

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 8:00 P.M., May 20, 1970 in a called session.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

H. J. Watts, Chairman

T. E. Burns

J. Roland Gore

W. O. Johnson

Edward W. Williamson (absent) Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to discuss and review the proposed budget estimates and also to discuss the valuation of the county for the fiscal year 1970-71.

Mr. Brooks Stanley, Tax Supervisor presented estimated valuation figures for 1970-71.

Mr. J. Hubert Norris, Tax Collector, reported the tax collection percentage rate collected for the county from 1965 through 1969.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Burns, it was ordered that the auditor work the budget for the fiscal year 1970-71 on \$132,000,000 valuation and a collection rate of 86%.

The Board discussed the valuation increase and expressed their appreciation to Tax Supvr. Stanley and his office for their work in helping to compile this valuation for the county. After discussing several budgets, Commission Gore stated he was in favor of keeping county budgets the same as the fiscal year 1969-70 requests. All Boards members agreed. The auditor was then instructed to prepare the 1970-71 budget with each department getting the same amount of money, if needed, as the 1969-70 budget, with the exception of the Schools, College and Public Assistances Funds which were to be figured on the amount of levy received 1969-70. Mr. W. O. Johnson then stated he thought the salary of Brooks Stanley, Tax Supervisor, should be adjusted to stay in line with other department heads. Upon motion of Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that the salary of the Tax Supervisor be raised to \$550 per month and travel expense to \$190. Commissioner Gore abstained.

Mr. H. D. Cain, Lake Waccamaw, N. C., C. O. Lewis, Delco, N.C., Wilson Jerome Nobles, Chadbourn, N. C., and Luther Hester, Delco, N. C., members of the Concerned Citizens for Columbus County organization, appeared before the Board to discuss levying taxes for a new jail and also requested to see the Board of Education budget request for the fiscal year 1970-71. Mr. Nobles stated that this group would like to go on record as opposing the School Board budget request until the Board of Education would make public the schools this money would be distributed to. He further requested that the Board of Commissioners set up a meeting with our Representatives to Raleigh and the Concerned Citizens group to discuss problems in Columbus County before the representatives convened in the General Assembly in January, 1971.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until June 1, 1970.

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman