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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK OF COURT ESTATE FILE # 26E000151-230 Having qualified before the Honorable Jess Hill, Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, North Carolina, as Executrix of the Estate of Sara Mae Naron, late of Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina (the "Estate"), THIS IS TO NOTIFY all persons having claims against the said Estate to present those claims in writing to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August, 2026 or the same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Estate shall please make immediate payment to satisfy their obligation. This the 7th day of May, 2026. Tammy Thompson, Executrix c/o Wayne Law, PLLC PO Box 118 Whiteville, NC 28472 May 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Dog kennel found in the Big Cypress Road area during the month of April 2025. If you feel that this is your kennel, contact: Columbus County Sheriff's Office and ask to speak with someone in Evidence. 910-642-6551 Published May 21, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Murf's Pawn will be closing permanently on Friday July 3, 2026. All pawn merchandise must be picked up by that date and all layaways need to be paid out and picked up by that date. Store is located at: 1134 S. Madison St. in Whiteville and hours are 9am-6pm Mon-Fri. Liquidation sales will be announced in the near future. Apr 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; May 7, 14, 21 & 28; June 4, 11, 18 & 25; July 2, 2026

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 26CV000151-230 JACQUELYN ELEASE MITCHELL BELL ...Plaintiff Vs. CHRISTOPHER EMANUEL BELL ...Defendant
TO: CHRISTOPHER EMANUEL BELL, Defendant **TAKE NOTICE** that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: An absolute divorce based upon a separation period in excess of one year, and that the Court accept the divorce pleadings as the Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment pursuant to Rule 56 of the North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure based upon there being no genuine issue as to any material fact as to the Plaintiff's prayer for an absolute divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 11th day of June, 2026, said date being more than 40 days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 30th day of April, 2026. TEDDER & TEDDER Attorneys for the Plaintiff BY: MATTHEW J. TEDDER 110 West Nance Street Whiteville, North Carolina 28472 Telephone: (910) 642-8147 April 30; May 7, 14 & 21, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

Columbus County, North Carolina RE: THE ESTATE OF DAVID EARL HALL - 26E000206-230 Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of David Earl Hall, deceased, Columbus County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of August, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 11th day of May, 2026. Nicholas Hall, Executor of the Estate DSR Legal, PLLC PO Box 51596 Durham, NC 27717 May 14 & 21 & 28; June 4, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA COLUMBUS COUNTY The undersigned, ALICE FAYE SHAW BRITT, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of RONALD C. MEARES, deceased, late of Columbus County, NC, this is to notify all

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persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned Executor on or before July 30, 2026 at Powell & Powell Attorneys, PO Box 428, Whiteville, NC 28472, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor. This the 30th day of April, 2026 Alice Faye Shaw Britt, Executor 358 Antioch Church Rd. Lumberton, NC 28358 J. Coburn Powell Powell & Powell Attorneys PO Box 428 Whiteville, NC 28472 Telephone: 910-642-2728 April 30; May 7, 14 & 21, 2026

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST FROM RONALD EUGENE ROBINSON, TO INVESTORS TITLE INSURANCE, TRUSTEE, DATED 01/13/2000, RECORDED 01/20/2000 IN BOOK 611, PAGE 185, COLUMBUS COUNTY REGISTRY 26SP000045-230 Pursuant to an order entered April 22, 2026, in the Superior Court for Columbus County, and the power of sale contained in the captioned Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust"), the Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at auction (the "Sale"), to the highest bidder for cash on: WEDNESDAY MAY 27, 2026 AT 11:00 AM COLUMBUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 113 COURTHOUSE SQUARE WHITEVILLE, NC 28472 the real estate and the improvements thereon secured by the Deed of Trust, less and except any of such property released from the lien of the Deed of Trust prior to the date of said sale, lying and being in Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows (the "Property"): Being all of the 0.115 acre tract of land, more or less, the same being shown on the survey entitled "PLAT FOR RONALD E. ROBINSON", dated 26 August, 1998 by Billy M. Duncan, Land Surveyor, a copy of said plat being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Reference is made to said plat and to place recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 115 of the Columbus County Registry. Reference is also made to Deed recorded in Deed Book 230, Page 446, Columbus County Registry. And being the same tract of land conveyed by Deed dated October 7, 1996 from Oscar Edwards, Jr. and wife, Gladys Edwards to Ronald E. Robinson and recorded in Book 514, Page 702 Columbus County Registry. The record owner(s) of the Property not more than ten (10) days prior to the date hereof are Ronald Eugene Robinson. Parcel ID: 1357 Address: 432 West Columbus Street, Whiteville, NC 28472 Unless delayed by other sales held at the same place, the sale will be held at the fixed time, or as soon thereafter as practicable, but not later than 3 hours after the time fixed, as provided in Section 45-21.23 of the North Carolina General Statutes. A five percent cash deposit, or a cash deposit of \$750.00, whichever is greater, will be required of the last and highest bidder.

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The balance of the bid purchase price shall be due in full in cash or certified funds at a closing to take place within thirty (30) days of the date of sale. The Substitute Trustee shall convey title to the property by non warranty deed. This sale will be made subject to all prior liens of record, if any, and to all unpaid (ad valorem) taxes and special assessments, if any, which became a lien subsequent to the recordation of the Deed of Trust. This sale will be further subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the above-described property for a period of 120 days following the date when the final upset bid period has run.

The purchaser of the property described above shall pay the Clerk's Commissions in the amount of \$.45 per \$100.00 of the purchase price (up to a maximum amount of \$500.00), required by Section 7A-308(a) (1) of the North Carolina General Statutes. If the purchaser of the above-described property is someone other than the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust, the purchaser shall also pay, to the extent applicable, the land transfer tax in the amount of one percent (1%) of the purchase price. To the extent this sale involves residential property with less than fifteen (15) rental units, you are hereby notified of the following: (a) An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to Section 45-21.29 of the North Carolina General Statutes in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold; and (b) Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' written notice to the landlord. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. The 22nd day of April, 2026. John W. Fletcher, II, Substitute Trustee (NCSB No. 15503) Fletcher, Tydings, Williams-Tracy & Gott, PLLC 100 Queens Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, North Carolina 28204 704-334-3400/jfletcher@fletcherdydings.com May 14 & 21, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Job Title:

Retail Sales Associate / Clerk - ABC Store

- Location: Brunswick Township ABC Store
- Job Type: Full-time/Part-time Position Summary

We are seeking an energetic and engaging team member to join our retail team. You will be responsible for providing excellent customer service, maintaining, organizing and stocking shelves (heavy lifting required), and ensuring all state alcohol laws and store operations are followed with accuracy and care, as well as ability to flex schedule hours such as nights, weekends, and holidays. Key Responsibilities

- Customer Service: Assist customers in locating products and providing information on products.
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- Cashiering: Process transactions efficiently while strictly adhering to age-verification laws.
 - Compliance: Enforce all local and state ABC regulations (selling to minors, intoxicated individuals).
 - Requirements
 - Must be at least 21 years of age.
 - High school diploma or GED required.
 - Must pass a thorough background check and drug screen.
 - Must have reliable transportation.
- Applications can be accessed at the Brunswick Town Hall, or online via NC WORKS, and Carolina Staffing. May 7, 14 & 21, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COLUMBUS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Columbus County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Commissioners Chambers located on the 3rd floor of the County Administration Building at 127 W. Webster Street in Whiteville, NC. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public to consider a Text Amendment for Temporary Family Health Care Structures: 1) North Carolina General Statute 160D-915 requires local governments to allow Temporary Care Structures as a permitted use in any single-family residential zoning district on lots zoned for single-family detached dwellings provided there is a qualifying need, the structure qualifies, and a set of regulatory requirements are met. All interested citizens are invited to attend these Public Hearings to present oral and written comments. Contact the Columbus County Planning Department at 910-640-6608 regarding questions. May 14 & 21, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 28th day of April, 2026, as Co-Executors Of The Estate Of Morris Strickland, deceased, of Columbus County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the decedent or said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before August 21, 2026, a date that is three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. Please direct all claims to the attention of Tiffany Rose Kinney and Daniel Morris Strickland, Estate Of Morris Strickland, C/O T. Scott Sessions 130 Jefferson Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. All persons indebted to said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment thereto. This the 18th day of May, 2026. TIFFANY ROSE KINNEY, Co-Executor Of The Estate Of Morris Strickland 745 Lake Artesia Lane Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina 27526 DANIEL MORRIS STRICKLAND, Co-Executor Of The Estate Of Morris Strickland 1709 Tall Cane Circle Willow Spring, North Carolina 27592 T. SCOTT SESSIONS, Attorney For The Estate Of Morris Strickland The McGougan Law Firm 130 Jefferson Street Whiteville, North Carolina 28472 May 21 & 28; June 4 & 11, 2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2026-2027 BUDGET HEARING TOWN OF LAKE WACCAMAW

The proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget for the Town of Lake Waccamaw has been presented to the Lake Waccamaw Town Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk at the Town Hall weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Lake Waccamaw Town Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed budget May 26, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed budget. Persons wishing to be heard are invited to make written or oral comments. Mayor Greg Jacobs Town of Lake Waccamaw PO Box 145 Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450 May 14 & 21, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS The undersigned, TOMMI ENZOR, has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of MAR-THIELLA FIELDS MOORE, late of Columbus County, and this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before July 31, 2026, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 28A-14-1, or this notice shall be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the following address: This the 30 th day of April, 2026. TOMMI ENZOR, EXECUTRIX 15338 Swamp Fox Hwy. W Fair Bluff, NC 28439 Williamson, Walton & Scott, L.L.P. Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 1467 Whiteville, NC 28472 April 30; May 7, 14 & 21, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK File No.: 26E000195-230 Estate of Charles G. Powell Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Charles G. Powell, deceased, late of Columbus County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned at the address listed below on or before August 7, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 7th day of May, 2026. Dawn Wheeler, Administrator Estate of Charles G. Powell Mailing Address: 116 Chronicle St, Belmont, NC 28012 Phone: 770-896-5410 Email: d.michelewheeler@gmail.com May 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2026

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on **March 6, 2009**, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by **Bernice C. McPherson**, "Mortgagor(s)" in favor of **Bank of America, N.A.**, "Mortgagee" and was recorded on **March 26, 2009**, in **Book 956, Page 323** in the Official Land Records of **Columbus County**, North Carolina; and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated June 17, 2019 and recorded on June 17, 2019, in Book 1205, Page 125 in the Official Records of **Columbus County**, North Carolina; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the Borrower has died and the Property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower, and the outstanding balance remains wholly unpaid as of the date of

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this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of April 28, 2026 is \$234,881.37; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on February 5, 2026 in Book 1398, Page 783, notice is hereby given that on **June 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM local time**, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Being all of Lot No. Two (2), containing 1 acre, as is shown and delineated on that certain plat entitled "R.L. McPherson Estate" prepared by Billy M. Duncan Surveyor on September 27, 1972 and recorded in Plat Book 13, Page 66, Columbus County Registry, with that said plat being incorporated herewith by reference for further certainty of the description of Lot No. Two (2) containing 1 acre. Commonly known as 921 J D Cartrette Road, Chadbourne, NC 28431 Parcel ID#: 0157.00-56-3055.000 **The sale will be held at the COLUMBUS County Courthouse, 100 Courthouse Circle, Whiteville, NC 28472 at the location designated by the Clerk of Court for public auctions.** The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid **\$240,414.00**. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$24,041.40 (10% of the Secretary's bid), in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$24,041.40 must be presented before the bidding is closed. **The deposit is nonrefundable**. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption,

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in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$234,881.37 as of April 28, 2026, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Date: April 30, 2026 David W. Neill, NCSB 23396 **MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC** Foreclosure Commissioner 3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260 Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 Phone: 404.474.7149 Fax: 404.745.8121 Email: dneill@mtglaw.com NC2026-00055 May 21 & 28; June 4, 2026

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

25CV002099-230 Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in a judgment bearing the caption "Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff, v. Harrington O. Ward; Shanita T. Ward; Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Regional Finance Corp. of SC; WS Badcock Corp.; and Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. Substitute Trustee, Defendants" 25CV002099-230 Columbus County and pursuant to the terms of the judgment, the

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undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale that certain property as described below. Said sale will be held in the City of Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina at 1:30 p.m. on June 2, 2026 at the Columbus County Courthouse door and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Robeson, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: All of that 1.00 acres lying North of and adjacent to SR # 1502 in Cerro Gordo Township, Columbus County, North Carolina; said tract being more particularly described as follows: For a tie line begin at a nail located in the centerline of SR # 1502 and OLD US Highway 76; thence North 56 degrees 20 minutes 44 seconds East 761.43 feet to an old nail located in the centerline of SR # 1502; thence continuing with said centerline, North 65 degrees 06 minutes 03 seconds East 160.91 feet to an old nail located in the centerline of SR # 1502; said old nail being the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING; Thence from said beginning point so located, North 28 degrees 29 minutes 22 seconds West 300.00 feet to an old iron; thence North 59 degrees 28 minutes 34 seconds East 132.98 feet to an iron; thence South 31 degrees 14 minutes 59 seconds East 322.78 feet to an old nail located in the centerline of SR # 1502; said old nail being a common corner with what is now or was formerly Ricky Bullard property as shown in Deed Book 331, Page 773, Columbus County Registry; thence with the centerline of SR # 1502, South 69 degrees 23 minutes 00 seconds West 110.35 feet to an old nail; thence, continuing with said centerline South 65 degrees 15 minutes 58 seconds West 39.21 feet to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 1.00 acres, more or less. The above-described tract is a portion of that 45.06 acre tract as shown in Plat Book 3, Page 25 of the Columbus County Registry. Said tract is more fully shown on Map entitled "Map of a Survey for Carrie Angela Bullard Memory", dated August 2, 2002, prepared by David B. Goldston, Jr. Said map is recorded in Book 707, Page 918 of the Columbus County Registry and is incorporated herein by reference. The above-described tract is a portion of that property described in Deed dated February 10, 1967 from James Bullard and wife, Carrie Lee Bullard to Carrie Lee Bullard recorded in Deed Book 244, Page 659, Columbus County Registry. Being the same property as described in Deed dated September 30, 2002 from James Bullard to Carrie Angela Bullard Memory recorded in Book 706, Page 451, Columbus County Registry. The property is being sold "as is", without warranties, subject to all taxes, special assessments and prior liens or encumbrances of record and any recorded

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releases. Any assessments, costs or fees resulting from the sale will be due and payable from the purchaser at the sale. A deposit of certified funds (no personal check) in the amount of five percent (5%) of the high bid will be required at the time of the sale. The sale will be held open for ten days for upset bids as required by law. This the 27 th day of April, 2026. BY: *C.L. Leader* Substitute Trustee Services, Inc., Commissioner Printed Name: C.L. Leader Title: President 201 S. McPherson Church Road, Ste. 201 Fayetteville, NC 28303-4995 FV# 13523964 May 21, 28, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Whiteville City Schools proposes for Federal funding for the 2026-2027 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments on May 26th and May 28th in the office of April Corbett, Director of Exceptional Children/Student Services/AIG/McKinney Vento and Foster Care Liaison located at Whiteville City Schools Board of Education, 107 W. Walter Street, Whiteville, NC 28472. May 21 & 28, 2026

NOTICE REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TOWN OF CERRO GORDO


The Town of Cerro Gordo has received a \$400,000 NCDEQ grant to assist in the repair of Well and Pump #2. The Town of Cerro Gordo is seeking qualification statements from interested firms to provide professional engineering services to enable it to rehabilitate the groundwater production facility located on Water Street. Professional service and construction DEQ contracts using DEQ funds must meet all applicable state and federal requirements.

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It is the intent of the Town to obtain qualification statements for comparison by soliciting proposals from an adequate number of sources to permit reasonable competition consistent with the nature and requirements of the project. A full Request for Qualification may be received by contacting Al Leonard, Town Planner, Town of Cerro Gordo, 84 Cherry Street, Cerro Gordo, North Carolina 28430. Qualification statements must be addressed to the attention: Town Planner and be received by 2:00 PM, June 2, 2026. Each envelope should be clearly marked on the outside "NCDEQ Town of Cerro Gordo Professional Engineering Services - Well #2 project with the name of the engineering firm. Qualification statements not received by this time and date shall not be considered. Town of Cerro Gordo prohibits discrimination in any manner on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or handicap or sexual orientation and will pursue an affirmative policy of fostering, promoting, and conducting business with Historically Under-utilized Businesses (women and minority-owned and Section 3 business enterprises. May 21, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FY 26/27 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Columbus County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:30 PM** or as soon thereafter can be heard in the Commissioners Chambers located at 127 W Webster St, 3rd Floor, in Whiteville, NC. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public regarding the proposed Budget Ordinance. The Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the County of Columbus has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners and a copy is available for public inspection on the county's website at www.columbusco.org, and in the office of the Clerk to Board located at 127 W Webster Street, 3rd Floor, Whiteville, NC, during normal working hours (8:30AM-5:00PM), Monday through Friday. May 21, 2026



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