

**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.

