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 the Proposed Columbus
County Budget Workshop #2.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**
- Trent Burroughs, *Chairman*
- P. Edwin Russ, *Vice Chairman*
- Jerone McMillian
- James E. Prevatte
- Giles E. Byrd
- Ricky Bullard
- Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**
- Mike Stephens, *County Manager*
- Amanda B. Prince, *County Attorney*
- June B. Hall, *Clerk to Board*
- Bobbie Faircloth, *Finance Officer*

**CALLED to ORDER:**
At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the Proposed Columbus County Budget
Workshop #2 to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell.
Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
which was led by Commissioner Ricky Bullard.

**INTRODUCTION:**
Chairman Burroughs stated the following:
1. We will go into Closed Session to discuss personnel after the Budget Workshop; and

**MOTION:**
Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to enter into Closed Session in accordance with
N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion
unanimously passed.

2. We are going to start the Budget Workshop at Page Number 78 Social Services.

**DISCUSSION:**

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<td>Why is “Food Stamp Admin St” so less than projected? Reply (Bobbie Faircloth): Less due to NC Fast</td>
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<td>The Article 44 Sales &amp; Use Tax for the County and City Schools needs to be pulled out, ADM is based on ratio per child, keep a healthy balance, Article 44 uses are schools, travel and economic development</td>
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<td>When will some of these debts be paid off? Reply: Williams School and Detention Center is in this budget, Courthouse is 2025, the remaining water districts debts will be 2045 to 2051.</td>
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<td>What is Sundry Adm Expense? Reply: basically this is office supplies, they use different terminology.</td>
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<td>Why is the requested and recommended salaries the same? Reply: this budget will balance itself out and use the funds where they are needed.</td>
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<td>What is contracted services $75,000? Reply: I will check into this and send the information to you.</td>
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<td>Capital Outlay increase to $1,450,000. Reply: major renovation of transfer station.</td>
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<td>Commissioners Bullard, Prevatte, Byrd and Chairman Burroughs</td>
<td>Capital Outlay: $30,000 to $60,000 (½ ton pickup)</td>
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**RECESS BUDGET WORKSHOP:**
At 7:14 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess the Budget Workshop and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. 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 BUDGET WORKSHOP NUMBER 2:**
At 8:03 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Budget Workshop Number 2, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**
Chairman Burroughs requested Amanda Prince, County Attorney, to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: “The County Commissioners discussed personnel matters. No action was taken”.

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

**BUDGET ITEMS TO BE RECONSIDERED:**
Commissioner Prevatte stated he would like for the Board to reconsider the following two (2) items.
1. Reconsider giving $20,000 back to Mental Health of the $60,000 that was never spent. After discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to put $20,000 back in the budget for Mental Health; and
2. Reconsider giving Tabor City Chamber of Commerce the $1,000.00 requested for the July 4th Celebration. After discussion, it was the general consensus to give Tabor City Chamber of Commerce the $1,000.00 for the July 4th Celebration.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP NUMBER 2 CLOSED:**
At 8:11 P.M., at the conclusion of Page 141, Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to close the Budget Workshop, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board  
TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman