

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP #1
Wednesday, May 29, 2019
6:30 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 the Proposed Columbus County Budget Workshop #1.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice Chairman**
Jerome McMillian
James E. Prevatte
Giles E. Byrd (Arrived: 6:41P.M.)
Ricky Bullard
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the Proposed Columbus County Budget Workshop #1 to order. Chairman Burroughs stated we are going to take a look at our budget, line by line, to see if there is any questions the Commissioners have. We are going to raise all of our issues, and will cover as much of the material as we can tonight. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner James Prevatte.

DISCUSSION:

PAGE	PERSON	DISCUSSION
1	Commissioner Prevatte	At the revenue level listed, it looks like we will go \$3 million into Fund Balance.
3	Bobbie Faircloth	State projected 5.6% Increase, but we normally receive 3%, and that is what I used. Two numbers listed is reversed.
5	Bobbie Faircloth	The collection fees for Chadbourn and Fair Bluff have not been included.
6	Commissioner Prevatte	Why is the Indirect cost broken out by water district? Reply: the water districts have to be broken down individually.
6	Commissioner Bullard	Why does the item Rent increase from \$66,000 to \$111,363?
11	Commissioner Prevatte	What is the Non-capitalized Outlay \$2,340 for? Reply: Replacement of computers, monitors and two (2) chairs.
15	Commissioner Prevatte	How do you get revenue in the Legal Department? Reply: Reimbursement of Paulette's work and David Tedder's work.
16	Commissioner Prevatte	What is the difference in the Projected and the recommended Salaries & Wages Regular? Reply: It includes the 3 ½% increase for this budget year.
17	Commissioner Prevatte	What is the big increase in capital Outlay? Reply: it is for sound-proof Jury Room, the new camera system and the additional cameras.

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19	Commissioners Prevatte and McDowell	Lengthy Discussion: Non Capitalized Outlay - 52 laptops, 7 work stations, did not replace printers - 4 different types of printers; Departmental Supplies.
23	Commissioner Prevatte	What is Contracted Services for? Reply: SPAM filter, website, remote access, etc.
24	Commissioner Prevatte	What is Prof Services - Other for? Reply: Indirect Cost Plan by Maximus.
25	Commissioner Prevatte	M/R - Vehicles
26	Commissioner Prevatte	What is the Capital Outlay \$29,000 for? Reply: air conditioning units.
27	Commissioner Prevatte	M & R Bldg/Grounds and Capital Outlay
29	Commissioner Bullard and Prevatte	What is the Capital Outlay \$269,000 for? Reply: HVAC Unit, roof, elevator, health hallway and maint/repairs to building and grounds
30	Commissioners Prevatte, Bullard, McDowell and Chairman Burroughs	What is Capital Outlay \$142,000? Reply: replace 24 year old truck, replace roof Legion Building, repair Airport roof, repave parking lot and concrete slab, repair floors and office hallway at EMS
31	Commissioner Byrd	Capital Outlay -0-: carpet in terrible shape, seven (7) units with different HVAC controls
32	Commissioners Prevatte, Bullard and Vice Chairman Russ	POTW: Put permit back in
34	Commissioners Bullard, Prevatte, Byrd, McDowell and Vice Chairman Russ, Mike Stephens, Sheriff Green	10 New Vehicles, 33 cars, increase in salary for road employees, compression in pay scale, possible fencing around jail, mal-functioning equipment

RECESS BUDGET WORKSHOP:

At 8:00 P.M., Chairman Burroughs stated the Budget Workshop will be recessed for a short break.

RESUME BUDGET WORKSHOP:

At 8:09 P.M., Chairman Burroughs stated the Budget Workshop will be resumed.

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35	Commissioner Prevatte	Misdemeanant Confinement Program-\$105,000 estimated amount
36	Commissioner Prevatte, McDowell and Bullard, Byrd and Chairman Burroughs	Non-Capital Outlay - security system, computers, furniture and chairs (Add \$60,000 to \$45,000)
39	Commissioners Prevatte, McDowell, Bullard, Russ, Byrd and Chairman Burroughs	All Contracted Services, Rental and Capital Outlay
41	Commissioners Prevatte and Bullard	Possible enough fees collected to pay for a Fire Inspector

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42	Commissioners Prevatte and Bullard	\$1,750 Per autopsy, \$200 per person that goes to scene
43	Commissioners Bullard and Byrd	Look at fee schedule
44	Commissioners Bullard, McDowell and Byrd	Salaries, Departmental Supplies and Capital Outlay
46	Commissioner Prevatte	Contracted Services increase
48	Commissioner Prevatte	Professional Services (demolition), Contracted Services (John Ganus's salary)
49	Commissioner Prevatte	Building Permits
53	Commissioner Prevatte	Contracts

BUDGET WORKSHOP NUMBER 1 CLOSED:

At 8:53 P.M., at the conclusion of **Page 77**, Commissioner Bullard made a motion to close the Budget Workshop, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman