

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 24, 1977, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chiarman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and there was further discussion on the budget request.

The decision was made to eliminate the mosquito control program, reduce the College Current Expense request by \$10,000 and appropriate \$200,000 additional tax funds for the Schools over and above the 1976-77 tax fund appropriation. These changes were made in an effort to allow the tax levy to remain at \$1.20.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson and seconded by Commissioner Williamson to sell the garage located on Thompson Street for \$50.00. Commissioners Dew and McPherson voted not to sell the garage for \$50.00. The Chairman also voted not to sell the garage and the motion was defeated.

Commissioner Hinson made a motion to contact the Representative and Senator from this District and inquire into the possibility of introducing legislation to allow Columbus County to levy an additional 1¢ sales tax in the County to raise additional revenue rather than placing further taxes on property owners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed.

The County Attorney contacted Senator Soles and Representative Wright by phone and the general consensus was that the Legislature has taken revenue away from counties and that in the 1979 Legislature it will probably be passed to allow all counties to levy an additional 1¢ sales tax levy but that the time is passed to introduce local legislation during this session.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until June 6, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs  
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe  
Chairman