

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, October 3, 2022
4:30 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and time at 127 West Webster Street, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of conducting a Regular Session Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman**
 Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
 Chris Smith
 Giles E. Byrd
 Lavern Coleman
 Brent Watts
 Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Eddie Madden, Jr., **County Manager**
 Boyd Worley, **Board Attorney**
 Amanda B. Prince, **Staff Attorney**
 Melanie Hester, **Interim Finance Director**
 LaToya Williams, **Clerk to Board**

Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 4:30 P.M., Chairman Ricky Bullard called the Monday, October 3, 2022 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Regular Session Meeting to order.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

At 4:31 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(A)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege and (4) Economic Development, 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 (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION:

At 5:45 P.M., Commissioner Byrd made a motion to recess Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Watts. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Bullard requested Amanda Prince, Staff Attorney, to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Attorney Prince orally stated the following: "The County Commissioners discussed potential future litigation with Patrick Flanagan, attorney, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.113. The County Commissioners discussed Economic Development matters with Economic Development Director Gary Lanier pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.114. No action was taken by the Board.

MOTION:

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the general account as presented, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion unanimously passed.

MOTION:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn closed Session and resume Regular Session at 6:30 PM, seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

RECESS CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Bullard read the following statement:

"The Board of Commissioners is aware of the issue involving the Sheriff. Since there is an ongoing investigation, it would be inappropriate for the Board to discuss the matter in a public forum, at this time. Upon the advice of outside counsel, Mr. Patrick Flanagan, we need a motion to recess this regularly scheduled meeting to October 17th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M."

Adjournment:

MOTION:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to recess this meeting to October 17th, 2022 at 6:30 P.M., seconded by Vice Chairman McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

LATOYA WILLIAMS, Clerk to the Board

RICKY BULLARD, Chairman