

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****Monday, December 18, 2023****12:00 P.M. – Special Called Meeting**

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 Special Called Meeting.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**  
 Lavern Coleman, **Vice Chairman**  
 Giles E. Byrd  
 Scott Floyd  
 Barbara Featherson  
 Brent Watts  
 Chris Smith

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
 Amanda B. Prince, **Attorney**

**APPOINTEES ABSENT:**

Jana Nealey, **Clerk to the Board**

**Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

**At 12:00 P.M. Chairman Ricky Bullard called the special called meeting to order.**

**Public Hearing – 12:00 PM or as soon as can be heard - USDA Loan Closing for Tabor City School.**

**Attorney Amanda Prince Commented:** This is the final financing for Tabor City school and it should not exceed \$29 Million and it is where you close out construction and get with the USDA about the loan to be paid out in a long-term basis.

*\*No public comments were made*

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Featherson made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #2: ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – APPROVAL of LEASE with COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD of EDUCATION – TABOR CITY SCHOOL:****MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #3: ATTORNEY’S OFFICE – APPROVAL of USDA LOAN, CLOSING DOCUMENTS, and SIGNATORY AUTHORITY to COUNTY MANAGER and CHAIRMAN regarding TABOR CITY SCHOOL:**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Coleman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Vice Chairman Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item# 4: ADMINISTRATION – APPROVAL of the FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AMENDED MINUTES to the 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:**

County Manager Eddie Madden requested approval to amend the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Community Development Block Grant public hearing comments from “7” houses to “4” houses.

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Byrd made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #5: SHERIFF’S OFFICE – APPROVAL to LOWER ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION RATES for the MONTHS of JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2024:**

Sheriff Bill Rogers is requested approval to lower adoption rates to \$20 at the Animal Shelter for the months of January and February, 2024.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Feathersen. The motion unanimously passed

**Agenda Item #6: SHERIFF’S OFFICE – APPROVAL of the QUOTE from AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. to PURCHASE TASERS for DETENTION CENTER:**

Deputy Chief Jerome McMillian requested approval of the quote from Axon Enterprise Inc. which is a sole source provider, in the amount of \$86,819.83 to purchase Tasers for Certified Detention Officers. This purchase was pre-budgeted.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve seconded by Commissioner Coleman. The motion unanimously passed.



Axon Enterprise, Inc.  
17800 N 85th St.  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85255  
United States  
VAT: 86-0741227  
Domestic: (800) 978-2737  
International: +1.800.978.2737

Q-498391-45259.918RM

Issued: 1/29/2023

Quote Expiration: 12/29/2023

Estimated Contract Start Date: 02/01/2024

Account Number: 129395

Payment Terms: N30

Delivery Method:

SHIP TO	BILL TO
Columbus County Detention 803 Washington Street Whiteville, NC 28472 USA	Columbus County Sheriff's Office - NC 803 Washington Street Whiteville NC 28472 USA Email:

SALES REPRESENTATIVE	PRIMARY CONTACT
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#### Quote Summary

Program Length:	60 Months
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$81,696.00</b>
<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL W/ TAX</b>	<b>\$86,819.83</b>

#### Discount Summary

Average Savings Per Year:	\$2,073.60
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$10,368.00</b>

#### Payment Summary

Date	Subtotal	Tax	Total
Jan 2024	\$81,696.00	\$5,123.83	\$86,819.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,696.00</b>	<b>\$5,123.83</b>	<b>\$86,819.83</b>

### Agenda Item #7: ADJOURNMENT:

#### MOTION:

At 8:10 P.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Floyd The motion unanimously passed.

JANA NEALEY, Clerk to the Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman