

A special call session of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners was held on November 7, 1969, at 11:30 A.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: W. O. Johnson, J. Roland Gore, Edward W. Williamson

Absent: T. E. Burns

The Chairman, Mr. Watts, then turned the meeting over to the County Attorney, Mr. R. C. Soles, Jr., who read and explained the Order issued by the Honorable Edward B. Clark, Resident Judge of Superior Court for the Thirteenth Judicial District concerning the closing of the Columbus County Jail, a copy of which is set into these minutes:

O R D E R

This cause coming on to be heard and being heard at the November 7th 1969 session of Superior Court, Columbus County, before the undersigned Judge Presiding, and it being shown by evidence before the court that conditions at the Columbus County Jail are not in conformity with the laws of the State and the lawful rules and regulations thereunder, and it further appearing to the Court that the health, safety, welfare, and safekeeping of prisoners housed in the Columbus County Jail are in jeopardy, it is hereby ordered and decreed that the order of the Commissioner of Social Services that the Columbus County Jail be closed is in full force and effect, and it is the order of this Court that the Columbus County Jail be closed effective November 15th., 1969, to be re-opened and prisoners incarcerated therein only upon further orders of this Court.

This the 7th day of November, 1969.

/s/ Edward B. Clark
JUDGE PRESIDING

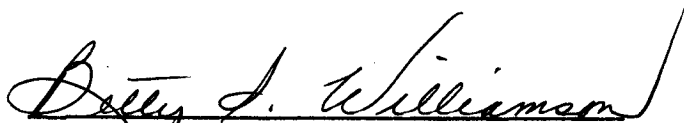
Upon motion of Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and unanimously ordered that this Board acknowledges the order issued by Judge Edward B. Clark, Resident Judge of Superior Court for the Thirteenth Judicial District, and that all county personnel including the sheriff, jailer and other affected public officials and citizens be notified by the Clerk of this Board that the Columbus County Jail will be closed for all purposes effective November 15, 1969. It is further ordered that the

Maintenance Supervisor shall inspect the building on the 15th day of November, 1969, and determine it has been vacated and the property secured and that he immediately investigate and report to this Board the most feasible means of demolishing the present jail building and clearing the property.

Upon motion of Commissioner Gore, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and unanimously adopted that Commissioner Williamson be appointed to assist the County Maintenance Supervisor to prepare a written inventory of all county property in or used in connection with the Columbus County Jail.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until November 17, 1969.

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman