

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in the Administrative Conference Room, at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC, at 7:00 P.M., June 11, 1996, for the purpose of a budget work session.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Spruell Randolph Britt, Chairman

C.E. "Gene" Wilson, Vice Chairman

C.W. Williams

Dempsey B. Herring
Administrator

Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board

ABSENT:

David L. Dutton, Jr., Commissioner

A. Dial Gray, III, Commissioner

Sammie Jacobs, Commissioner

Lynwood Norris, Commissioner

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Chairman Britt called the meeting to order.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The following departments who requested additional funding at the June 3, 1996, Board Meeting were discussed:

Library: Deborah Marrs, Director, requested 1 ½ additional positions.

Tax: Bill Brooks, Administrator, requested 1 additional position.

Mental Health: Tommy Holmes, Director, requested \$120,000 instead of the proposed amount of \$100,000.

Sheriff: Jimmy Ferguson requested five additional officers that can be obtained through a federal grant for three (3) years with the state providing 75% funding and the county providing 25%. The grant is limited to salaries and fringe benefits only and the county will have to provide cars, weapons, radios and uniforms. The Sheriff stated that if the additional officers are approved, they will be assigned to the Evergreen, Hallsboro, Nakina and Riegelwood areas of Columbus County for community policing.

Sheriff Ferguson also requested that employees working assigned shift work after 6:00 P.M. to be paid fifty-cents (\$0.50) per hour extra.

The Board Members present concurred to consider giving the Sheriff three (3) additional full-time officers if the grant application will be considered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) with less than the five (5) positions.

Sheriff Ferguson stated that he will contact the U. S. Department of Justice and inquire if the grant application will be considered for three (3) full-time officers instead of five (5) and report to Administration.

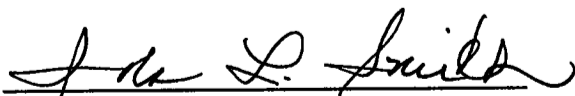
Dempsey Herring, Administrator, is to poll the Board Members who were not present to see if they concur in order for the 1996-97 Proposed Operating Budget to be finalized.

The Board Members present concurred to deny additional funding for the Library, Tax Office, Mental Health and shift work pay for the Sheriff's Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Britt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

APPROVED:



 Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board



 Spruell R. Britt, Chairman