

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office in a called meeting at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, June 27, 1970.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

H. J. Watts, Chairman

T. E. Burns

W. O. Johnson

J. Roland Gore

Edward W. Williamson

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

Deputies of the Sheriff's Department asked the Board of Commissioners to meet and discuss the salaries now being paid to the Sheriff's Deputies. John Coleman, Chief Deputy, was spokesman for the group and stated the expenses of the deputies were so great each month that the \$190 travel allowance was not sufficient to pay necessary operating expenses and further states that the deputies could not continue on the \$190 for the fiscal year 1970-71 and asked that each deputy be given a raise.

Chairman Watts explained the Board's position in trying to hold the tax rate for Columbus County at the present rate of \$1.70 for the fiscal year 1970-71 with an additional 20¢ levy for constructing a new jail facility for Columbus County. He further stated it would not be possible to give any raises for this year if the county's tax rate was to remain at \$1.70. The Board discussed this matter further with the deputies and stated they understood with the continuing rise in expenses how difficult it is to operate on the same budget. No action was taken by the Board.

The 1970-71 Mental Health Budget was discussed and upon motion of Commissioner Williamson seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the matter was tabled until first Monday.

Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson
Clerk

H. J. Watts
Chairman