

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., June 17, 1968 it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

W. O. Johnson, Chairman

T. E. Burns

H. J. Watts

J. Roland Gore

Edward W. Williamson

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

A delegation from Waccamaw Indian School community asked the Commissioners to use their influence in helping the citizens of this area maintain and keep their present school facility. According to the desegregation plan for Columbus County, this school will be closed at the end of the fiscal year 1967-1968. The delegation was assured of the Boards support.

Mr. D. Jack Hooks, counsel for Mr. Rhone Anderson, reported to the Board that Edgar Soles is continuing in the garbage collection business in Columbus County after his application for a license was denied by this Board in February, 1968. Mr. Anderson is licensed by this Board to collect garbage. This problem was discussed at great length but no immediate action was taken.

The following resolution was made by T. E. Burns, seconded by Edward W. Williamson, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, this Board has in the past and continues to support schools and educational purposes in Columbus County along with other public needs, and

WHEREAS, the Columbus County Board of Education initially submitted its 1968-69 budget request which would have resulted a tax rate of \$1.7667, and

WHEREAS, thereafter this Board reviewed the budget with the Columbus County Board of Education and said County Board of Education submitted a revised budget which would have resulted in a county tax rate of \$1.6511, and

WHEREAS, this Board has thoroughly reviewed the revised budget request and has concluded after thoroughly studying said budget request, that the school needs and the general welfare of all school children, teachers, and administrators throughout the county school system can be met and promoted by the revenue derived from a tax rate of \$1.60. It is therefore ordered that the tax rate for Columbus County for the fiscal year 1968-69 be set at \$1.60 out of which \$.9594 is designated for school purposes with a balance distributed among all other agencies and departments as approved.

Ordered: that the 1965 taxes listed in the name of Willie Lee Kinlaw, Tatum Township, be reduced in the amount of \$705.00 due to error in listing automobile.

Ordered: that the poll tax listed in the name of Willis Hinson, Fair Bluff Township, be released for the year 1967. Mr. Hinson should be exempt from paying poll tax due to his age.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until July 1, 1968 at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson
Clerk

W. O. Johnson
Chairman