The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., March 18, 1968 it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

W. O. Johnson, Chairman

H. J. Watts

J. Roland Gore

T. E. Burns

Edward W. Williamson

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that all departments be directed to present their budget requests not later than May 1st.

Ordered: that Mr. John J. Hicks, Superintendent of the Columbus County Schools, be authorized to proceed in securing the necessary application for a Literary Loan of \$118,000 which will be used to build an administrative building for the county school system.

A motion was made by Commissioner T. E. Burns, seconded by Commissioner Edward W. Williamson, and unanimously passed, to set the property valuation for the purpose of tax assessment at 60% of the appraisal or true value.

Ordered: that Mr. Norman Peal be authorized to sign checks for the Columbus County Economic Development Commission until such time as an executive director is hired.

Ordered: a check in the amount of \$25 from the Out Door Poor Fund be given to A. W. Nance, Cerro Gordo, N. C.

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Ordered: that Dr. J. R. Black be allowed to purchase one X-Ray Machine for the use at the Floyd Johnson Health Center. Dr. Black stated that the Tuberculosis Control Clinic would pay one-third of the cost of this machine. The Board authorized the use of \$2000 that was budgeted in the Co Operative Health Fund for Dental purposes that will not be needed this fiscal year.

A delegation from Ransom Township met with the Board concerning the purchase of voting machines for Ransom Precinct. After consulting Mr. W. Norman Peal, Board of Elections Chairman, it was ordered that Mr. Peal compare prices with several companies and report to the Clerk of the Board at the earliest possible date.

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of W. M. Cartrette Heirs, South Williams

Township, be cancelled for the year 1967 due to double listing. This property was also

listed to W. H. Cartrette.

Ordered: that the real estate valuation listed in the name of Rozier and Grady Blackwell, Chadbourn Township, be reduced in the amount of \$4,120.00 for the year 1967 due to double listing. This property was also listed to Belton Todd.

Ordered: that Taxes listed in the name of T. J. Moore, Waccamaw Township, be concelled for the year 1933 due to double listing.

ROAD PETITION: BOGUE TOWNSHIP This road, known as the Byrd Road is located 1 mile east of Hallsboro. It turns right off Highway 74-76 and crosses to SR 1736. There are 11 occupied homes located on it and it is .8 mile in length.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., April 1, 1968 at which time the Board will meet as a Board of Equalization and Review.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson

Chairman