

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:00 p.m. April 23, 1971, in a special called meeting.

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 meeting was called to order and the Chairman stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss HB#0722 with Representative R. C. Soles, Jr. Mr. Soles had introduced the bill into the House of Representatives for the purpose of setting up a Dept. of Community Affairs for Columbus County.

Mr. Soles stated he thought the creation of a Dept. of Community Affairs would be accepted as something good for Columbus County and the idea was to coordinate the activities of the various agencies of the towns and county. The Board expressed their wishes for Mr. Soles to withdraw the above named bill as they could not see any benefits in said bill for Columbus County and opposed the bill in its entirety. Mr. Soles would not give a definite answer that the bill would be withdrawn at this time but their request would have much weight in his decision which he would give within a few days. After the discussion Mr. Soles was excused from the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Gore and unanimously carried that the Board of Commissioners wish to go on record as opposing House Bill #0722 in its entirety, and if necessary, take further action to have the bill withdrawn.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until April 28, 1971, as set at the April 21st meeting to sit as a Board of Equalization and Review.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk to the Board

Edward W. Williamson
Chairman