

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET WORKSHOP NUMBER TWO**

**Tuesday, June 09, 2020  
6:30 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 Budget Workshop #2.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Trent Burroughs,  
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**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP #2 CALLED TO ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called Budget Workshop #2 to order.

**INVOCATION and PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

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 Chairman P. Edwin Russ.

**DISCUSSION of COLUMBUS COUNTY PROPOSED FY 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET:**

Chairman Russ stated we would review the budget page-by-page, and if anyone has a question, please state the question. I recommend that we try to go faster than we did at the first Budget Workshop, by going through, and then come back to areas of concern for discussion.

**CLARIFICATION of ITEMS of INTEREST at BUDGET WORKSHOP #2:**

Commissioner Bullard stated I would like to hear the answers to some of the questions we asked at the last Budget Workshop #1, that Bobbie was going to have for us tonight. Bobbie replied by stating I have given you a lot of paperwork. I have given you justification for the four (4) largest departments that we have and they are the Sheriff's Department, DSS, Health and the Department of Aging. This is the justification for what they are asking for. The next item in the group is the salary increases for the employees for the last several years.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PAGE</b>	<b>QUESTION - Line Item</b>	<b>ANSWER - BOBBIE/MIKE</b>
McDowell	34	CC Detention Officers Grant - Are we sure we are getting that amount?	Yes, this is JAG.
Prevatte	35	Insurance Contribution - What is the difference for?	Hard to budget amount with a high turnover. The headings listed are incorrect.
Bullard	35	Capital Outlay - What has been left out?	The Sheriff decided to take the fence out.
Prevatte	35	Capital Outlay - What is this amount for?	Camera system.
Prevatte	35	Contracted Services - \$615,000 What is this for?	Any services used from outside all grouped together.

NAME	PAGE	QUESTION - Line Item	ANSWER - BOBBIE/MIKE
Byrd	35	M & R Bldg/Grounds - Is this done in-house or outside contract?	Both, limited staff in Maintenance.
Prevatte	35	Maint & Repair - Equipment	Electronic equipment used.
All Members Discussion	36	Annual Salary and Raise	\$15,000 Decision
Bullard	38	Salaries and Wages Overtime	Telecommunicators - overtime
Bullard	38	Contracted Services	That is to re-write the Emergency Operations Plan
McDowell	40	Salaries & Wages Regular - What is the difference?	New Deputy Fire Marshal.
Prevatte	40	Contracted Services	Emergency Recording Software
Byrd	40	Christmas Bonus	Part-time person
All Members Discussion	43	Non-Capital Outlay	Kennels to be donated
Prevatte	45	Contracted Services	Phil and Mary's Contract, etc.
Burroughs	47	Contracted Services - What is this for?	Demolition
Prevatte	47	Professional Services	Code Enforcement
Prevatte	49	Retirement Contribution - Is it this for?	Karen King
Bullard	50	Salaries & Wages Regular - Whose salaries are included in this figure?	Gary and Madison
Prevatte	54	Beaver Bounty Program	Part to State, Part to County
Prevatte	57	Other Health Services Expenditures	Salaries split up between programs
Prevatte	58	Contracted Services - Why the big difference?	List of programs you will find in the handout provided.
Prevatte	58	Travel - Why the big increase?	Two (2) vehicles.
Prevatte	59	Travel - Went from \$100 to \$1,700.	Grant split between departments.
Prevatte	61	Travel - Went from \$2,040 to \$4,000.	Varies from year to year.
Prevatte	64	Travel - Went from \$30.00 to \$1,230.	Fully grant program.
Prevatte	67	Contracted Services	List of items.
Byrd Burroughs Prevatte	69	Dental Expenditures	Related to Dental Bus and Equipment Needed
Prevatte	71	Capital Outlay	Mosquito Spraying trucks
Burroughs	75	Indirect Cost - What is this?	Giving back to the County for Administrative Costs

**ESTABLISHMENT of BUDGET WORKSHOP #3:**

After a short discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board members to establish Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., for the Budget Workshop #3.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP RECESSED:**

At 8:43 P.M., Commissioner Prevatte made a motion to recess the Budget Workshop #2 until Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Byrd. The motion unanimously passed.

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