

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:00 p.m., January 4, 1977, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David McPherson

C. Waldo Marlowe, Acting Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and he stated the purpose of the meeting was to meet jointly with the County Manager Study Group.

The following members of the Group were present:

Lennox Long  
Jesse Graham  
Roscoe Lennon  
Carl Bryant  
A. J. Worley  
Casey Williams  
Odum Godwin  
William Chestnutt  
James L. Collier  
William Prease

Eston Blackmon  
Royce Johnson  
R. H. Jordan  
Eloise Byrd  
Eugene Nance  
LeRoy Thompson  
Harold Hinson  
Beatrice Smith  
Paul Woodall

ABSENT: Clara M. Duncan

There was an open discussion between the Board and the Study Group to clarify the purpose of the study. The Board instructed the Group that they were selected to make a study of the feasibility of a county manager system for Columbus County with no input from the Board of Commissioners, and to report back to the Board within 90 days on their findings with a recommendation as to whether the County should implement the manager system.

The Board excused themselves from the meeting for the Group to organize and make plans to proceed with their assignment.

The following persons were elected as officers:

Eloise Byrd, Lake Waccamaw  
LeRoy Thompson, Chadbourn  
Beatrice Smith, Whiteville

Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Secretary

The joint meeting was recessed by the Board until 4:00 p.m., January 5, 1977, to meet jointly with the Columbus County Board of Education in the Conference Room in the Administrative Building of the Board of Education.

APPROVED:

Waldo Marlowe  
Chairman and Acting Clerk