

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET WORKSHOP #2**

**Monday, June 10, 2019**

**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 the Proposed Columbus County Budget Workshop #2.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Trent Burroughs, **Chairman**  
P. Edwin Russ, **Vice Chairman**  
Jerome McMillian  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
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 6:00 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the Proposed Columbus County Budget Workshop #2 to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Charles T. McDowell. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Commissioner Ricky Bullard.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Chairman Burroughs stated the following:

1. We will go into Closed Session to discuss personnel after the Budget Workshop; **and**

**MOTION:**

Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

2. We are going to start the Budget Workshop at Page Number 78 Social Services.

**DISCUSSION:**

<b>PAGE</b>	<b>PERSON</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
78	Commissioner Prevatte	Why is "Food Stamp Admin St" so less than projected? Reply (Bobbie Faircloth): Less due to NC Fast
84	Commissioners McDowell, Prevatte, Bullard and Chairman Burroughs	The Article 44 Sales & Use Tax for the County and City Schools needs to be pulled out, ADM is based on ratio per child, keep a healthy balance, Article 44 uses are schools, travel and economic development
86	Commissioner Prevatte	Non Capitalized Outlay - \$2,000 difference between Requested and recommend. Reply - number of computers needed.
96	Commissioner McDowell	Travel - Difference between Requested and Recommend
101	Commissioner Prevatte	Why is Christmas bonus increased that much? Reply - the lines are off and need to be adjusted.
104	Commissioners Prevatte and Bullard	Sheltered Workshop (Add: \$20,000) <b>Consensus: Not add in</b>
114	Commissioner McDowell	When will some of these debts be paid off? Reply: Williams School and Detention Center is in this budget, Courthouse is 2025, the remaining water districts debts will be 2045 to 2051.

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118	Commissioner Prevatte	What is Sundry Adm Expense? Reply: basically this is office supplies, they use different terminology.
120	Commissioner Prevatte	Why is the requested and recommended salaries the same? Reply: this budget will balance itself out and use the funds where they are needed.
124	Commissioner McDowell and Prevatte	Contingency
135	Chairman Burroughs	What is contracted services \$75,000? Reply: I will check into this and send the information to you.
140	Commissioner McDowell	Capital Outlay increase to \$1,450,000. Reply: major renovation of transfer station.
50 (Cont 'd)	Commissioners Bullard, Prevatte, Byrd and Chairman Burroughs	Capital Outlay: \$30,000 to \$60,000 (½ ton pickup)

**RECESS BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

At 7:14 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess the Budget Workshop and enter into Closed Session in Accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Bullard. The motion unanimously passed.

**CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (6) PERSONNEL:**  
**No official action was taken.**

**ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume BUDGET WORKSHOP NUMBER 2:**

At 8:03 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Budget Workshop Number 2, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

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

Chairman Burroughs requested Amanda Prince, County Attorney, to orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following: “The County Commissioners discussed personnel matters. No action was taken”.

Commissioner Byrd made a motion to approve the Closed Session General Account, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

**BUDGET ITEMS TO BE RECONSIDERED:**

Commissioner Prevatte stated he would like for the Board to reconsider the following two (2) items.

1. Reconsider giving \$20,000 back to Mental Health of the \$60,000 that was never spent. After discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to put \$20,000 back in the budget for Mental Health; **and**
2. Reconsider giving Tabor City Chamber of Commerce the \$1,000.00 requested for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. After discussion, it was the general consensus to give Tabor City Chamber of Commerce the \$1,000.00 for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP NUMBER 2 CLOSED:**

At 8:11 P.M., at the conclusion of **Page 141**, Vice Chairman Russ made a motion to close the Budget Workshop, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

**APPROVED:**