

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 11:00 a.m., February 19, 1971, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

J. Roland Gore

H. J. Watts

W. O. Johnson

T. E. Burns

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The Commissioners met with Mr. Phil Covington, from the General Attorney's office; Dr. Nick Stratas, Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health; Dr. Eugene Douglas, Director of Regional Mental Health Center; Members of the Regional Mental Health Center Staff; Rabbi Ruben Kesner, member of the Daycare Center Advisory Board; and other interested citizens. The purpose of the called meeting was to clarify the authority concerning the Regional Mental Health Center in Lumberton. Mr. Covington stated that the Commissioners of the four counties involved, make up the Local Mental Health Authority. The Local Mental Health Authority delegates members to the Regional Mental Health Authority, on which Columbus County has two members. The Regional Mental Health Authority was delegated the authority by the Local Mental Health Authority to hire a director, subject to the approval of the Department of Mental Health in Raleigh. The director then shall appoint all members of the staff of the Clinic. The only authority the local advisory boards have is to advise and make requests.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watts, seconded by Commissioner Burns, and unanimously passed to set the property valuation for the purpose of tax assessment at 60% of the appraised value.

Upon motion by Commissioner Watts the meeting adjourned until March 11, 1971, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Edward W. Williamson
Chairman