

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2010**

**7:30 A.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 meeting for discussion of an Economic Development project so entitled "Project Top Drawer" This meeting was duly scheduled and announced at the December 06, 2010 Board Meeting.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Giles E. Byrd **Chairman**  
 Amon E. McKenzie, **Vice Chairman**  
 James E. Prevatte  
 P. Edwin Russ  
 Lynwood Norris  
 Ricky Bullard  
 Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, **County Manager**  
 Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**  
 June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**  
 Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**OTHERS in ATTENDANCE:**

Steve Yost, NC Southeast  
 Jimmy Yokeley, Jr., NC State Port Authority  
 Ken Allen, Regional Manager for NC Department of Commerce, Southeast Regional Office  
 Bill Cameron, Cameron Management Group  
 Scout Sullivan, Cameron Management Group  
 Gary Lanier, Columbus County Economic Development Director  
 Cindy McPherson, Administrative Assistant

**MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 7:30 A.M., Chairman Byrd called the December 14, 2010 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Meeting to order.

**INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman McKenzie. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Bullard.

**REQUEST RENDERED by GARY LANIER:**

Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, requested the Board to enter into Closed Session for Economic Development discussions, in accordance with N.C.G.S. §318.11 (4).

**CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. §318.11 (4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

At 7:35 .A.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §318.11 (4) Economic Development, second by Vice Chairman McKenzie. The motion unanimously passed.

No official action was taken.

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:**

At 8:11 A.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, second by Commissioner Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

Chairman Byrd requested that Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Mr. Stephens orally read the following:

“The Columbus County Board of Commissioners authorizes Gary Lanier, Economic Development Director, to continue negotiations on an Economic Development Incentive Package for Project Top Drawer”.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:15 A.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**

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

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**GILES E. BYRD, Chairman**