

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
CHOWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 30, 2008

A special called meeting of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners meeting was held at 6 pm in the County Administrative Office Conference Room, after due notice and advertisement, as by law required. The following Commissioners were present: Alligood; Belfield; Cole; Gardner; Goodwin; and Winslow. Commissioner Downum was absent with excuse. Also present were the County Manager, Mr. Rascoe, Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin, and Attorney John S. Morrison, who was retained to advise the Board on personnel, contract and potential litigation issues being the subject of this meeting.

After calling the meeting to order, Chairman Cole introduced Mr. Morrison to the Board and explained his presence. The Chairman then entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and (7) and to seek advice of counsel on contract negotiations and potential litigation pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and (3). Such motion was unanimously made and approved. Mr. Rascoe and Sheriff Goodwin were excused prior to entry into closed session.

These minutes are to remain sealed in the Clerk's Office as closed executive session minutes pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and (7) and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and (3) . These minutes will remain sealed unless unsealed by the Board of Commissioners.
Susanne Stallings
Clerk

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Cole called upon Mr. Morrison to explain to the Board and public the relationship between the County and Mr. Copeland. Mr. Morrison stated:

1. Mr. Copeland ceased being an employee as of June 16, 2008-his written resignation.
2. The County had no other employment or contractual relationships with Mr. Copeland.
3. Mr. Copeland was entitled only to his earned and unused vacation pay pursuant to County Personnel Policy.

Mr. Cole asked the Board if they had questions of Mr. Morrison. None being asked, the Board unanimously adopted the legal opinion offered by Mr. Morrison as the County's official position. Thereafter, Mr. Cole advised the Board of the upcoming Board meeting and agenda items. There being no further business, the Chair entertained a Motion for adjournment which was unanimously made and passed.

Respectfully submitted this the 19 day of August, 2008.


SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

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