

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Monday, January 14, 2019

5:30 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 a Special Called Meeting which was duly advertised to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege.

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**

APPOINTEE ABSENT

Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

MEETING CALLED to ORDER, INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

At 5:30 P.M., Chairman Trent Burroughs called the Special Called Meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners to order. The invocation was delivered by Commissioner Ricky Bullard. Everyone in attendance stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America which was led by Vice Chairman P. Edwin Russ.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:

At 5:32 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client Privilege, seconded by Vice Chairman Russ. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

At 6:39 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

READING and APPROVAL of CLOSED SESSION GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Chairman Burroughs requested that Amanda B. Prince, County Attorney, orally read the Closed Session General Account. Ms. Prince orally read the following, *“The County Attorney and the County Manager discussed legal matters with the Board of Commissioners”*.

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

MOTION:

Commissioner Russ made a motion to retain Norwood P. Blanchard, III, Attorney-At-Law, to represent the defendants in the lawsuit 19-CVS-19, seconded by Commissioner McMillian. The motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:41 P.M., Commissioner McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion unanimously passed.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

TRENT BURROUGHS, Chairman