

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

5:47 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 Budget Workshop.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**
Kipling Godwin, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Bill Memory
Lynwood Norris
David L. Dutton, Jr.

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Manager**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Roxanne Coleman, **Finance Officer**

APPOINTEES ABSENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Manager**
James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney**

BUDGET WORKSHOP CALLED TO ORDER:

At 5:47 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the Budget Workshop to order and requested that each department present their budget in the order listed on the Budget Schedule.

1. **Aging Department:** Ed Worley, Aging Director, stated his total Budget was \$4,989,483 and there were no significant increases in any area from last year.

Vice Chairman Godwin asked Mr. Worley if there had been any additional discussion about the old Piggly Wiggly facilities being utilized for the Aging Department. Mr. Worley responded stating there had been some discussion but noting definite.

Darren Currie, Assistant County Manager, stated he had added \$65,000 of local money to this budget for the purpose of utilizing it for this purchase if all the details could be worked out.

Vice Chairman Godwin stated this amount of money could be utilized to offset reversion or if the project did not materialize, it would be given back.

Shawn Maynor, Program Director for the Town of Bolton, on behalf of Mayor Frank Wilson, stated the Town of Bolton was requesting an additional \$10,000 for operating expenses for the Bolton Senior Center/Youth Center. At present, we are receiving \$200 from the Columbus County Department of Aging for rent and \$1100 from the Columbus County Health Department for managing the WIC Program.

2. **Animal Control:** Rossie Hayes, Director, stated there were no significant changes in the amounts from last year's budget.

3. **Cooperative Extension:** Jackie Roseboro, Director, stated there were no significant changes in her budget from last year. The only major change was an amount put in the budget for a vehicle which we need.

Vice Chairman Godwin stated that Stuart Carroll was putting together a list of all the county vehicles which will eventually be located at the Purchasing Department for anyone who needs a vehicle to drive to check out, and, at the present time, there are four (4) new vehicles at the Administration Office that is not being fully used.

4. **Economic Development:** James Hinkle, Interim Director, stated there were no significant changes in his budget over last year.

5. **Elections:** Carla Strickland, Director, stated the following:
 - A. An amount has been added to cover some new voting machines that are needed;

- B. An amount has been added to cover the cleaning of the boards within the old voting machines which have not been cleaned lately; **and**
 - C. A significant amount has been added to allow for a special election, if the need should arise.
6. **Finance:** Roxanne Coleman, Columbus County Finance Officer, stated there were no significant increases in her budget from last year with the exception of one (1) additional position added, which is needed, and an amount for a laser printer for the Windows Version of Logics for compatibility.
 7. **H.U.D.:** Brenda Strickland, Director, stated there were eleven (11) additional units in her program now, she did not have any increase in her budget, and this program does not use any county money.
 8. **Inspections:** Kenny Davis, Director, stated there were no significant increases from last year, and I have included an amount for an additional computer for #3 inspector.
 9. **Library:** Morris Pridgen, Director, stated there were no significant increases from last year, but I have included an amount for the purchase of ten (10) public computers.
 10. **Litter Patrol/Solid Waste:** Chuck Stanley, Director, stated there were no significant increases from last year, but I have included amounts in Capital Outlay for two (2) roll-off trucks and monies to prepare two (2) additional convenience centers.
 11. **M.I.S.:** in the absence of a director, Darren Currie, Assistant County Manager, stated this budget included \$15,000 for Internet Services that was needed, and \$3,500 for computer equipment for the new IT Specialist.
 12. **Personnel:** Virginia Taylor, Director, stated there were no significant increases from last year.
 13. **Planning:** in the absence of a director, Darren Currie, Assistant County Manager, stated he has placed \$67,848 in the Budget for this department.
 14. **Register of Deeds:** Kandance Whitehead, Columbus County Register of Deeds, stated there were no significant increases in her budget over last year.
 15. **Recreation:** Carol Owens, Director, stated she had included, in her budget, \$100,000 for a PARTF Grant Match and Capital Outlay Requests totaling \$12,000.

After discussion was conducted, Ms. Owens was instructed to take the \$100,000 PARTF Grant Match out of her budget until a later date.

16. **Purchasing/County Garage:** Stuart Carroll, Director, stated the following:
 - A. These two (2) departments are new;
 - B. In the Purchasing Budget, I have included a full-time salary for Kimberly Patrick who now works part time;
 - C. I have included \$12,000 in Capital Outlay for a vehicle to travel back and forth from the Garage;
 - D. I have included \$1,050 in Capital Outlay for a fax machine and a copier for Purchasing;
 - E. I have put \$30,417 as a salary request for a mechanic at the garage, Capital Outlay cost of \$240,000 for the initial start of the garage, and \$1,250 for a computer, fax machine and copier for the garage.

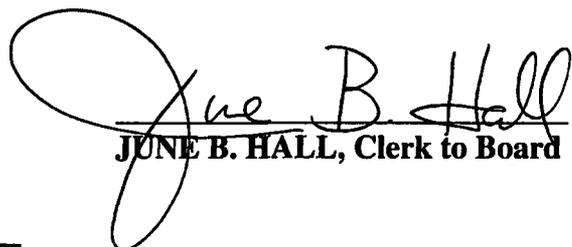
After discussion was conducted, it was the general consensus of the Board that Kimberly Patrick would remain as a part-time employee, the new vehicle would not be needed, and the County Garage would have to wait until a later date.

17. **Soil and Water Conservation:** Donna Register, District Conservationist, stated there were no significant changes in her budget, and, at the present time, she was down to three (3) employees and she would need to replace Pam Spivey who will be leaving shortly.

18. **Tax Office:** Richard Gore, Columbus County Tax Administrator, stated there were no significant changes in his budget over last year.
19. **Transportation:** Charles Patton, Director, stated this program is a state-funded program and requires only a minimum amount of County money. I have included an increase in my salary in this budget.
20. **Veterans Services:** Sherri Blackman, Director, stated there were no significant changes in this budget over last year, but I have included a Capital Outlay Request for a computer and printer due to the significant problems we have been experiencing with our old computer and printer.
21. **Travel and Tourism:** Jennifer Long, Director, stated the funds for her department were derived from Room Occupancy Tax and there were no significant changes in her budget over the last budget.

BUDGET WORKSHOP CLOSED:

At 9:35 P.M., Chairman Jacobs made a motion to close the Budget Workshop, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.


JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

APPROVED:

SAMMIE JACOBS, Chairman

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**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION (Resumed from May 16, 2005)
Tuesday, May 17, 2005
4:30 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 resuming the May 16, 2005 Regular Session Meeting that was recessed.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 4:30 P.M., Chairman Jacobs called the resumed Regular Session to order.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and into into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (6):

At 4:33 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to recess Regular Session and enter into Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (6), seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 5:45 P.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Dutton. The motion so carried.

RECESS MEETING:

At 5:47 P.M., Commissioner Norris made a motion to recess this Regular Session Meeting until May 23, 2005, at 5:30 P.M., seconded by Vice Chairman Godwin. The motion so carried.

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