

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Monday, March 3, 2025**

**5:30 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 the Regular Session.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Edwin H. Madden, Jr., **County Manager**  
Amanda B. Prince, **Attorney**  
Jana Nealey, **Clerk to Board**

**APPOINTEES ABSENT:**

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

At 5:30 P.M., Chairman Lavern Coleman called the regular 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 and N.C.G.S. § 143318.11 (A) (6) PERSONNEL:**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to recess regular session and enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Smith. 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. § 143318.11 (A) (6) PERSONNEL**

**RECESS CLOSED SESSION and enter into REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:**

At 6:35P.M. Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess closed session and enter into regular session, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC HEARING – NEW ORDINANCE REGULATING RV’S, CAMPERS, and TRAVEL TRAILERS.**

**Shelia Gerald Evans** - I live at 758 River Road in Tabor City, down on the dead-end dirt road near the Waccamaw River. I essentially live in a swamp. Recently, a gentleman has come out here discussing RV campgrounds, and I believe we need to reexamine the definition of what constitutes a campground. When I think of a campground, I think of places like Daddy Joe's and Willow Tree, not someone purchasing four acres of property, setting up 12 sites, providing water, sewer, and electricity, charging \$700 a month, and essentially running a short-term rental operation.

I just heard you mention that people aren't allowed to live there, but I'm confused because that's exactly what's happening right in front of my home. I'm sorry, but this has become a very difficult situation for all of us. I'm not sure if you're familiar with River Road down in Pireway, but we flood quite frequently, and these are some of my concerns.

While I understand the appeal of outdoor recreation and the benefits a campground can offer to visitors, I'm becoming increasingly troubled by the impact its proximity is having on my quality of life. Specifically, I'm facing significant challenges regarding privacy, peace, and safety. I feel as though my personal space is being encroached upon in a way that is both uncomfortable and unsettling.

Furthermore, many of these campers are living there on a permanent basis. Living so close to a campground has left me with little to no privacy. I've been forced to put up a privacy fence at my own expense, and I had to gate my driveway to stop people from coming to my home looking for the campground office. The increased traffic

through the area makes it difficult to enjoy the quiet and solitude I once had in my own home, and it's making road maintenance an issue.

Just for the record, River Road is over 100 years old, it's private property, and it has always been maintained by the property owners. Suddenly, this responsibility has been taken away from us. The owner of the campground has been working on the road without our permission, and has also been complaining about it without accepting responsibility. His business has made road maintenance a priority, but it seems to be a priority only for him.

Most concerning of all is the impact the campground has had on my sense of safety. With large numbers of strangers moving in and out of the area, I no longer feel the same level of security I once did. I've noticed an increase in unfamiliar vehicles and individuals on the property, which raises concerns about trespassing and potential criminal activity. Additionally, the lack of clear regulations for behavior and overnight parking has led to situations where non-campers or groups without proper supervision might pose a risk to the surrounding residents, some of whom are elderly women living alone. There are also unlicensed people on four-wheelers driving on the road, and the possibility of an accident has significantly increased. In fact, we were almost hit by one of them.

One person's desperate need for a dollar is coming at the expense of all the rest of us residents in the area.

**Attorney Prince** - Ma'am you have 30 more seconds.

**Shelia Gerald Evans** - I have also had Animal Control called several times due to trash being spread from the camper's cans. As more campers and containers are added, the trash piles up and falls out. Our community has always allowed pets to roam freely, as we are in a swamp surrounded by other animals. However, now that is no longer possible. The county is growing, and new houses are being built. People need to move into houses and out of campers, unless they are in a certified campground like Daddy Joe's or Willow Tree. The county must set a standard like those areas and ensure everyone adheres to it.

Thank you, gentlemen.

**Peter Grundt** - I'm a relative newcomer to Columbus County. I've been here for 14 years now. I live in a regular home, but I've noticed many people living in travel trailers, and for some, this is their only home. I'm a retired nurse, and I worked with people with AIDS. That's what they could afford a travel trailer.

My concern is that I'm not necessarily against the rules, but I feel that people who have been living this way should be able to be grandfathered in, so they're not forced off their property to somewhere they cannot afford. When people talk about paying \$600 or \$700 a month for rent, I've seen many mobile homes in this county that are 40 to 50 years old and not properly maintained. These homes do not meet the necessary wind ratings. Are we going to take care of those as well?

We also have many people living in homes that are in poor condition and are close to 100 years old. I'm sure their wind ratings are very poor as well, so you can't simply say that it's unsafe due to wind just because of where someone chooses to live. If a hurricane comes through and something happens, it's not the county's fault, it's the individual's responsibility to go somewhere safe.

I would like to see people who have established their homes in travel trailers be grandfathered in, so they can stay there, with no further growth in that manner.

Thank you.

**Russel Tyler** - I'm a full-time RVer, and I've been RVing all my life. I've traveled across the United States, meeting many people who RV full-time. About 80 to 90% of full-time RV'ers have a permanent home base they return to. It's usually a piece of land they've bought, where they stay for 3 to 6 months, and then they're back on the road again.

If someone owns a private piece of land, I believe they should have the freedom to do what they want with it, whether that's living in an RV, a mobile home, or a house. They should have that opportunity. The difference is with people who are paying and renting RV spaces. I do not think they should be allowed to stay there 100% of the time.

If we set a limit, such as 180 days, how do we regulate that? There are many so-called RV campgrounds in this county where people are living year-round. They're not moving every 180 days—they have permanent steps, and some have buildings built next to their RVs. There are no regulations in place to monitor this, so how can we enforce a rule like the 180-day limit?

Lastly, regarding the idea of grandfathering people in: if we claim that campers are a wind risk, how can we allow someone to stay in a camper that we know is a risk? If you pass this regulation, I don't think anyone

should be grandfathered in. If we believe the campers are unsafe due to wind, the county should go out and remove them all.

Thank you.

**William Sibbett** - Mine is kind of a different type of situation. I have a handicapped son who was hurt back in 2006 and requires not full attention, but assisted attention. His decision-making at times is not very good.

Back in 2011, I set him up in a camper on my property, which is six acres. I had it wired, plumbed, and it is fully underpinned and tied down with center blocks underneath. There is also a shelter over it for security, with a roof close enough that it would withstand a good storm before any damage is done.

If this regulation goes into effect, there's no way I could set him up somewhere that would be safe for him. I've tried assisted living homes and lower-cost duplexes where people might take advantage of him, but I tried that back in 2007-2008, and it failed.

With this setup, he can come and go as needed, and I have security cameras monitoring the house at all times. The problem is that he gets \$900 a month, and in this county, that won't rent you anything suitable. I have nowhere else for him to go. He can't stay with me because he sleeps during the day and is up during the night.

I don't see how the county would be liable for something that I feel is safe for him, especially since he has no other place to go. The county isn't building houses for the salaries that people in this area earn. Most of what's being built are duplexes for people moving into this county.

I have no option but to keep him in the camper. I wish you would consider grandfathering in the existing campers that are already set up.

Thank you all. It's good to see you.

**Steven Stancil** - I kind of feel like I'm probably shooting myself in the foot here, but Bridget has helped me out a little bit as I'm in the process of opening the campground. My theory is, if you have a piece of land, like a farm out in the woods somewhere, and you want to have power and full hookups to it to stay for a week or maybe the summer, you should be allowed to have a camper there. If the land perks, then it's fine. If it doesn't perk, maybe just allow someone to have power and a little getaway.

But as far as the county being held liable for suits if someone's in a camper and they pull down the road at 70 miles per hour during a Category 1 hurricane—everything seems like it's becoming a situation where we're being dictated to about what we can and can't do with our own land.

And like I said, it's probably hurting me because if you're forced not to stay on your own land, you might end up staying with me. But I just feel like, if you have a piece of land and want to keep it neat, you should be able to put a camper there and take care of it. That's one thing the county doesn't have—like Bridgette was saying, we don't have anyone overseeing it. Who was the last person to do that, Brandon Easton?

We don't have anyone going around to make sure things are picked up. You can have the nicest house in the world, but people still let junk pile up. As for a camper being next to your house, I don't think that's going to hurt anything.

Those are just my thoughts.

**Michael Walker** - I live on a Fred Powell Road, and I also have a place on River Road. It's like a carnival or circus down there. People are speeding up and down the road at 50-60 mph, not caring about safety. There are a lot of people living there full-time now, just like the man said.

If you come back up here to Fred Powell Road, straight across from me, there are two mobile homes that were owned by my family. My dad was gracious enough to give them to my cousin, but he lost them, and then another individual bought them and he sold it, and now they have two mobile homes, two campers, and an outbuilding. People are living in the campers, and they even have porches and sheds on them. What does that tell you? They're not just using them for camping.

Not only that, but each one has a trash can, and they all have mailboxes. I've also seen a car there with a North Carolina tag, but everyone else has South Carolina tags. There are about 20-30 people coming in and out all the time, so I don't really know who lives there. But it's real problem. The people who bought it are renting it out, probably under the table. Behind each of the mobile homes, there's a camper with a shed next to it, and every car has South Carolina tags. They all have trash cans and mailboxes.

Something needs to be done. On any given weekend, I'll be behind my house in my barn, and it sounds like the Tijuana over there is playing loud music. I'm just giving you a heads-up on what's going on in the county. I

understand we don't have a lot of enforcement people, but keep in mind, this is just a mile from town. I live a mile and a half behind Walmart, and this is what's happening.

Thank you.

**Bridgette Spann** - I just want to bring some clarity to the issue of campgrounds. Campgrounds go through a process called a special use permit process. What happens is that the campground owner must come before the planning board, and then it goes to the board of adjustments for approval. There is a fee that they have to pay. These campground sites are owned and operated by the owner, and they are enforced by the owner.

If a storm arises, the owner of the campground is responsible for ensuring that all the mobile homes, travel trailers, and RVs are moved to higher ground. That is their responsibility, not the county's. However, they do have to go through the special use permit process for approval.

What we're trying to implement are regulations for standalone campers and RVs that are popping up all over the county. That's what we're working on — getting regulations in place for these types of setups.

Thank you.

**Chairman Coleman** – Do I have a motion to close the public hearing?

**Commissioner Floyd** – We have one more.

**Johnny Edge** – I haven't been heard.

**Attorney Prince** – I had you down for public comment, as it is public comment.

**Chairman Coleman** - Is there a second for the public comment?

**Attorney Prince** - They're two different ones.

**Johnny Edge** – When does that happen?

**Attorney Prince** - That comes before any actions is taken.

**Commissioner Byrd** – They are two separate things.

**Chairman Coleman** - We'll close the first one and move on to the second one. The second public hearing will be at 6:30, or as soon as it can be heard, regarding the special use permit for a duplex apartment community and multifamily dwellings.

## **2nd PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL USE PERMIT for a DUPLEX APARTMENT COMMUNITY (MULTI FAMILY DWELLING)**

**Chairman Coleman** – Please state your name, sir.

**Roger Watts** – I live at 104 Home Harrelson Road in Whiteville. What I'm trying to do is install something very similar to what Alan Blackman has done — the same concept, same house, and same setup. My plan is to place it on 8 acres on the far side of the property, which will be over 600 feet away from any side property line. The spray field is located nearby, but according to the requirements, it needs to be at least 500 feet away from it. With the planned placement at 500 feet, I will not even be close to the backyard area where we intend to put it. Therefore, there are no concerns regarding the septic system or well placement.

**Chairman Coleman** – Okay, are there any questions?

**Chairman Coleman** – Does anyone have any other comments regarding any of the public hearings?

**Chairman Coleman** – Do I have a motion to close the public hearings?

### **MOTION:**

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

### **Agenda Item # 5: APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

### **MOTION:**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the agenda, with Agenda Item #12 being tabled until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #6: BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

- A. January 21, 2025 Regular Session
- B. February 3, 2025 Regular Session
- C. February 17, 2025 Regular Session

**MOTION:**

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

**Agenda Item #7: PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Attorney Prince** - We have some matters that could have fit into the camper public hearing, but essentially, public hearings have a new format now that the COVID emergency restrictions are over. For public hearings, people must be present, but that is not the case for public input. We've always allowed emails for public input, and I have two emails and two cards.

**Email #1 - Sherry Luca (Read by Attorney Prince)**- I see that RV regulations are on the agenda for Monday. Unfortunately, I can't attend due to just having surgery. However, this is an issue I'd like to shed light on. My property on Vinegar Hill Road, Taber City, within the county limits, is dealing with ongoing problems regarding the properties on both sides of me, which have unregulated RVs. One of these properties has a schizophrenic daughter living in the RV, with trash being dumped daily, spreading to my property and others. The other property has a crack-addicted mother, and they've moved her RV so close to our property line and a back-out building that a fire could cause a disaster. Additionally, that property has an ongoing septic issue that has killed all of our property line trees, which need to be removed. I am attaching images from our security cameras to show the issue. Also, the property with the trash dumping has an overflowing sewage issue that is beginning to cause odors, and the RV nearest our property line has a complete roof leak. Both individuals are living in deplorable conditions.

**Email #1 – Calvin Norton (Read by Attorney Prince)**- This email is from Calvin Norton addressed to all County Board Members and County Manager Eddie Madden. This email serves as my public comment for tonight's agenda meeting. I would like to request the meeting minutes for verification, specifically per Article 10, pages 35-36, of the Columbus County Ordinance. I believe the County Land Zoning and Permit Department has violated this ordinance, along with federal law (FEA), regarding zone requirements.

The general purpose for RV campers and fifth-wheel trailers is for temporary use on designated campsites, not for use on private or business property as permanent dwelling residences. Typically, temporary stays are limited to 30 days, after which the unit must be removed. Permits issued for electricity use are intended for temporary stays and not for permanent residency. Allowing these units for permanent use is a violation of the law.

This board may be liable for participating in fraud by permitting Jody Green to claim residency in an RV, which is a violation of county ordinances. At the very least, all campers, RVs, and fifth-wheel trailers in the county should be denied permits or zoning approval. They must leave after the designated 30-day period unless authorized under the law.

Furthermore, I request that the board refer this issue to the District Attorney's Office and the Columbus County Sheriff's Office for a criminal investigation. I also ask that the local Board of Elections nullify Jody Green's candidacy certificates for the 2018 and 2022 elections, as his affidavit claiming residency in an RV on 1049 Pages Millpond Road, instead of a qualified mobile home. Regards Dr. Norton.

**Attorney Prince** – He has listed some statutes to support his claims, and I can pass those around, but we may exceed the 3-minute limit if I read them all.

**Attorney Prince** – Our next speaker is Mr. Johnny Edge.

**Johnny Edge** – I live at 470 Happy Home Road Nakina, North Carolina

**Attorney Prince** – Mr. Edge you have 3 minutes.

**Johnny Edge** - Good evening, and I appreciate your time. The reason I'm coming before the commissioners this evening is because I have some personal concerns about the direction our county is headed. I have lived here for over 30 years and consider myself a good citizen, always trying to support the county in any way I can to make Columbus County a better place to live.

Over the years, I have promoted Columbus County in any way I could, attending business meetings and Economic Development meetings, and bringing businesses to the county. About 10 or 12 years ago, I initiated a

meeting between the county manager at the time, Bill Clark, and Mr. Dick Jones from the YMCA in Wilmington to discuss building a Health and Sports Center, which Columbus County desperately needs. Unfortunately, that project fell through. I even offered to build it at no cost in terms of profit; they would only have to pay the hard costs. But this isn't about me.

This is about discussing what's going on in Columbus County and how the people here are being treated. Since Mr. Madden has come to Columbus County, I have gone to his office seven times to introduce myself and ask him how I could help make Columbus County a better place to live. Unfortunately, to no avail. I have called several times and spoke with Mr. Madden only once. Our conversation was brief, and he passed me off to someone else. I also set up an appointment, but when I arrived, Mr. Madden was not there, and I was told that a call had been made to cancel the appointment. I understand that things happen, but I don't understand why I wasn't contacted to be informed that the meeting was canceled or why an effort wasn't made to set up another appointment.

My concern is this: If he treats me this way, how is he treating other people in Columbus County?

**Attorney Prince** – You have 30 more seconds.

**Johnny Edge** - I propose creating a directory to support every citizen in Columbus County, which has a population of 54,000. It would be a great benefit to the community, and I have spoken to hundreds of people who are eager to get their hands on it. However, in just two to three weeks, the directory that was initially supported by the county was dissolved. I don't understand why this happened when it could have helped every citizen in Columbus County.

**Attorney Prince** – Sir your time is up.

**Johnny Edge** – Some decisions that have been made to decline....

**Attorney Prince** – Mr. Edge your 3 minutes are up.

**Chairman Coleman** – Thank you, sir.

**Johnny Edge** – I would appreciate it if someone could look into these matters. Thank you

**Attorney Prince** – Mr. Ervin Kreutter, you have 3 minutes as well.

**Ervin Kreutter** - I live at 138 Oxford Village, Tabor City, North Carolina. In recent days, a tragedy has been unfolding at the highest level in our federal government. The President of the United States took a vote in the United Nations against the free world and was supported by 18 terrorist nations.

Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution guarantees a republican form of government. You cannot have a guarantee in which the head of state is supporting tyrannies against free people. That's impeachable.

Then, after that, we have the embarrassment of attacking a brave man, defended by the free world, after a set-to in the Oval Office. Nationwide protests in favor of the man in Ukraine followed the set-to in the Oval Office. There are people on the internet, who I cannot attest to and do not know if they're telling the truth, but they are laying out facts without qualification. They claim that Donald Trump's first wife was a Russian agent. I have no knowledge of this; it's on the internet and YouTube. They say she brought her husband, at age 40, to Russia to recruit him as a Russian agent.

Now, I've heard that Donald Trump sues people, and if this isn't true, he should be suing somebody. That's pretty serious stuff. So why totally back the dictator, murderous Putin, and push so hard against the free and brave people of Ukraine?

We have a national crisis. After this, I was shocked to see sensible conservative news networks taking hard stands in favor of what happened against the Ukrainians. I didn't think that was possible. Fox, taking over from MSNBC, has become just as misguided as they were for the left.

If I can get my thoughts together to say this: The Secretary said a day or two ago that he would stop cybersecurity checks on Russia to draw them to the negotiating table. More unbelievable stuff. You couldn't do a dumber thing.

The President of Finland, some fine people in Europe, said that the only thing Putin understands is force. Who do you believe?

**Attorney Prince** – Sir you have 30 seconds.

**Ervin Kreutter** - The President of Finland made a statement, or Pete Hegseth, who says we can get somewhere with Russia by exposing our nation to a devastating attack on our infrastructure. If our electrical grid were brought down through an electronic attack, 90% of us would die. This has been widely reported. The man who brought this up has credentials, and no one has challenged him. I just can't believe what's going on.

If I can get this out quickly, I have a plan to break this broken model.

**Attorney Prince** - Sir, your three minutes are up.

**Ervin Kreutter**- Well, I'll just try to tidy it up. We have a factual system, a hard factual system in the courts. We need a soft factual system for the...

**Attorney Prince** – Sir, your three minutes are up.

**Ervin Kreutter** - We haven't done anything to think about or develop it.

**Chairman Coleman** - Okay, thank you, sir.

**Chairman Coleman** – Is there anything more, ma'am, attorney?

**Attorney Prince** – No, sir.

**Agenda Item #8: PLANNING BOARD – APPROVAL OF THE NEW ORDINANCE REGULATING RV’S, CAMPERS, AND TRAVEL TRAILERS:**

EDC/Planning Director Gary Lanier requested approval of the new ordinance regulating RV’s, Campers, and Travel Trailers. This action item was associated with the previously held public hearing.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting to get clarification on some points that were made during the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**Chapter 10, Part 2 – Land Use Regulation Ordinance**

**Article 9 Special Development Standards:**

**Standard E – Camper, Recreational Vehicle, and Travel Trailer Requirements**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

- When used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning given in this section:
- a. Camper: A folding structure manufactured of metal, wood, canvas, plastic or other materials, or any combination thereof, mounted on wheels and designed for travel, recreation or vacation use.
  - b. Travel Trailer: A vehicular, portable structure built on chassis, designed to be towed by a self-propelled vehicle for use for travel, recreation or vacation purposes.
  - c. Recreational Vehicle:
    - i. Built on a single chassis;
    - ii. 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
    - iii. Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a self-propelled vehicle; and
    - iv. Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling, but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.
  - d. Tent: A portable shelter of canvas, plastic or skins stretched over a supporting framework of poles with skins stretched over a supporting framework of poles with ropes and pegs.

**2. Allowed in areas zoned as General Use (GU)**

**3. Location Restrictions:**

- a. Campers, travel trailers, recreational vehicles and tents are restricted to designated campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks, or travel trailer parks and cannot serve as residential or rental units on private property.
- b. Recreational vehicles may be parked for storage purposes only in driveways, garages, or rear yards of residential lots.
- c. Recreational vehicles cannot have sewer or septic connections while parked or stored.

**4. Temporary Use:**

- a. A recreational vehicle, with all required permits, may serve as a temporary dwelling for up to 180 consecutive days during the construction of a single-family home.

- b. In the event of an emergency, such as a natural disaster, a recreational vehicle or travel trailer (e.g., a FEMA trailer) may be used as a temporary dwelling for up to 30 days or until the occupant's permanent residence is rebuilt or repaired.

**Agenda Item #9: PLANNING BOARD – APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A DUPLEX APARTMENT COMMUNITY (MULTI FAMILY DWELLING):**

EDC/Planning Director Gary Lanier requested approval of a special use permit for a previously held public hearing.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit for a Duplex Apartment Community (Multi Family Dwelling), seconded by Vice Chairman Smith. Chairman Coleman called for a roll call vote, Madam Attorney.

**A roll-call vote was taken with the following results:**

**AYES:** Vice Chairman Smith, Chairman Coleman, Commissioner Byrd, Commissioner Bullard and Commissioner Watts;  
**and NAYS:** Commissioner Featherson, and Commissioners Floyd.

The motion was approved on a five (5) to two (2) vote.

**Agenda Item #10: HMGP FLORENCE NON-EXPEDITED GRANT PROJECT- APPROVAL OF THE BIDS FOR DEMOLITION OF PROPERITES AND ASBESTOS REMOVAL:**

Assistant County Manager Gail Edwards requested approval of the HMGP Florence Non-Expedited Grant Project bids for demolition of properties and asbestos removal.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Featherson made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chairman Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

County of Columbus  
Bid Date: 2/25/25 @ 10:00 a.m.

Contractor		Unit 18-02 Acq 3317 Red Hill Rd, Whiteville	Unit 18-03 Acq 409 W. Virgil St., Whiteville	Unit 18-05 Acq 215 W Walter St, Whiteville	TOTAL BID
BARFIELD'S BACKHOC	Demo	6,250	15,840	4,500	34,159
	Asbestos	5,069	2,500	N/A	
	TOTAL	11,319	18,340	4,500	
4 SEASON'S DEMOLITION	Demo	12,000	19,500	8,000	49,900
	Asbestos	6,200	4,200	N/A	
	TOTAL	18,200	23,700	8,000	
KOWEN CONCRETE CONTRACTORS	Demo	6,190	10,900	4,400	29,250
	Asbestos	5,760	2,000	N/A	
	TOTAL	11,950	12,900	4,400	
	Demo				
	Asbestos			N/A	
	TOTAL				
	Demo				
	Asbestos			N/A	
	TOTAL				

Daniel Carter 10:00 2/25  
Gail Edwards 10:00 AM 2/25/25

HMGP Florence Non Expedited

NOTICE OF AWARD  
DEMOLITION  
Group #2

TO: Kowen General Contractors, Inc. (Caleb Chavis)  
1633 Old Red Springs Road  
Maxton, NC 28364

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: 2018 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS  
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM  
HMGP

The OWNER has considered the BID submitted by you for the above-described Contract in response to the Advertisement for Bids dated February 10, 2025 and the Information for Bidders.

You are hereby notified that your Bid has been accepted for items in the amount of \$29,250.00.

You are required to execute the Agreement and provide the required Certificate of Insurance within ten (10) calendar days from the date of this Notice of Award to you. If you fail to execute said Agreement within ten (10) calendar days from the date of this Notice, said OWNER will be entitled to consider all your rights arising out of the OWNER'S acceptance of your Bid as abandoned.

The OWNER will be entitled to such other rights as may be granted by law. You are required to return an acknowledged copy of this Notice of Award to the OWNER along with a Certificate of Insurance. Certificate holder to be Columbus County, 127 W. Webster St, Whiteville, NC 28472.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

BY:

Lavern Coleman  
(County Official)

TITLE:

Chairman

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of the above Notice of Award is hereby acknowledged this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

BY:

TITLE: President - Kowen General Contractors, Inc.

C:\Adams Company\Project Folders\HMGP\Cc Florence\Demo\Group 2\Cc Demo Notice of Award Group 2.docx

**Agenda Item #11: ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION FOR SIGNATORY AUTHORITY OF ALL ABC PERMITS:**

County Attorney Amanda Prince requested approval of a Resolution for Tax Administrator Needom Hughes to have signatory authority for All ABC Permits.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Watts made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Featherson. The motion unanimously passed.

NORTH CAROLINA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION  
(919) 779-0700

Location: 400 E. Tryon Road  
Raleigh, NC 27610

Mail: 4307 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-4307

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF N/A, COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF AN OFFICIAL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION ON ABC PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

WHEREAS G.S.18B-904(f) authorizes a governing body to designate an official, by name or by position, to make recommendations concerning the suitability of persons or locations for ABC permits; and

WHEREAS the City of N/A, County of COLUMBUS, wishes to notify the NC ABC Commission of its designation as required by G.S.18B-904(f);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that NEEDOM HUGHES, TAX ADMINISTRATOR,  
(Name of Official) (Title or Position)

is hereby designated to notify the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of the recommendations of the City of N/A, County of COLUMBUS, regarding the suitability of persons and locations for ABC permits within its jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT notices to the City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of COLUMBUS, should be mailed or delivered to the official designated above

at the following address:

Mailing address: 127 W WEBSTER ST, WHITEVILLE NC 28472

Office location: 127 W WEBSTER

City: WHITEVILLE, NC

Zip Code: 28472 Phone #: 910-640-6635

This the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 20 25

LAVERN COLEMAN

(Mayor/Chairman)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 26 day of FEBRUARY, 20 25

JANA NEALEY, CLERK TO THE BOARD

(Clerk)



**Agenda Item #12: ADMINISTRATION- APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN COLUMBUS COUNTY AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

County Manager Eddie Madden requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Columbus County and the Sheriff's Office.

**MOTION:** Tabled until next meeting on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Agenda Item #13: HUMAN RESOURCES – APPROVAL TO AMEND PERSONNEL POLICY TO CORRECTLY RELFECT THE 201 K FAIR LABOR LAWS:**

Human Resource Director Kay Stephens requested to amend the personnel policy to correctly reflect the 201 K Fair Labor Laws.

**Attorney Prince stated the following on behalf of Human Resources Director Kay Stephens:** This updates the policy to align with federal labor laws and time regulations. We are asking that it be approved. Since it is a policy, it requires a second reading. If you'd like to approve the first reading, that will be fine, and then Ms. Stephens may be here for the second reading.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to approve the first reading, Seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Columbus County Personnel Manual**

73

**Policy #320 Exempt and Non-Exempt Employees**

**PURPOSE:** Columbus County recognizes that each position within Columbus County's position classification must be categorized to comply with the minimum standards of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

**SCOPE:** This policy applies to all full and part-time local government employees of Columbus County. This policy also forms the basis of policies on overtime, call-back pay, and compensatory time. In order to determine whether an employee receives overtime pay, call-back pay, or compensatory time, each position shall be categorized in one of the four categories as set forth in this policy.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE:**

**PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINATION OF A POSITION:**

**1. CATEGORY I – EXEMPT EMPLOYEE**

A position classified in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity shall be exempt from minimum wage and overtime pay in accordance with Section 13 (a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act. An employee will qualify for exemption if they meet all of the pertinent tests relating to duties, responsibilities, and salary as stipulated in Section 29 CFR Part 541 of the Fair Labor Standards Act as follows:

**1.1 EXEUTIVE – EXEMPT**

All of the following tests must be met:

**1.1.1** The employee's primary duty must be management of the enterprise or of a customarily recognized department or subdivision; and

**1.1.2** The employee must customarily and regularly direct the work of at least two or more employees therein; and

**1.1.3** The employee must have the authority to hire or fire, or recommend hiring and firing; or whose recommendations on these and other actions affecting employees are given particular weight; and

**Columbus County Personnel Manual**

74

**1.1.4** The employee must customarily and regularly exercise discretionary powers; and

**1.1.5** The employee must devote no more than 20 percent of his or her hours worked to activities not directly and closely related to the managerial duties; and

**1.1.6** The employee must be paid on a salary basis at the rate of at least \$455.00 per week exclusive of board, lodge, or other facilities.

**1.2 ADMINISTRATIVE – EXEMPT**

All of the following tests must be met:

**1.2.1** The employee's primary duty must be either:

**1.2.1.1** Responsible office or non-manual work directly

related to the management policies or general business operations of the employer or the employer's customers; or

1.2.1.2 Responsible work that is directly related to academic instruction or training carried on in the administration of a school system or educational establishment; and

1.2.2 The employee must customarily and regularly exercise discretion and independent judgement, as distinguished from using skills and following procedures, and must have the authority to make important decisions; and

1.2.3 The employee must:

1.2.3.1 Regularly assist a proprietor or bona fide executive or administrative employee; or

1.2.3.2 Perform work under only general supervision along specialized or technical lines requiring special training, experience, or knowledge; or  
Columbus County Personnel Manual

75

1.2.3.3 Execute, under only general supervision, special assignments; and

1.2.4 The employee must not spend more than 20 percent of the time worked in the workweek on work that is directly and closely related to the administrative duties discussed above, and

1.2.5 The employee must be paid on a salary or fee basis at a rate of not less than \$455.00 per week, exclusive of board, lodging, or other facilities.

### 1.3 PROFESSIONAL – EXEMPT

All of the following tests must be met:

1.3.1 The employee's primary duty must be either:

1.3.1.1 Work requiring knowledge of an advanced type in a field of science or learning, customarily obtained by a prolonged course of specialized instruction and study; or

1.3.1.2 The employee must consistently exercise discretion and judgement; and

1.3.1.3 The employee must do work that is predominantly intellectual and varied, as distinguished from routine mental, manual, mechanical, or physical duties, and

1.3.1.4 The employee must not spend more than 20 percent of the time worked in the workweek on activities not essentially a part of and necessarily incident to the professional duties; and

1.3.1.5 the employee must be paid on a salary or fee basis at a rate of not less than \$455.00 per week.

### 2. CATEGORY II – NON-EXEMPT/COMP

2.1 Certain positions are classified under the NON-EXEMPT category. The Department Manager should review guidelines to determine if a position meets the criteria for being exempt. All positions that fall under CATEGORY II are subject to  
Columbus County Personnel Manual

76

the FLSA and shall receive compensatory time at one and one-half times hours worked over the 40 hours. Compensatory time shall be taken within the same pay period, if not possible then within the following pay period.

### 3. CATEGORY III – NON-EXEMPT/PAY

3.1 Employees working under specified job classifications shall receive overtime payment for overtime hours worked rather than receive compensatory time. The County Manager has made an administrative decision to pay overtime for certain job classifications because of the demand of the workload and the inability of the department to relieve the employee for compensatory time off.

### 4. CATEGORY IV – SHERIFF'S OFFICE, JAIL PERSONNEL, AND/OR ANIMAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES

4.1 Employees assigned to the Sheriff's Office shall receive overtime compensation in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

4.2 The work period of twenty-eight (28) days per month has been established for these departments. The maximum number of hours worked at regular time shall be one hundred seventy-one hours (171) per month. Any hours reported which exceeds 171 hours shall be paid at one and one-half times the regular rate or be given one and

Columbus County, North Carolina

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

FY 23/24

Name of Department: Columbus County Health Department

Agency Head Signature: Kimberly Smith 02/25

Date Prepared / Submitted to Admin: February 12, 2025 Date Received in Admin:                     

Budget Code			EXPENDITURES	Requested
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)
10	5126	512100	Public Health Infrastructure Salaries and Wages	\$150,000
10	5126	512700	Public Health Infrastructure Longevity	\$2,500
10	5126	518100	Public Health Infrastructure FICA	\$10,000
10	5126	518302	Public Health Infrastructure Retirement	\$10,000
10	5126	518300	Public Health Infrastructure Insurance	\$15,000
10	5126	525105	Public Health Infrastructure Gas	\$1,000
10	5126	526001	Public Health Infrastructure Departmental Supplies	\$71,000
10	5126	531100	Public Health Infrastructure Travel	\$5,424
Total Net Expense				\$264,924

  

Budget Code			REVENUES	Requested
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)
10	3510	440123	Public Health Infrastructure State Fund	\$264,924
Total Net Revenue				\$264,924

☐ 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:  
Additional State Funding FY24/25 AA117

**Agenda Item # 15    APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING OF THE NEW BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCESS POLICY:**

Interim Finance Director Heather Woody requested approval of the second reading of the new Budget Amendment Process Policy.

**Interim Finance Director Heather Woody** - We've made no changes from the first reading. Again, this just solidifies the process and puts into words how we handle budget amendments to the annual budget. There are three steps: a line-item adjustment, which would be handled in the finance office; a departmental adjustment, which would come to the board; and an actual budget amendment that changes the dollar amount of the overall budget for the year.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve, Seconded by Commissioner Floyd. The motion unanimously passed.

**Columbus County Budget Revision Policy**

**I. Purpose** The purpose of this policy is to establish the procedures and guidelines for amending the county's annual budget during the fiscal year. Amendments or reallocations to the budget may be necessary to reflect changes in revenues, expenditures, or other unforeseen circumstances. This policy ensures that such amendments or reallocations are made in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and the best interests of the county.

**II. Scope** This policy applies to all departments, offices, and agencies of Columbus County and governs the amendment and/or reallocations of the county budget during the fiscal year. It is intended to ensure transparency, accountability, and sound fiscal management.

**III. Authority**

- For Departmental Budget Reallocations, the Finance Director, their designee or Budget Officer/County Manager may authorize the transfer of line items appropriations between activities, object and line items (excluding payroll line items) within departments.
- For Budget Amendments or reallocations, that increase or decrease the total budget, contain payroll line items or provide transfers between departments, functions or funds, the Board of County Commissioners shall approve. The Board of County Commissioners has the authority to approve all amendments and reallocations to the county budget. Amendments must comply with the North Carolina General Statutes. If the budget amendment total is greater than \$50,000, the requesting department shall present their request at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

**IV. Budget Amendment and /or Reallocation Process**

- Initiating a Budget Amendment and/or Reallocation**
  - A department or agency requesting a budget amendment or reallocation must submit a written request, in approved format, to the County Finance Director. The request should include:
    - A clear explanation of the reason for the amendment or reallocation.
    - A description of the proposed changes (increases or decreases in specific line items).
    - The source of funds for any increases in expenditures, if applicable.
    - Any supporting documentation (e.g., contracts, unexpected revenue receipts, emergency expenditures).
- Review and Recommendation**
  - The County Finance Director will review the request to ensure that it is consistent with the county's fiscal policies, available resources, and applicable laws.
  - If the request is deemed reasonable, the Finance Director will process the proposed amendment or reallocation for consideration by the Budget Officer/County Manager and/or Board of County Commissioners.

- If the amendment or reallocation request is not supported, the requesting department or agency will be notified, and further discussion may occur to resolve the issue.

### 3. **Approval of Budget Amendments or Reallocation**

- After reviewing the proposed reallocations and considering any input, the Budget Officer/County Manager or Finance Director may approve the reallocation.
- After reviewing the proposed amendments or reallocations and considering any input from the Budget Officer/County Manager and Finance Director, the Board of County Commissioners will vote on the amendment and/or reallocation.
- Once approved, the amended budget will be adopted, and a revised version of the budget will be made available for public viewing.

### 4. **Documentation and Reporting**

- The County Finance Director will update the budget documents to reflect the approved amendments or reallocations and ensure that the amended budget is communicated to all relevant departments.
- A report of the approved amendments or reallocations will be included in the next regular financial report to the Board of County Commissioners.

## **VI. Compliance**

- All amendments or reallocations must comply with the legal requirements established by North Carolina General Statutes and any applicable federal regulations.
- Failure to adhere to this policy or the legal requirements may result in corrective action or other sanctions, as determined by the Board of County Commissioners.

**VII. Effective Date** This policy shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

**VIII. Policy Amendments** Any revisions or amendments to this policy shall be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in this document and shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

---

This policy framework provides a structured process for making budget amendments, ensuring transparency, legal compliance, and sound financial management.

## **Agenda Item # 16    **FIANANCE – APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT, PROJECT ORDINANCE, BUDGET AMENDMENTS, DEPARTMENTAL ADJUSTMENTS, AND PURCHASE ORDERS:****

Interim Finance Director Heather Woody is requesting approval of the following Financial Report, Project Ordinance, Budget Amendments, Departmental Budget Adjustments, and Department Purchase Orders:

One motion approved all of the following:

- Finance Report – January 2025
- Sheriff's Office – LESO K9 Training – Line Item Adjustment**
- Airport – Terminal SCIF Grant – Line Item Adjustment**
- Departmental Budget Adjustments – (\$36,867)**
- Departmental Purchase Orders**

## **MOTION:**

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the Finance Report, the Project Ordinance, Budget Amendments, Departmental Adjustments, and Purchase Orders, seconded by Vice Chairman Smith. The motion passed unanimously

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT  
JANUARY 2025

Percent of Year Complete: 58.33%

GENERAL FUND (Annual Operating Budget)				AUDITED			ACTUAL YTD			DIFFERENCE OF		
REVENUES	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23			DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
AD VALOREM TAXES	43,161,806	30,379,057	12,782,749	70.38%	35,430,668	29,241,052	82.5%	\$	7,731,138	\$	1,138,005	-12.15%
COURT	125,000	51,959	73,041	41.57%	105,000	50,438	48.0%	\$	20,000	\$	1,520	-6.47%
SALES TAX	14,255,878	6,187,853	8,068,025	43.41%	14,158,521	7,121,315	50.3%	\$	97,357	\$	(933,462)	-6.89%
TAX ADMINISTRATION REVENUES	37,675	-	37,675	0.00%	37,058	3,247	8.8%	\$	617	\$	(3,247)	-8.76%
NC JCPC PROGRAM - TEEN COURT	77,477	44,780	32,697	57.80%	77,477	44,679	57.7%	\$	-	\$	101	0.13%
ELECTION FEES	150	588	(438)	391.93%	33,120	19,883	60.0%	\$	(32,970)	\$	(19,295)	331.90%
REGISTER OF DEEDS	417,600	349,763	67,838	83.76%	716,360	441,503	61.6%	\$	(298,760)	\$	(91,740)	22.12%
SHERIFF	1,997,497	942,213	1,055,284	47.17%	1,950,536	437,601	22.4%	\$	46,961	\$	504,613	24.73%
DETENTION CENTER	615,000	328,681	286,319	53.44%	463,386	190,779	41.2%	\$	151,614	\$	137,902	12.27%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	251,166	102,001	149,165	40.61%	75,000	6,975	9.3%	\$	176,166	\$	95,026	31.31%
FIRE DEPARTMENT REVENUES	34,000	6,555	27,445	19.28%	-	908	0.0%	\$	34,000	\$	5,648	19.28%
INSPECTION	600,000	440,293	159,708	73.38%	600,000	300,019	50.0%	\$	-	\$	140,273	23.38%
ANIMAL CONTROL	47,500	7,095	40,405	14.94%	30,000	21,094	70.3%	\$	17,500	\$	(13,999)	-55.38%
AIRPORT	471,000	238,436	232,564	50.62%	533,400	315,246	59.1%	\$	(62,400)	\$	(76,810)	-8.48%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING	13,500	14,240	(740)	105.48%	12,600	7,061	56.0%	\$	900	\$	7,179	49.44%
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	3,000	640	2,360	21.33%	5,200	3,432	66.0%	\$	(2,200)	\$	(2,792)	-44.67%
SOIL CONSERVATION	32,350	2,844	29,506	8.79%	30,800	2,862	9.3%	\$	1,550	\$	(18)	-0.50%
DEPARTMENT OF AGING REVENUES	1,832,020	621,748	1,210,272	33.94%	1,733,735	733,098	42.3%	\$	98,285	\$	(111,350)	-8.35%
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	3,288,446	1,633,509	1,654,937	49.67%	3,866,112	1,712,097	44.1%	\$	(597,666)	\$	(78,588)	5.62%
SOCIAL SERVICES	7,996,435	2,773,890	5,222,545	34.69%	7,194,622	3,232,209	44.9%	\$	801,813	\$	(458,319)	-10.24%
VETERANS SERVICE	2,000	2,273	(273)	113.64%	2,000	2,174	108.7%	\$	-	\$	99	4.94%
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	21,000	9,156	11,844	43.60%	21,000	10,859	51.7%	\$	-	\$	(1,704)	-8.11%
LIBRARY	167,037	98,869	68,168	59.19%	171,436	89,649	52.3%	\$	(4,399)	\$	9,220	6.90%
RECREATION	45,825	16,765	29,060	36.59%	31,600	14,636	46.3%	\$	14,225	\$	2,129	-9.73%
LEASES-GASB 87	-	-	-	0.00%	630,000	-	0.0%	\$	(630,000)	\$	-	0.00%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	2,591,604	1,492,066	1,099,538	57.57%	2,545,762	1,422,583	55.9%	\$	45,842	\$	69,484	1.69%
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.0%	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%
TRANSFER FROM REVENUES	689,827	698,529	(8,702)	101.26%	1,292,072	-	0.0%	\$	(602,245)	\$	698,529	101.26%
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	6,501,988	171,253	6,330,735	2.63%	13,369,064	-	0.0%	\$	(6,867,076)	\$	171,253	2.63%
Total General Fund Revenues	85,276,781	46,615,056	38,661,726	54.66%	85,136,529	45,423,399	50.10%	\$	140,252	\$	1,189,656	4.56%

GENERAL FUND (Annual Operating Budget)				AUDITED			ACTUAL YTD			DIFFERENCE OF		
EXPENDITURES	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% Expended YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23			DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
GOVERNING BODY	266,405	154,576	111,829	58.0%	273,512	153,334	56.1%	\$	(7,107)	\$	1,242	2.0%
ADMINISTRATION	585,271	283,750	301,521	48.5%	1,260,492	1,062,209	84.3%	\$	(675,221)	\$	(778,459)	-35.8%
PERSONNEL	267,549	152,144	115,405	56.9%	591,907	465,846	78.7%	\$	(324,358)	\$	(313,702)	-21.8%
FINANCE	828,639	559,401	269,238	67.5%	1,138,324	384,346	33.8%	\$	(309,685)	\$	175,055	33.7%
TAX DEPARTMENT	1,786,704	889,170	897,534	49.8%	1,741,735	1,001,480	57.5%	\$	44,969	\$	(112,309)	-7.7%
LEGAL DEPARTMENT	428,734	360,127	68,607	84.0%	600,685	513,728	85.5%	\$	(171,951)	\$	(153,601)	-1.5%
NC JCPC PROGRAM - TEEN COURT	77,477	40,391	37,086	52.1%	77,477	37,198	48.0%	\$	-	\$	3,193	4.1%
COURT FACILITIES	430,710	277,681	153,029	64.5%	505,331	244,348	48.4%	\$	(74,621)	\$	33,333	16.1%
ELECTIONS	644,773	374,025	270,748	58.0%	610,259	241,265	39.5%	\$	34,514	\$	132,760	18.5%
REGISTER OF DEEDS	528,607	329,689	198,918	62.4%	656,211	359,654	54.8%	\$	(127,604)	\$	(29,965)	7.6%
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM	607,484	337,770	269,714	55.6%	493,564	269,140	58.6%	\$	113,920	\$	48,630	-3.0%
CENTRAL GARAGE	241,875	131,295	110,580	54.3%	250,104	125,134	50.0%	\$	(8,229)	\$	6,161	4.2%
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,613,826	1,231,565	382,261	76.3%	-	-	0.0%	\$	1,613,826	\$	1,231,565	76.3%
PUBLIC BUILDINGS - ALL OTHER	2,143,709	1,030,164	1,113,545	48.1%	2,249,465	962,306	42.8%	\$	(105,756)	\$	67,658	5.3%
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	10,926,841	6,269,326	4,667,515	57.3%	12,269,996	5,885,290	48.0%	\$	(1,343,155)	\$	374,036	9.3%
GOVERNOR'S HWY GRANT	263,620	183,869	79,751	69.7%	131,772	73,679	55.9%	\$	131,848	\$	110,190	13.8%
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER	5,184,766	2,748,768	2,435,998	53.0%	5,593,786	2,444,187	43.7%	\$	(409,020)	\$	304,581	9.3%
EMS	31,000	17,500	13,500	56.5%	31,250	17,525	56.1%	\$	(250)	\$	(25)	0.4%
EMERGENCY SERVICES	959,465	422,735	536,730	44.1%	4,371,674	2,108,205	48.2%	\$	(3,412,209)	\$	(1,685,470)	-4.2%
FIRE MARSHAL	219,918	123,980	95,938	56.4%	-	-	0.0%	\$	219,918	\$	123,980	56.4%
CORONER MEDICAL EXAMINER	30,000	17,050	12,950	56.8%	55,000	25,600	46.5%	\$	(25,000)	\$	(8,550)	10.3%
ANIMAL CONTROL	637,686	348,145	289,541	54.6%	703,548	383,081	54.4%	\$	(65,862)	\$	(34,936)	0.1%
FIRE & RESCUE	2,767,440	1,733,810	1,033,630	62.7%	-	-	0.0%	\$	2,767,440	\$	1,733,810	62.7%
NC 911 OPERATIONS	1,375,904	814,831	561,073	59.2%	-	-	0.0%	\$	1,375,904	\$	814,831	59.2%
AIRPORT	649,648	267,910	381,738	41.2%	667,979	377,813	56.6%	\$	(18,331)	\$	(109,903)	-15.3%
INSPECTIONS	500,167	270,210	229,957	54.0%	453,365	234,808	51.8%	\$	46,802	\$	35,401	2.2%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING	387,053	218,119	168,934	56.4%	444,673	213,853	48.1%	\$	(57,820)	\$	4,266	8.3%
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	673,412	228,660	444,752	34.0%	593,414	229,733	38.7%	\$	79,998	\$	(1,072)	-4.8%
SOIL CONSERVATION	334,014	188,832	145,182	56.5%	335,976	177,786	52.9%	\$	(1,962)	\$	11,046	3.6%
DEPARTMENT OF AGING	3,082,721	1,754,728	1,327,993	56.9%	3,492,485	1,565,216	44.8%	\$	(409,764)	\$	189,512	12.1%
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	6,380,551	2,792,544	3,588,007	43.8%	6,452,921	2,814,214	43.6%	\$	(72,370)	\$	(21,670)	0.2%
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	10,178,889	5,183,477	4,995,412	50.9%	9,740,550	5,178,181	53.2%	\$	438,339	\$	4,296	-2.2%
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	3,697,024	1,747,721	1,949,303	47.3%	3,725,309	1,624,217	43.6%	\$	(28,285)	\$	123,503	3.7%
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER	172,563	100,245	72,318	58.1%	173,428	97,300	56.1%	\$	(865)	\$	2,945	2.0%
EDUCATION	17,056,693	10,338,885	6,717,808	60.6%	16,883,491	9,141,327	54.1%	\$	173,202	\$	1,197,558	6.5%
LIBRARY	1,511,529	861,952	649,577	57.0%	1,644,632	861,614	53.6%	\$	(133,103)	\$	(19,662)	3.4%
RECREATION	477,162	256,542	220,620	53.8%	546,175	271,260	49.7%	\$	(69,013)	\$	(14,717)	4.1%
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	687,704	223,484	464,220	32.5%	931,363	574,613	61.7%	\$	(243,659)	\$	(351,129)	-29.2%
TRANSFER TO	6,639,248	823,674	5,815,574	12.4%	5,444,476	-	0.0%	\$	1,194,772	\$	823,674	12.4%
Total General Fund Expenditures	85,276,781	44,078,746	41,198,035	51.7%	85,136,530	40,160,491	43.6%	\$	140,252	\$	3,918,255	8.1%
Total Revenue over/(under) Expenditures				-	2,536,310			5,264,908				

50 HUD SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD		DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23			
REVENUES	2,318,493	1,361,301	957,192	58.7%	2,333,209	1,230,327	52.7%	\$ (14,716.00)	\$ 130,973.43	6.0%
EXPENDITURES	2,318,493	1,312,480	1,006,014	56.6%	2,333,209	1,306,874	56.0%	\$ (14,716.00)	\$ 5,605.15	0.6%
Excess revenue over/(under) expenditures		48,821			-	(76,547)				
68 TRANSPORTATION					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD		DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23			
REVENUES	1,660,355	315,832	1,344,523	19.0%	1,309,186	378,406	28.9%	\$ 351,169.00	\$ (62,574.11)	-9.9%
EXPENDITURES	1,660,355	527,979	1,132,376	31.8%	1,309,186	533,520	40.8%	\$ 351,169.00	\$ (5,540.54)	-9.0%
Excess revenue over/(under) expenditures		(212,147)			-	(155,114)				
30 DEBT SERVICE					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD		DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23			
REVENUES	4,750,651	1,840,135	2,910,516	38.7%	32,642,244	222,469	0.7%	\$ (27,891,593.00)	\$ 1,617,666.00	38.1%
EXPENDITURES	4,750,651	1,840,135	2,910,516	38.7%	32,642,244	997,625	3.1%	\$ (27,891,593.00)	\$ 842,510.04	35.7%
WATER DISTRICTS I-IV					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD		DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23			
60 WATER DISTRICT I	890,600	544,106	346,494	61.1%	871,210	508,504	58.4%	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 35,602.55	2.7%
61 WATER DISTRICT II	1,484,761	802,088	682,673	54.0%	1,456,143	782,262	53.7%	\$ 28,618.00	\$ 19,825.86	0.3%
62 WATER DISTRICT III	820,724	461,606	359,118	56.2%	783,165	449,999	57.5%	\$ 37,559.00	\$ 11,607.62	-1.2%
63 WATER DISTRICT IV	1,420,082	554,610	865,472	39.1%	927,325	515,916	55.6%	\$ 492,757.00	\$ 38,693.56	-16.6%
64 WATER DISTRICT V	882,571	594,972	287,599	67.4%	1,124,292	624,836	55.6%	\$ (241,721.00)	\$ (29,864.46)	11.8%
COMBINED WATER DISTRICT TOTALS	5,498,738	2,957,382	2,541,356	N/A	5,162,135	2,881,517	N/A	\$ 336,603.00	\$ 75,865.13	N/A
EXPENDITURES										
60 WATER DISTRICT I	890,600	471,883	418,717	53.0%	871,210	283,834	32.6%	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 188,049.21	20.4%
61 WATER DISTRICT II	1,484,761	652,449	832,312	43.9%	1,456,143	360,601	24.8%	\$ 28,618.00	\$ 291,847.92	19.2%
62 WATER DISTRICT III	820,724	440,130	380,594	53.6%	783,165	234,422	29.9%	\$ 37,559.00	\$ 205,708.12	23.7%
63 WATER DISTRICT IV	1,420,082	710,474	709,608	50.0%	927,325	280,042	30.2%	\$ 492,757.00	\$ 430,431.30	19.8%
64 WATER DISTRICT V	882,571	357,083	525,488	40.5%	1,124,292	258,530	23.0%	\$ (241,721.00)	\$ 98,553.23	17.5%
COMBINED WATER DISTRICT TOTALS	5,498,738	2,632,019	2,866,719	N/A	5,162,135	1,417,430	N/A	\$ 336,603.00	\$ 1,214,589.78	N/A

50 HUD SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD		DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23			
REVENUES	2,318,493	1,361,301	957,192	58.7%	2,333,209	1,230,327	52.7%	\$ (14,716.00)	\$ 130,973.43	6.0%
EXPENDITURES	2,318,493	1,312,480	1,006,014	56.6%	2,333,209	1,306,874	56.0%	\$ (14,716.00)	\$ 5,605.15	0.6%
Excess revenue over/(under) expenditures		48,821			-	(76,547)				
68 TRANSPORTATION					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD		DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23			
REVENUES	1,660,355	315,832	1,344,523	19.0%	1,309,186	378,406	28.9%	\$ 351,169.00	\$ (62,574.11)	-9.9%
EXPENDITURES	1,660,355	527,979	1,132,376	31.8%	1,309,186	533,520	40.8%	\$ 351,169.00	\$ (5,540.54)	-9.0%
Excess revenue over/(under) expenditures		(212,147)			-	(155,114)				
30 DEBT SERVICE					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD		DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23			
REVENUES	4,750,651	1,840,135	2,910,516	38.7%	32,642,244	222,469	0.7%	\$ (27,891,593.00)	\$ 1,617,666.00	38.1%
EXPENDITURES	4,750,651	1,840,135	2,910,516	38.7%	32,642,244	997,625	3.1%	\$ (27,891,593.00)	\$ 842,510.04	35.7%
WATER DISTRICTS I-IV					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD		DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23			
60 WATER DISTRICT I	890,600	544,106	346,494	61.1%	871,210	508,504	58.4%	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 35,602.55	2.7%
61 WATER DISTRICT II	1,484,761	802,088	682,673	54.0%	1,456,143	782,262	53.7%	\$ 28,618.00	\$ 19,825.86	0.3%
62 WATER DISTRICT III	820,724	461,606	359,118	56.2%	783,165	449,999	57.5%	\$ 37,559.00	\$ 11,607.62	-1.2%
63 WATER DISTRICT IV	1,420,082	554,610	865,472	39.1%	927,325	515,916	55.6%	\$ 492,757.00	\$ 38,693.56	-16.6%
64 WATER DISTRICT V	882,571	594,972	287,599	67.4%	1,124,292	624,836	55.6%	\$ (241,721.00)	\$ (29,864.46)	11.8%
COMBINED WATER DISTRICT TOTALS	5,498,738	2,957,382	2,541,356	N/A	5,162,135	2,881,517	N/A	\$ 336,603.00	\$ 75,865.13	N/A
EXPENDITURES										
60 WATER DISTRICT I	890,600	471,883	418,717	53.0%	871,210	283,834	32.6%	\$ 19,390.00	\$ 188,049.21	20.4%
61 WATER DISTRICT II	1,484,761	652,449	832,312	43.9%	1,456,143	360,601	24.8%	\$ 28,618.00	\$ 291,847.92	19.2%
62 WATER DISTRICT III	820,724	440,130	380,594	53.6%	783,165	234,422	29.9%	\$ 37,559.00	\$ 205,708.12	23.7%
63 WATER DISTRICT IV	1,420,082	710,474	709,608	50.0%	927,325	280,042	30.2%	\$ 492,757.00	\$ 430,431.30	19.8%
64 WATER DISTRICT V	882,571	357,083	525,488	40.5%	1,124,292	258,530	23.0%	\$ (241,721.00)	\$ 98,553.23	17.5%
COMBINED WATER DISTRICT TOTALS	5,498,738	2,632,019	2,866,719	N/A	5,162,135	1,417,430	N/A	\$ 336,603.00	\$ 1,214,589.78	N/A

69 SOLID WASTE					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD				
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23	DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
<u>REVENUES</u>	7,026,329	4,388,258	2,638,071	62.5%	6,750,052	4,296,872	63.7%	\$ 276,277.00	\$ 91,386.06	-1.2%
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	7,026,329	3,176,708	3,849,621	45.2%	6,750,052	2,698,382	40.0%	\$ 276,277.00	\$ 478,325.96	5.2%
Excess revenue over/(under) expenditures					-	1,598,490				
28 FIRE DEPARTMENTS					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD				
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23	DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
<u>REVENUES</u>	2,072,807	1,850,328	222,479	89.3%	2,295,702	1,842,630	86.0%	\$ (222,895.00)	\$ 7,698.77	3.3%
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>										
Ad Valorem Taxes	2,072,807	1,560,600	512,207	75.3%	2,295,702	1,556,025	70.0%	\$ (222,895.00)	\$ 4,575.11	5.3%
Excess revenue over/(under) expenditures					-	286,605				
26 AMBULANCE AND RESCUE UNITS					AUDITED	ACTUAL YTD				
	FY 24/25 BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD TOTALS	BALANCE REMAINING	% COLLECTED YTD	FY 23/24 BUDGET	TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2024	% COLLECTED YTD AS OF 12/31/23	DIFFERENCE OF BUDGETS	DIFFERENCE OF YTD TOTALS	DIFFERENCE OF % COLLECTED YTD
<u>REVENUES</u>	859,754	636,628	223,126	74.0%	851,090	711,699	82.0%	\$ 8,664	\$ (75,071)	-8.0%
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>										
Ad Valorem Taxes	859,754	542,837	316,917	63.1%	851,090	317,953	17.0%	\$ 8,664	\$ 224,884	46.1%
Excess revenue over/(under) expenditures					-	393,746				

CASH & INVESTMENTS		TOTALS AS OF 1/31/2025	CASH & INVESTMENTS		TOTALS AS OF 1/31/24
<u>Cash:</u>			<u>Cash:</u>		
Central Depository - Truist		6,791,256	Central Depository - Truist		12,353,292
Central Depository - NCCMT		34,227,636	Central Depository - NCCMT		32,800,936
Water Districts - \$ 7,469,398			Water Districts - \$8,494,230		
Solid Waste - \$ 6,172,266			Solid Waste - \$9,459,093		
		<u>41,018,893</u>			<u>45,154,228</u>
<u>Investments:</u>			<u>Investments:</u>		
Truist		5,104,858	Truist		5,074,304
First Citizens Wealth Management		6,465,942	First Citizens Wealth Management		6,155,166
United Bank - CD		340,498	United Bank - CD		339,646
Multi Bank Securities		788,869	Multi Bank Securities		1,476,991
First Bank - CDs		7,449	First Bank - CDs		2,151,695
Total Investments		<u>12,707,416</u>	Total Investments		<u>15,197,802</u>

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Ordinance amending appropriations to the Sheriff Department LESO Equipment & Grants Capital Project Fund

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

**Section 1:** The following amounts are hereby amended to the Sheriff Department LESO Equipment & Grants Capital Project.

Source of Revenue		Current Budget	Changes	New Budget
94-3431-489058	SALE OF CCSO LESO EQUIPMENT	\$ 235,382	\$ -	\$ 235,382
Total Estimated Revenues		\$ 235,382	\$ -	\$ 235,382
Project Appropriations				
94-4310-519001	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
94-4310-526001	DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES	\$ 41,993	\$ -	\$ 41,993
94-4310-531100	TRAVEL	\$ -	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
94-4310-535110	M&R BLDG/GROUNDS	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
94-4310-535300	M/R-VEHICLES	\$ 8,812	\$ -	\$ 8,812
94-4310-550000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 129,977	\$ (9,000)	\$ 120,977
94-4310-550010	NON-CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 42,600	\$ -	\$ 42,600
Total Project Appropriations		\$ 235,382	\$ -	\$ 235,382

Description: To provide funding for K-9 training.

**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 Capital Project shall become effective on March 3, 2025.  
ADOPTED, this 3rd day of March 2025.

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
Ordinance amending the appropriations of the Columbus  
County Airport – New Terminal Building and Apron Expansion  
SCIF Project Fund  
for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

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

**Section 1:** The following amounts are hereby amended to the Columbus County Airport – New Terminal Building and Apron Expansion SCIF Project Fund pursuant to G.S. 159 -13.2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Source of Revenue		Current Budget	Changes	New Budget
	STATE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS			
51-3457-431019	36244.18.9.1	\$7,000,000	0	\$7,000,000
51-3457-449100	INTEREST	\$250,000	0	\$250,000
Total Estimated Revenues		\$ 7,250,000	\$ -	\$ 7,250,000
Project Appropriations				
51-4537-999910	CONTINGENCY 36244.18.9.1	\$222,339	\$ (2,132.00)	\$220,207
51-4537-548002	ADMINISTRATION COSTS 36244.18.9.1	\$10,000	\$ -	\$10,000
51-4537-524000	CONSTRUCTION 36244.18.9.1	\$6,389,329	\$ 2,132.00	\$6,391,461
51-4537-518012	PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING TESTING 36244.18.9.1	\$23,650	0	\$23,650
51-4537-519036	PROJECT INSPECTION, QUALITY ASSURANCE, TESTING 36244.18.9.1	\$163,305	0	\$163,305
51-4537-519034	ENGINEERING SERVICES 36244.18.9.1	\$441,377	0	\$441,377
Total Project Appropriations		\$ 7,250,000	\$ -	\$ 7,250,000

**Description:** Amendment needed for security system wiring during the construction process.

**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 Capital Project shall become effective on March 3, 2025.  
ADOPTED, this 3rd day of March 2025.

Name of Department:

FINANCE- OPERATIONS

Agency Head Signature:

Date Prepare / Submitted to Admin:

FEBRUARY 26 2025

Date Received in Admin:

Budget Code			EXPENDITURES	Requested	
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)	
10	4130	518910	CHRISTMAS BONUS	(\$64)	FINANCE \$69,068
10	4130	519001	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$26,000	
10	4130	519102	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - CPA	\$38,749	
10	4130	531100	TRAVEL	(\$7,500)	
10	4130	535200	MAINT & REPAIR - EQUIPMENT	\$5,500	
10	4130	544000	INSURANCE, PROF LIAB, PROPERTY & BONDS	\$3,239	
10	4130	549100	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	(\$50)	
10	4130	550000	CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$3,194	
10	4911	519001	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,000	
10	4210	550010	NON CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$121	INSPECTIONS MIS (\$9,004)
10	4210	526002	INTERNET SERV FOR COUNTY	\$875	
10	4210	526000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	(\$5,409)	
10	4210	526001	DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES	(\$4,591)	
10	9800	598051	TRANSFER TO AIRPORT CAPITAL PROJECTS	(\$16,667)	TRANSFERS DSS (\$9,420)
10	5301	518910	CHRISTMAS BONUS	(\$420)	
10	5301	525105	GAS	(\$5,000)	EDC ELECTIONS
10	5301	531100	TRAVEL	(\$4,000)	
10	4920	531100	TRAVEL	(\$4,000)	
10	4170	518910	CHRISTMAS BONUS	(\$110)	
			Total Net Expense	\$30,867	

Budget Code			REVENUES	Requested	
Fund	Dept	Category	Classification	Increase or (Decrease)	
10	3435	440096	BUILDING PERMITS	\$100,000	
10	3417	441005	ELECTION REGISTRATION FEES	\$438	
10	3485	440097	CODE ENFORCEMENT FINES	(\$1,500)	
10	3485	441002	PLANNING FEES	\$8,600	
10	3582	430017	STATE AID - VETERAN SERV OFFICER	\$273	
10	3980	498004	TRANSFER FROM WATER DIST I	\$2,489	
10	3980	498005	TRANSFER FROM WATER DIST II	(\$1)	
10	3980	498006	TRANSFER FROM WATER DIST III	\$14,524	
10	3980	498008	TRANSFER FROM WATER DIST V	\$990	
10	3991	499103	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - REVENUE REPLACEMENT	(\$94,946)	
			Total Net Revenue	\$30,867	

--	--	--	--

XXX

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

Signature

Date

Requisitions Requested after Purchases			As Of 2/26/2025		
Department	Date(s) of Transaction	Date(s) of PO	Vendor	Description	Amount
Aging	2/13/2025	2/14/2025	Geri-Fit Company	Renewal for Gerifit License	\$ 1,200.00
Building Inspections	1/26/2025	2/12/2025	Truist Bank (Credit Card)	Continuing Education Classes (4)	\$ 1,040.00
EMS - Viper Radio	10/14/2024	2/17/2025	Motorola Solutions	10% balance after final acceptance	\$ 224,132.60
Finance-ACT				Business Cards/ Brochures for Court	
Associates (Opioid)	2/17/2025	2/18/2025	Mr. Postman	Assessments	\$ 238.27
Health	8/26/2024	2/24/2025	Sanofi Pasteur Inc	Reissue of 2024 PO for flu vaccines	\$ 6,178.70
Health	2/21/2025	2/24/2025	Bladen Office Supplies	Board of Health Handbook Binders	\$ 250.49
Sheriff's Office	10/15/2024	2/12/2025	Leadsonline LLC	Yearly Renewal	\$ 4,620.00
Sheriff's Office	2/15/2025	2/21/2025	Southern Veterinary Hospital	Emergency Vet Care	\$ 288.30
				Stopform Mobile Solution Maint	
Sheriff's Office	2/4/2025	2/21/2025	Interplat Solutions Inc	Support 2/1/25-1/31/26	\$ 2,500.00
CS				Reissue of 2023 PO for battery backup	
Sheriff's Office	8/1/2023	2/24/2025	Eaton Corporation	repair	\$ 1,409.11
					\$ 241,857.47

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER and SEWER DISTRICT I, II, III, IV AND V.

At 7:39 P.M. a motion was made by Commissioner Bullard and seconded by Commissioner Watts to recess regular session and enter into Columbus County Water and Sewer District I, II, III, IV and V.

Agenda Item #17: APPROVAL of WATER and SEWER COMBINATION MINUTES:

- January 21, 2025 Regular Session
- February 03, 2025 Regular Session
- February 17, 2025 Regular Session

MOTION:

Commissioner Watts made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

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

**MOTION:**

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

**Agenda Item #17: COMMENTS:**

**A. Board of Commissioners**

**Vice Chairman Smith:** No Comments

**Commissioner Floyd:** No Comments

**Commissioner Featherson:** No Comments

**Commissioner Byrd:** Regarding the Baptist Men, I have a letter here stating that they completed 74 ramps. I know there have been some questions before about how we should bring them in and present them—whether we should do one group at a time or something else. However, I wanted to get the proclamation of appreciation prepared. If so, I can present it myself, should we decide not to bring them in as we've done before. I would like to get that recognition done because 74 ramps is a lot of work in one year.

As for the Beaver Program, I've had a couple of people call me today asking about the deadline and other details. They also asked, 'What has changed with the funding for the Beaver Program?'

**County Manager Eddie Madden-** To my knowledge, the application process has just begun. If they reach out to Ms. Morgan Hayes, I'm sure she can help them with the funding application process.

**Commissioner Byrd-** I had someone read me a text from the gentleman out there who is kind of heading it; I don't know his name, but the text said the program was ending at the end of this week. It mentioned that any beavers that have been caught must be brought in now due to a lack of funding. I didn't know anything about that.

**County Manager Eddie Madden -** They have a budgeted amount, and I don't think it has been fully expended.

**Commissioner Byrd -** They had \$20,000 or \$30,000 budgeted, and so, some 5% of \$30,000 isn't that much.

**County Manager Eddie Madden -** That's correct, yes, sir. There should be plenty of money.

**Commissioner Byrd -** I would like someone to check on that tomorrow because, as I mentioned, I had a couple of guys call me and ask about it.

**County Manager Eddie Madden –** Yes, sir, we will follow up on it.

**Commissioner Bullard -** The lights at the roundabout where you get on 74 heading west they don't work. Sometimes they use gasoline generators to power the lights, but they actually blind the traffic at night. When I drive home, it's almost blinding. I'm wondering why the state has put nice lights there, but they don't work. They haven't worked since they were installed. Can someone notify them of it?

**County Manager Eddie Madden -** Yes, I know the project is not complete, but we can check on the status of the lights.

**Commissioner Watts -** I do have a question about the beavers, too. I got a call today, and the person mentioned calling about all the beavers. Does the county pay to blow up the dams, or is it state funding for that? They were told that the county had enough money to blow up one dam on the fee property, but not the other dam.

**County Manager Eddie Madden -** I'm not sure about the demolition of dams, but I know that we have a bounty program.

**Commissioner Watts -** I understand we have the bounty, and I guess there's some money for blowing the dam up.

**County Manager Eddie Madden -** I'm not familiar with that, but I will inquire.

**Vice Chairman Smith -** We just paid out one recently.

**Commissioner Watts –** Yeah, that was reimbursing the people.

**County Manager Eddie Madden-** It was around \$400, and it came out of the fund balance.

**Commissioner Watts** - This situation is different, though.

**Commissioner Byrd** - I think they would have to hire a certified person to blow the dam and submit a bill.

**Commissioner Watts** -The certified person caught the beavers, but now they're supposed to take care of the dam. The man just called me before I walked in here, asking about it. He said they were able to blow up one dam but were asking if state funding would cover the other.

**County Manager Eddie Madden** - We're thinking this is part of the BMAP program, which is state-funded, but we'll inquire about it for you tomorrow.

**Commissioner Watts** - I can call Morgan and ask.

**County Manager Eddie Madden** - She would definitely know the answer.

---

**B. County Manager**

**County Manager Eddie Madden:** Just a couple of things: You have your budget meetings beginning tomorrow, and then the Budget Retreat on March 12th. You also have your meeting with the Sheriff's Office for their formal presentation of the budget on March 17th.

We want to congratulate Dylan Bowen and Dena Mercer, both of whom received the Regional Impact Award at the most recent Council of Government banquet. Dylan Bowen was heavily involved in recruiting the new industry to Chadbourn, which created 151 jobs. We just want to say congratulations to both of them.

**Chairman Coleman commented before the meeting ended that** he wanted to thank everyone, especially the county employees, for the sacrifices they are making. He also acknowledged that the citizens of Columbus County are making a lot of sacrifices too. Times are tough, but we're going to make it through. Just like at home, there are hard times, but we have to keep moving forward. Again, he thanked everyone for their input and efforts.

At 7:49 P.M., Chairman Coleman stated, 'At this time, we'll recess the regular session and go back into closed session after a five-minute recess.'

Closed Session resumed

**CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S §143-318.11(A)(3) ATTONEY –CLIENT PRIVILEGE and N.C.G.S. § 143318.11 (A) (6) PERSONNEL**

**MOTION:**

At 8:41 P.M., Commissioner Watts made a motion to recess closed session and enter back into regular session, seconded by Commissioner Floyd.

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Attorney Amanda Prince gave the general account as follows:

The board discussed two matters regarding possible future litigation and two personnel matters. No action taken by the board.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the General Account, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #23: ADJOURMENT:**

At 8:43 P.M., Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

DRAFT