed to seek shelter. Several employees from the county were also here, Health Department, Social Services, and others on their Christmas Eve to make sure that we had facilities available for those in need. A couple of reminders we have the Martin Luther King Jr Parade on January 14th please mark your calendar for that. Also our board will not meet on January 16th because of that holiday instead the next day January 17th, which is a Tuesday.

Agenda Item #20: ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Featherson. The motion unanimously passed.

At 7:23 P.M. Commissioner McMillian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The motion unanimously passed.

NATALIE CARROLL, Special Projects Coordinator

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman