

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 22, 2007

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 resuming the regular scheduled meeting that was recessed on October 15, 2007.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Leo Hunt, **Interim County Manager**
Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Lynwood Norris

MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the resumed Regular Session Board Meeting to order, and stated the Board would enter into Closed Session for the purpose of interviewing three (3) applicants for the County Manager's position.

Points of Interest by Chairman Jacobs:

1. I would like to remind everyone that Columbus County, and the entire State, is in a dire drought;
2. I think we should adhere to Governor Easley's suggestions relative to being conservative with water; **and**
3. Only use water in necessary situations and let the other situations wait until we receive some relief from the drought.

Request by Commissioner Memory:

1. I would like for the Westside Sewer (Sewer Lease Agreement) to be placed on the November 5, 2007 Agenda;
2. I have met, and Vice Chairman Prevatte is aware of this meeting, with Al Leonard who is the consultant for the Towns of Boardman, Fair Bluff and Cerro Gordo, Bobbie Faircloth, Deputy Finance Officer, Leo Hunt, Interim County Manager, Steven W. Fowler, County Attorney, on this matter;
3. Steven W. Fowler is presently working on the Agreement; **and**
4. We have worked up a document where the numbers are better and I think we can live with it.

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

At 6:09 P.M., Vice Chairman Prevatte made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11 (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:59 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.

MEETING RECESSED:

At 8:00 P.M., Commissioner Bullard made a motion to recess this meeting until October 29, 2007, at 6:00 P.M., to be held at the usual meeting place, seconded by Commissioner Memory. The motion unanimously carried.
