

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

May 28, 2008

6:00 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 holding a Budget Workshop.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James E. Prevatte **Chairman**
Bill Memory, **Vice Chairman**
Amon E. McKenzie
Lynwood Norris
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:

Sammie Jacobs

BUDGET WORKSHOP CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:00 A.M., Chairman Prevatte called the May 28, 2008 Budget Workshop to order, and stated the purpose of this Budget Workshop was to continue the discussion of the Proposed 2008 - 2009 Columbus County Operating Budget with the County Manager and the Deputy Finance Officer. After these discussions are completed, we will come back later for discussion with department heads.

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
59	If Parks and Recreation is doing part of the moving, then transfer funds to Airport.	N/A
N/A	Salaries and Wages are more than 2 ½% in some departments. Why the discrepancy?	N/A
81	Uniforms and Clothing Miscellaneous Expenses	\$400 \$2,824
55	School electrical Inspector - Salaries and Wages Regular	\$5,463
3	Sales Tax Revenue - Article 39 and Article 44	N/A
67	Contracts	\$226,486
N/A	Rent for Whiteville Depot	N/A
56	Professional Services	\$38,000
N/A	If at all possible, more funds need to be given to education	N/A
113	Columbus County Rope Team Veterans of Foreign Wars Redistricting Project	\$15,000 -0- \$50,000
64	Capital Outlay	\$5,000

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N/A	Where can we cut the Budget in order to five more dollars to education?	N/A
N/A	Foster Care and Child Adoptions - Need an explanation.	N/A
115	Charitable Donations	-0-
118	Miscellaneous Expense	\$15,000
65	Utilities - Industrial Park	\$2,700
112	Literacy Council - Spelling Bee American Legion 137	\$1,200 -0-
119	Salaries/Wages P/T	\$606,702
114	Transfer to Aging	\$119,643
123	No Utilities Listed	N/A
72	Why Uniforms?	N/A
138	Why such a big difference in amounts?	N/A
142	Principal on Bonds Interest on Bonds	\$1,145,000 \$71,488
144	Principal on Debt Interest on Debt	\$190,000 \$10,000
74	Rent Salaries and Wages Regular Uniforms and Clothing	\$27,150 464,737 2,200
N/A	Are we compensating for fuel increase?	N/A
N/A	What is the costs of the dumpsters at the Recycling Centers, and how often are they dumped?	N/A
N/A	Is Waste Management interested in adjustments to their cost?	N/A
43	Rent for Beds?	N/A
151	Special District Taxes	\$244,000
154	Special Revenue	\$216,886
23	Departmental Supplies	\$7,500
78	Miscellaneous	\$13,425
29	Children's Trust Fund	\$9,000
169	Solid Waste Disposal Fee Retained Earnings	\$133,200 \$482,932
79	C/O Other Improvements	\$19,577
166	Transportation Revenues	\$501,615
30	Insurance, Prof Liab, Property Ins	\$1,658,465
N/A	Move all Miscellaneous Expense to another Line Item	N/A

BUDGET WORKSHOP RECESSED:

At 7:35 A.M., Chairman Prevatte announced the May 28, 2008 Budget Workshop was recessed until June 02, 2008, to be held immediately after the Regular Session Board Meeting, contingent on the time when this meeting ends, and if the hour is too late, at this time, a new date and time will be established for the next Budget Workshop.
