

A special ~~hall~~ session of the Columbus County Board of County Commissioners was held on October 29, 1969, at 7:00 P.M., in the office of said Board. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Watts and on roll call the following members were found to be present; T. E. Burns, W. O. Johnson, Edward W. Williamson.

Absent: J. Roland Gore

The Chairman, Mr. Watts, then turned the meeting over to the County Attorney, Mr. R. C. Soles, Jr., who announced the purpose of this special session was to comply with the N. C. General Statutes 153-53.1 (1) which states --"If an inspection under G. S. 153-53 discloses that a local confinement facility does not meet the minimum standards established under G. S. 153-52, and if the Commissioner considers that the conditions in such local confinement facility jeopardize the safe custody, safety, health, or welfare of prisoners confined therein:

(1) He shall so notify the governing body and other officials of the local government unit responsible for the local confinement facility. A copy of this notice, together with a copy of the written report of the inspection required under G. S. 153-53, shall also be sent to the senior regular resident superior court judge for the district in which the local confinement facility is located. The governing body shall call a special public meeting to consider this report, and the inspectional personnel shall appear at this public meeting to advise and consult with the governing body concerning appropriate corrective action."

The County Attorney then stated proper notice had been given in a local newspaper and proper notice to the Commissioner of Social Services, therefore the public hearing was now in order.

The following representatives of the North Carolina Department of Social Services were present: Mr. Louis G. Christian, Director Division of Special Services of the Department of Social Services, representing Commissioner Craig; Mr. V. A. Fish, Inspector, Jail & Detention Services, Division of Special Services of the Department of Social Services; Mr. Woodburn Williams, Chief, Jail & Detention Services, Department of Special Services, of the Department of Social Services; Mr. Charles Hall, Design Specialist, Department of Special Services of Department of Social Services. There were no other public official present but several interested citizens were present.

The Commissioners, County Attorney and citizens directed

several questions to the officials of the Jail Dentention section concerning the recent order of the Commissioner of Social Services to close the present jail facility in Columbus County. After a lengthy discussion with each person having an opportunity to be heard, the County Attorney stated the County of Columbus had appealed said Order to the Superior Court Judge of the 13th Judicial District of which includes Columbus County and further that he had received notice that the hearing of the Appeal is scheduled for November 7, 1969, at 10:00 A.M., in the Superior Courtroom in the Columbus County Courthouse.

There being no further business, upon motion and duly seconded the public meeting was adjourned.

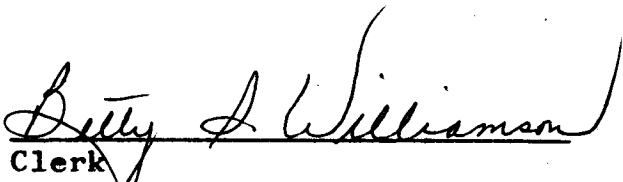
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Ordered: that Dewey Bowen be paid for two weeks as Courtroom Deputy at the salary heretofore approved for the Courtroom Deputy.

Ordered: that upon the recommendation of Sheriff Duke, Horace Long be paid through the month of October, 1969, due to vacation time and extra time accumulated while on duty as a deputy sheriff.

Ordered: that the clerk be compensated for night meetings when required to be present for call Board meetings at the rate heretofore approved for Commissioners.

APPROVED:

  
Clerk

  
Chairman