

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 11, 1980, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

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 the Board proceeded to work in the budget estimate.

Belton Blackmon, Ambulance Service Operator, met with the Board and requested that the Brunswick Volunteer Rescue Squad get the same assistance as other Squads that are funded by the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that if Mr. Blackmon would come under contract on the same basis as Columbus County EMS, become a member of the County Association of Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squads, and be recommended by the Association for this appropriation to render services, the Board will approve same upon receiving the above documentation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and approved to allow the Board of Elections to sell the surplus voting booths by advertisement for sealed bids. The number to be sold is 35 and the remainder are to be kept by the Board of Elections.

There was further discussion concerning the budget estimate for 1980-81 and department requests were reviewed and the Budget Officer was instructed to make further deletions in various departments including the truck in the Dog Warden's estimate. Funds in the amount of \$20,000 was added to the Miller Building for replacement of the roof on Sadler Hall. The Budget Officer was instructed to make the proposed changes and to figure the budget estimate on a valuation of \$425,000,000.00 at a 90% collection rate to arrive at a \$1.30 tax rate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson to add 1.7¢ to the levy to include the mosquito control program and he read a letter from City Manager, Howard Jones, that he felt that the City of Whiteville would contribute \$25,000.00 to the program if Soules Swamp would be the first project to be drained. The letter stated that this was not official approval of the appropriation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williamson.

Commissioners McPherson, Dew and Marlowe voted not to include the program to increase the tax rate by 1.7¢.

In the Schools' estimate the Budget Officer was instructed to reduce the Current Expense increase from 8% to 7% and allow \$83,000.00 for the roof repair at Tabor City Primary School. Also, reduce the salary increase for County employees from 10% to 9%.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to sell the old dragline at the Landfill and buy a fence for the Fair Grounds.

By general agreement of the Board, the Finance Officer was instructed to amend the travel budget of the Board in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until June 12, 1980, at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:00 pm, Thursday, June 12, 1980, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

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 the following business was transacted:

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the budget be tentatively adopted at a tax rate of \$1.30 per \$100.00 valuation, and that a public hearing be held at 9:00 a.m., June 26, 1980, at the regular meeting place. Comm. Hinson expressed regret that funds for a county administrator were not included in the budget and Commissioner McPherson expressed concern that it was necessary to increase the tax rate and that he would like to have done more but the people can't afford to pay taxes.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., June 16, 1980.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman