

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office in a called session June 22, 1970, at 8:00 P.M., to discuss the 1970-1971 budget estimate.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

H. J. Watts, Chairman

T. E. Burns

W. O. Johnson

J. Roland Gore

Edward W. Williamson

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

Upon motion of Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, it was ordered that all Mental Health offices be located on the top floor of the middle section of the county hall building and that the Chairman be authorized to have two locks put on inside entrances to this office space.

The auditor presented the 1970-1971 budget estimate to the Board of Commissioners with an overall tax levy of \$1.70. Commissioner Williamson stated he was in favor of a 5¢ increase for schools; meet Mental Health requests and also adjustments of salaries for the sheriff's dept. and Register of Deeds office.

Upon motion of Commissioner Gore, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that the 1970-71 budget estimate as presented by the county auditor to the Board of Commissioners, be tentatively approved with an overall tax levy of \$1.70. The following vote was taken by the Chairman,

Yes: J. Roland Gore, W. O. Johnson, T. E. Burns

No: Edward W. Williamson

Upon further discussion the Board was in favor of the construction of a jail facility to be paid by levying a 20¢ special jail construction levy for two consecutive years. Upon motion of Commissioner Gore, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that this Board states as a matter of public record that funds are needed for construction of adequate jail facilities for Columbus County, the cost of which is to be paid for by a special jail fund tax levy of 20¢ per \$100 valuation per year for two consecutive fiscal years

beginning with the fiscal year July 1, 1970, and that the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1971 the levy shall not exceed 20¢. Further that the special 20¢ levy be deleted from the tax levy for the fiscal year 1972-1973.

The following vote was taken by the Chairman:

Yes: J. Roland Gore, W. O. Johnson, T. E. Burns

No: Edward W. Williamson

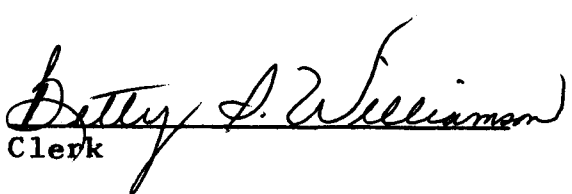
Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Gore, that there be a special jail construction fund tax levy in the amount of 20¢ per \$100 valuation for the fiscal year 1970-71 and that the fund be administered and accounted for as a separate budget item. The following vote was taken by the Chairman:

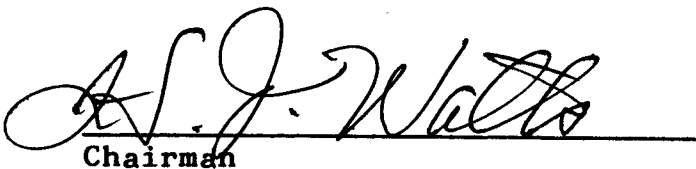
Yes: W. O. Johnson, T. E. Burns, J. Roland Gore

No: Edward W. Williamson

Upon motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman