

Caswell County Board of Commissioners
MEMBERS PRESENT

November 18, 2024
OTHERS PRESENT

Jeremiah Jefferies, Chair
Finch Holt, Vice Chair
John Dickerson
Ethel Gwynn
Rick McVey
Frank Rose
Tim Yarborough

Renee Paschal, County Manager
Melissa Williamson, Deputy County Manager
Russell Johnston, County Attorney
Carla Smith, Clerk to the Board

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Released January 6, 2025

A motion was made at 6:41 pm by Commissioner Yarborough, seconded by Commissioner Rose, and carried unanimously to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged in NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3). (Ayes: Commissioners McVey, Yarborough, Rose, Gwynn, Holt, Dickerson and Jeffries).

Commissioner Dickerson asked the County Attorney to update the board on the matter of George Daniel, specifically that Mr. Daniel's law firm had filed a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes owed by Mr. Daniel dating back to 2013, but no further action had been taken to collect the taxes.

Mr. Johnston shared an email from the UNC School of Government that stated Mr. Daniel should withdraw as counsel from the civil action on the delinquent tax matter, as not to do so presents a conflict of interest.

Mr. Johnston proposed that he retain outside counsel to handle the matter, since he, as a former member of the Daniel Thomas Law Firm, has a conflict of interest. That counsel would contact Mr. Daniel and advise him to withdraw as counsel from the civil action he filed on behalf of Caswell County against himself.

The board members unanimously agreed that this course of action should be followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Rose, and carried unanimously at 8:31 pm to return to open session. (Ayes: Commissioners McVey, Yarborough, Rose, Gwynn, Holt, Dickerson, and Jefferies).