

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

May 22, 2008

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 holding a Budget Workshop.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte **Chairman**
Bill Memory, **Vice Chairman**
Ricky Bullard
Ronald Gore

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

William S. Clark, **County Manager**
Steven W. Fowler, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Deputy Finance Officer**

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Amon E. McKenzie
Sammie Jacobs
Lynwood Norris

BUDGET WORKSHOP CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman Prevatte called the May 22, 2008 Budget Workshop to order, and stated the purpose of this Budget Workshop was for discussion of the Proposed 2008 - 2009 Columbus County Operating Budget with the County Manager and the Deputy Finance Officer.

DISCUSSION and QUESTIONS:

Chairman Prevatte stated the procedure that would be followed in this Budget Workshop was for each Commissioner to ask one (1) question each, relative to the Budget, until everyone had their turn, and then the cycle would repeat itself until all questions needed had been asked.

The line items that presented questions are as follows.

PAGE #	LINE ITEM	BUDGETED AMOUNT
?	DSS Officer	\$42,000
10	Transfer from Solid Waste	-0-
107	No revenue received from E-Rate	-----
112	Rent - Whiteville Depot	\$14,040
	American Legion 137	-0-
	Literacy Council - Spelling Bee	\$1,200
	Vietnam Veterans of America	\$5,000
	NCOJJ-Special Foster Care	\$20,000
	Special Child Adoptions	\$20,000
113	Columbus County Rope Team	\$15,000
	Veterans of Foreign Wars	-0-
	Redistricting Project	\$50,000
12	Salaries and Wages	\$143,138
13	Miscellaneous Expenses	2,000
133	Rent	\$2,760
14	Capital Outlay	\$14,500
15	Miscellaneous Expense	\$100
16	Retirement Contribution	\$12,239

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16	Capital Outlay	\$20,000
18	Tax Foreclosures Not Listed	-----
2	Court Facilities Fees	\$125,000
20	Miscellaneous	\$200
20	Salaries & Wages Regular	\$168,920
23	Departmental Supplies	\$7,500
27	Salaries and Wages Regular	\$117,337
29	Salaries and Wages Regular	\$174,000
29	Children's Trust Fund	\$9,000
29	Insurance Contribution	\$35,770
33	Professional Services - Attorney	\$20,000
43	Resource Officers	\$348,791
44	Salaries and Wages Regular	\$2,186,502
49	Contracted Services Travel	\$12,000 \$2,500
51	Salaries and Wages Regular Contract Services/Air Truck M/R Air Truck Advertising Rental	\$637,450 \$1,800 \$2,500 \$1,250 \$5,000
53	Salaries and Wages Regular Salaries/Wages - P/T Uniforms and Clothing	\$91,000 \$20,000 \$1,000
57-58	Animal Control Fines/Fees Capital Outlay	\$23,325 \$30,000
60	Aviation Fuel Purchases (\$7,000 more than Fuel Sales)	\$500,000
65	EC Dev Incentives/Grants	\$241,518
65	Marketing	\$4,750
65	Miscellaneous	\$800
65	Utilities - Industrial Park	\$2,700
65	Advertising	\$2,000
8	Rent - Whiteville Depot	\$7,300
N/A	Health - 1 New Position, Elections - 1 New Position, Recreation - ½ Position -Hiring Freeze should still be active-	-----
N/A	Gasoline Tax Refund - Why not budgeted? Buy gas in Bulk	-----
N/A	Off-duty officers earning off-duty dollars, no revenue reflected in Budget, \$25 - \$31 an hour at minimum of 3 hours, revenue paid to Sheriff's Department	-----
N/A	Could Change Retirement Insurance for New Hires	-----
N/A	Chadborn Part-time Position - Recreation	?

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N/A	\$7.00 Increase in Trash Receptacles - How much revenue will it generate?	-----
N/A	School Electrical Inspection - Why can't our Inspections Department do this? New DSS Telephone System st \$300,000 - Is this State Mandated?	-----
N/A	Monies brought back in for jail startup	-----

BUDGET WORKSHOP RECESSED:

At 9:05 P.M., Chairman Prevatte announced the May 22, 2008 Budget Workshop was recessed until 6:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 28, 2008.
