

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**December 11, 2006**

**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 a Special Called Meeting, which was duly called by the Chairman, duly advertised and duly posted.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**  
James E. Prevatte, **Vice Chairman**  
Amon E. McKenzie  
Bill Memory  
Lynwood Norris  
Ricky Bullard  
Ronald Gore

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

Jimmy Varner, **County Manager**  
Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

**APPOINTEE ABSENT:**

Leo Hunt, **Interim Finance Officer**

**MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order and stated this Special Called Meeting had been called by the Chairman, duly advertised and posted, and the purpose was to consider, and possibly, act on litigation.

**RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE and (6) PERSONNEL:**

At 6:03 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (3) Attorney-Client Privilege and (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

Steven W. Fowler, Columbus County Attorney, stated this Closed Session was being held for the Deena Ward versus the Columbus County Department of Social Services matter and confidential personnel information.

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:**

At 7:55 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Norris. The motion unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENT of PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER:**

Commissioner Memory made a motion to appoint Rachel Esposito, attorney with Cranfill, Sumner and Hartzog, LLP, counsel for the Columbus County Department of Social Services, to be the public information officer on the Deena Ward versus the Columbus County Department of Social Services matter, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:56 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman**