

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING with WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS BOARD of EDUCATION
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
5:00 P.M.

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time at Southeastern Community College, T-Building, Room 120, at 4564 Chadbourn Highway, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting a Joint Meeting with Whiteville City Schools Board of Education.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman**
 Charles T. McDowell, **Vice Chairman**
 James E. Prevatte
 P. Edwin Russ
 Trent Burroughs
 Ricky Bullard

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Amon E. McKenzie

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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

WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Kandle M. Rogers, **Chairperson**
 Greg Merritt, **Vice Chairman**
 Carlton Prince
 David Flowers
 Coleman Barbour

STAFF PRESENT:

Kenny Garland, **Superintendent**
 Annette Hamilton, **Director of Finance**
 Christopher R. Barnes, **Human Resources Director**
 Phyllis B. Dunham, **Director of Federal Programs**

Agenda Items #1 and #2: MEETING CALLED to ORDER and INVOCATION:

At 5:00 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the April 12, 2016 Columbus County Board of Commissioners Joint Meeting with the Whiteville City Schools Board of Education to order. The invocation was delivered by Vice Chairman Charles T. McDowell.

Agenda Item #3: INTRODUCTION of ATTENDEES (NAME and TITLE):

The attendees stated their names and titles.

Agenda Item #4: PURPOSE of JOINT MEETING:

Chairman Byrd stated the purpose of the Joint Meeting was to discuss the needs that we have throughout Columbus County with emphasis on Whiteville City Schools tonight.

Agenda Item #5: RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

Chairman Byrd stated the procedure was that each attendee present would have the opportunity to speak.

Agenda Item #6: DISCUSSION:

Superintendent Kenny Garland stated the following:

1. I would like to thank you for this opportunity to speak;
2. We appreciate the generous one-time payment of \$333,000;
3. Recently, Whiteville City Schools achieved a recommendation of full district accreditation through AdvancED. The school system was touted as being above average in many areas and received no required improvement initiatives from the study;
4. Continued a partnership with Southeastern Community College to offer college level classes at Whiteville High School through the College and Career Promise Program;
5. Whiteville City Schools committed to a three (3) year lease of Chrome Books for each student in grades 6-12;

6. The one (1) time approval of \$333,000 for capital outlay projects allowed for the following:
 - A. Replacement of Whiteville High School gym roof - \$96,454;
 - B. Replacement of Edgewood Elementary School Cafeteria roof - \$62,550;
 - C. Replacement of flooring at Whiteville Primary School - \$50,024;
7. The remainder of the money will be requested for window replacement in the 8th grade building at Central Middle School;
8. Whiteville City Schools request an additional \$ -0- to ensure completion of the following ten (10) capital outlay priorities:
 - Purchase teacher laptop/desktop devices for all K-5 teachers in the district, estimated cost is \$75,000;
 - Continue lease of Chrome Books for all students, grades 6-12, estimated cost is \$110,000;
 - Repair/replace storage areas at Edgewood Elementary School and Maintenance Shed, estimated cost is \$120,000;
 - Purchase a new activity bus/mini bus for the district, estimated cost is \$110,000;
 - Install security doors/keyless entries at Edgewood Elementary School, estimated cost is \$60,000;
 - Complete a Facilities Study of Whiteville High School and Property Accounting for Whiteville City Schools, estimated cost is \$30,000;
 - Complete two (2) roofing projects (using lottery monies), estimated cost is \$150,000;
 - Replace windows at Bowers Auditorium, estimated cost is \$150,000;
 - Contracted services in a variety of areas, estimated cost is \$78,000;
 - HVAC replacement/repair across district, estimated cost is \$100,000;
9. The request for 2016-2017 provides an additional \$216,430 in funding, which is a 10.8% increase for the following in current expense:
 - An eleven (11%) percent increase in operations/maintenance budget. This is to ensure school plants are operating at maximum efficiency, estimated increase is \$83,723.50.;
 - A twelve and one-half (12.5%) percent increase in charter school appropriation, estimated increase is \$25,000.;
 - A twenty-one (21%) percent increase in board of education appropriation. This is to offset rising cost in insurance premiums, workers' compensation and contracted services.;
 - The elimination of seven (7) first year teaching salaries totaling \$347,986.22. These will be eliminated by retirements, resignations and non-renewals.;
 - The elimination of \$46,708.59 from non-instructional support. This was due to a resignation.; **and**
 - The elimination of \$30,232 from at-risk support services. This will be due to a non-renewal of a contracted service.
10. The mission of Whiteville City Schools is "Everyone Committed to the Success of ALL Students".

Agenda Item #7: ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:05 P.M., Chairman Byrd stated the Joint Meeting with Whiteville City Schools Board of Education was closed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING with SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD of TRUSTEES and
DR. TONY CLARKE
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time at Southeastern Community College, T-Building, Room 120, at 4564 Chadbourn Highway, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting a joint meeting with Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees and Dr. Tony Clarke.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Giles E. Byrd, **Chairman**
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James E. Prevatte
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APPOINTEES PRESENT:

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COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Amon E. McKenzie

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES and STAFF:

Henry Edmund, **Chair**
Spruell R. Britt
Robert L. Ezzell
Harry Foley
Jack Hooks
Joe Hooks
Brenden Jones
Dr. Tony Clarke, **President**
Betty Jo Ramsey, **Vice President/Administrative Services**
Beverlee Nance, **Vice President, Workforce/Community Development**
Sylvia Cox, **Executive Dean of Student Services**
Lauren Cole, **Vice President Academics**
Shalon Smith, **News Reporter**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Maudie Davis, **Vice Chair**
Theresa Blanks
Mark Cartret
Charlie Lytle
Terray Suggs

Agenda Item #1: MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 7:00 P.M., Chairman Giles E. Byrd called the April 12, 2016 Joint Meeting with Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees and Dr. Tony Clarke to order.

Agenda Item #2: INVOCATION:

Vice Chairman Charles T. McDowell delivered the invocation.

Agenda Item #3: INTRODUCTION of ATTENDEES (NAME and TITLE):

Chairman Byrd requested that each attendee to state their name and title.

A. **Columbus County Board Members and Staff Members; and**

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Each attendee stated their name and title.

B. Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees and Staff Members.

Each attendee stated their name and title.

Agenda Item #4: PURPOSE of JOINT MEETING:

Chairman Byrd stated the main purpose of this meeting is to have an informal session and take a look at your capital outlay needs.

Agenda Item #5: RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

Chairman Byrd stated that we would hear comments and input from the members present.

Agenda Item #6: DISCUSSION:

Chairman Byrd opened the floor for discussion. The following spoke.

Tony Clarke, President, Southeastern Community College:

COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLANS

- Enrollment Management - increase enrollment
- Student Success - increase retention and completion
- Workforce Development - increase employer partnerships
- Employee Development - build leadership abilities and technical skills
- Technology - support learning and operations
- Facilities - simplify campus, clean up appearance; plan/begin renovations
- Resource Acquisition and Use - acquire additional resources and use them effectively

CURRENT SITUATION

- Curriculum enrollment is no longer declining
-Ranked 12th out of 58th for 2015-2016 (previously ranked 45th)
- Workforce / Continuing Education enrollment increased
-Ranked 9th out of 58 for 2015 (previously ranked 22nd)
- New program in Dialysis Technology was started in March in partnership with DaVita
- Student Services Learning Institute to improve the student experience and retention
- Aspen Institute Conference to implement organizational change
- Connect NC Bond was approved. SCC will receive \$6.8 million to renovate advanced manufacturing, student services, health technologies and other instructional areas
- Duke Energy Foundation awarded a \$249,526 grant for advanced manufacturing equipment - "Growing Advanced Manufacturing Excellence"

OUR IMPACT ON COLUMBUS COUNTY

- We have educated 9,064 students over the last year.

	CURRICULUM	OCCUPATIONAL EXTENSION	BASIC SKILLS	TOTAL
2015-2016 FY	1840*			
2015 CY		6033	1161	9064*

*Projected

- 141 high school students are taking free college classes
- \$125,557 in customized training dollars were pulled from the state to Columbus County for employers to train their workforce
-Council Tool, International Paper, MaxPro, National Spinning

COLLEGE COMPARISONS

- SCC is ranked (county operating budget per budgeted FTE):
 - 54th out of 58 in county support for all community colleges (same as last year)
 - SCC receives slightly higher support than Bladen Community College but less support than Cape Fear, Brunswick and Robeson

County Operating Budget per Budgeted FTE	Bladen CC	SCC	Robeson CC	Cape Fear CC	Brunswick CC
2014-2015	\$478	\$491	\$564	\$970	\$2,093
2015-2016	\$583	\$593	\$818	\$1,212	\$1,891

Peer College Group:

	Edgecombe	SCC	Sampson	Richmond	James Sprunt
Population	56,552	58,098	64,431	82,796	58,505
(Median Age)	(40)	(40)	(38)	(39)	(38)
Race - White	39%	62%	57%	54%	57%
African-American	57%	30%	27%	34%	25%
American Indian	0%	3%	2%	6%	0%
Other	2%	3%	12%	4%	15%
Median Income	\$33,960	\$35,761	\$36,496	\$31,213	\$34,433

SCC receives less support than our peer colleges: Edgecombe, Sampson, Richmond and James Sprunt.

County Operating Budget per Budgeted FTE	SCC	Edgecombe	Sampson	Richmond	James Sprunt
2014-2015	\$491	\$469	\$699	\$724	\$928
2015-2016	\$593	\$613	\$784	\$786	\$1,319

CURRENT OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

	Allocated Funds 2015/2016	Projected Expenditures 2015/2016
Amount	\$1,292,724	\$1,319,500
Requested Increase (Percent)	4.1%	2.0%
Requested Increase (\$)	\$53,254	\$26,478

Requested Budget: \$1,345,978
(2016-2017)

IMMEDIATE CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS (2015-2016):

- Book / Coat shelves and hooks for restrooms - \$6,500
- 1 Security Vehicle - equipped and decaled (used) - \$7,508
- Roof and Storage Facility for Public Safety program and Firing Range - \$6,219
- Generator and Uninterrupted Power System Installation of IT Server Room and Server Power during power loss - \$18,359 Planned, \$127,716 In Process

IMMEDIATE CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS (2016-2017):

- Phase 2 Seal and resurface east, west and north parking lots to prevent further deterioration.

Add stone stabilizations to the gravel drives at S and parking lot north of loop road - \$650,000

- Add surveillance cameras tied into monitoring system - \$38,300
- Install campus directional signs - \$20,500

SHORT TERM CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS (2016-2017):

- Roof Replacements - \$500,000

LONG TERM CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS (2016-2017):

- Roof Replacements - \$300,000

2016-2017 Capital Outlay Expenditures

	Capital Outlay Plan 2015-2016	Capital Outlays Received	Capital Outlay Plan 2016-2017
Immediate Needs	\$1,442,768	\$583,000	\$922,800
Short-term Needs	\$1,264,800		\$844,100
Long-term Needs	\$1,000,000		\$700,000
Total Capital Outlays Identified	\$3,707,568		\$2,466,900

2016 - 2017 ACADEMIC YEAR BUDGET REQUEST

We need your support to enable Southeastern Community College to impact economic development and educational attainment in Columbus County.

Commissioner Prevatte: do you plan to repair or replace the existing vehicles that you have?

Tony Clarke: We plan to do an inventory of the vehicles that we do have, and determine if they can be fixed or need to be replaced.

Chairman Henry Edmund: I appreciate all the interest you have in Southeastern Community College, and the financial help that you give. I hope you can see how much progress we have made, and we still have some way to go.

Chairman Giles E. Byrd: We are thankful for all that you have done, and we will help financially in any way that we can.

Agenda Item #7: ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15 P.M., Chairman Byrd stated that the workshop was closed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

GILES E. BYRD, Chairman