

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

Monday, October 09, 2017

6:00 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting interviews for County Manager and, if time allows, discussion on the Columbus County Historic Courthouse.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte, **Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman** (Arrived: 6:07 P.M.)
Giles E. Byrd
P. Edwin Russ
Trent Burroughs
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Attorney /
Interim County Manager**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the October 09, 2017 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meeting to order, and stated the following:

1. This is a special meeting for the purpose of beginning the interviews for the Columbus County Manager, in Closed Session;
2. If time allows, there will be discussion on the Columbus County Historic Courthouse; **and**
3. I will take the Closed Session first.

INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Bullard delivered the invocation. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, which was led by Commissioner Burroughs.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) PERSONNEL:

At 6:07 P.M., Commissioner Burroughs made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a) (6) PERSONNEL:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 8:31 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Burroughs. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Prevatte requested Michael H. Stephens, Columbus County Attorney / Interim County Manager, to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following: *“The Board of Commissioners interviewed applicants for the position of County Manager. No action was taken”*.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chairman Prevatte stated the next round of interviews and the Historic Courthouse Workshop will be scheduled for October 23, 2017, as follows:

6:00 P.M.	Interviews for County Manager; and
7:00 P.M.	Historic Courthouse Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:35 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to the Board

JAMES E. PREVATTE, Chairman