

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 8:00 p.m., June 28, 1973, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

E. W. Williamson, Chairman

Donald P. Currie

T. E. Burns (Absent)

Mayo Brown

W. B. Buffkin

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the ~~following business was transacted and~~

Ordered: that a maximum of \$25.00 be set as the amount that can be purchased by a Department without a purchase order. This applies to each code number.

The Accountant presented the tentative budget to the Board with a tax rate of \$1.70. The Clerk was instructed to publish a notice in the local paper as required by G.S. 159-12 stating that the budget was available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board and a public hearing will be held on July 9, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. in the Superior Courtroom to hear any citizen who wishes to be heard. The Clerk is to notify each Department Head to be present to answer questions concerning their budget request.

The County Attorney relayed information from Mr. Alexander, representative of the Local Government Commission, to the Board concerning recommendations to improve the County's present bookkeeping system. A motion was made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously carried to make the changes recommended. Specifically, to combine the present tax levies into the following levies - General Fund; Debt Service Fund; Industrial Development Fund; Schools Current Expense, Capital Outlay and Debt Service Funds. Also, delete the double bookkeeping on School Funds. The Board of Commissioners instructed the Clerk to contact the Supt. and Secretary to the Board of Education to ask for a recommendation from their accounting staff to sign checks for the schools and make a bond to the Auditor in the same amount as that of the Auditor. Upon this procedure the Board will appoint a Treasurer for the Schools.

Ordered: that the Clerk return the mutilated bond received from McCarley & Co., Asheville, N. C. with a letter stating that the County will honor the bond in its present condition upon its designated maturity date if it is not further mutilated.

There was further discussion concerning the budget and the Clerk was instructed to appropriate \$5,000. in the present budget for SENCLand Community Action.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until July 2, 1973, at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

E. W. Williamson
Chairman