MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF MEETING ROOM # 325 ON APRIL 19, 2005 AT 8:30 AM.

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Ulysses S. Ross. Commissioners present: Clinton G. Alston and Barry Richardson. Others in attendance: County Manager Loria D. Williams and Finance Officer Susan W. Brown.

Attorneys that had expressed interest in serving as Interim County Attorney and provided an account of their background, training and experience were presented to the Board:

Michael Williams hourly rate \$125 Nick Bagshawe hourly rate \$125 Rhonda Williams-Bagshawe hourly rate \$125

The Board received an update on County Attorney Charles Johnson's condition at Duke Hospital.

Motion by Commissioner Richardson, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried by unanimous vote for Warren County to obtain a temporary County Attorney.

Attorney Gilbert Chichester was present and provided a verbal account of his background of 31 years practicing law in Virginia and North Carolina and 15 years experience in local government as City Attorney to Littleton.

Gilbert Chichester hourly rate \$75

courtroom rate \$250

Commissioner Lucas arrived at 8:50 am.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson it was moved to appoint Gilbert Chichester as Interim Warren County Attorney.

Motion died for lack of second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lucas to enter into closed session to discuss attorney salary.

Motion died for lack of second (salary discussion is not a topic allowed under GS 143-318.11(a) for closed session).

Commissioner Lucas questioned the process followed in paying current county attorney.

County Manager Loria Williams explained county attorney retainer and billing procedures currently followed.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston, it was ordered to retain Michael Williams as Interim County Attorney with the understanding that same holds current liability insurance coverage.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas, Alston & Ross

Nays: Richardson

Motion carried Attorney Michael Williams was selected as Interim County Attorney.

An amended motion was made by Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston to appoint Attorney Michael Williams as Interim County Attorney contingent on an agreement being met between Warren County and Mr. Williams regarding his compensation.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas, Alston & Ross

Nays: Richardson

Motion carried, Attorney Michael Williams was appointed Interim County Attorney contingent on an agreement being reached between Warren County and Mr. Williams regarding his compensation.

With no further business to discuss motion was made by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried to adjourn the special meeting at 9:10 am.

/s/ A. Kearney-Dunlap
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk