The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 7 p.m., December 16, 1963 in a joint call meeting with the Whiteville Board of Education and the County Board of Education.

> Members of the Board Present: L. P. Ward, Chairman W. B. Buffkin (absent) Luther C. Rich Robert E. Sessions Lacy R. Thompson

Mazzalee T. Sanderford, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to discuss Columbus County's participation in the North Carolina Fund. At the request of Chairman Ward, Mr. C. Bion Sears of of the Whiteville Board of Education gave a brief summary of the purposes of this fund, and stated that Columbus County might be designated as one of the ten areas to be studied; however, to be eligible, the county must furnish a proposal by February 1, 1964.

Following a general discussion by the group, a motion was made by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Sessions, and duly carried, to appropriate \$1,000 to employ an executive director for our participation in the North Carolina Fund, and that this director be responsible for the preparation of the County's Proposal to be submitted by February 1, 1964.

A further motion was made by Commissioner Sessions, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and unanimously carried, to employ Jesse Fisher, Jr. as this executive director.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until January 6, 1964.

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APPROVED: <u>L. P. Ward</u> <u>Chairman</u>