

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION (Resumed from May 23, 2005)
Thursday, May 26, 2005
8:00 A.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 Regular Session Meeting held on May 23, 2005 and recessed.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Kipling Godwin, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
James E. Prevatte
Bill Memory

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Billy Joe Farmer, **County Manager**
James E. Hill, Jr., **County Attorney**
Darren L. Currie, **Assistant County Manager**
Roxanne Coleman, **Finance Officer**

*****COMMISSIONERS ABSENT
and EXCUSED:**

Sammie Jacobs, **Chairman**
David L. Dutton, Jr.
Lynwood Norris

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**

OTHERS in ATTENDANCE:

Dennis Worley, Attorney at Law for
Billy Joe Farmer

*****NOTE:** This absence was due to an injunction being filed by Billy Joe Farmer, and was granted by Judge Giles Clark, which barred their participation in any decision-making process relative to Mr. Farmer's employment contract.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 8:00 A.M., Vice Chairman Godwin called the resumed Regular Session Meeting to order.

RECESS REGULAR SESSION and enter into CLOSED SESSION in ACCORDANCE with N.C.G.S. 143.318-11 (6):

At 8:01 A.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 McKenzie. The motion so carried.

No official action was taken.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION and resume REGULAR SESSION:

At 10:25 A.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn Closed Session and resume Regular Session, seconded by Commissioner Prevatte. The motion so carried.

TERMINATION of EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT with BILLY JOE FARMER, COLUMBUS COUNTY MANAGER:

Commissioner McKenzie made the following motion:

I move that Columbus County terminate the contract with Billy Joe Farmer with Columbus County, as Columbus County Manager and/or Columbus County Administrator, effective at the expiration of his present initial contract term. This motion is made in order that his present contract not be automatically renewed. I also move that the County Attorney notify Mr. Billy Joe Farmer and/or his attorneys, in writing, of this action.

This motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Godwin.

A poll vote was taken with the following results:

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AYES: Vice Chairman Godwin, Commissioners McKenzie and Memory
NAYS: Commissioner Prevatte.

The motion carried on a three (3) to one (1) vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:30 A.M., Commissioner Memory made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. The motion so carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

ROXANNE COLEMAN, Finance Officer
(Acting Clerk to Board)

KIPLING GODWIN, Vice Chairman