

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 p.m., November 30, 1973, in a special called meeting to discuss the energy crisis with the Mayors and Civil Preparedness Coordinator.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chariman

Donald P. Currie

Mayo Brown

W. B. Buffkin

T. E. Burns

Sandra Tedder, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and there was a discussion among the Board, Mayors in Columbus County, Civil Preparedness Coordinator, and Area C Coordinator.

The following measures were agreed upon as ways to conserve energy for the County and those present are asking voluntary compliance by the citizens of the County:

1. Recommend that all places of business, plants and homes not to exceed 68 degrees temperature in heating.
2. Keep Christmas lights in homes, businesses and towns to a minimum. It is suggested that towns limit street lighting to four or five nights from 6 to 11 p.m. during the holiday season.
3. Ask one employee in each plant or store to see that all windows and doors are kept closed and that weather stripping is used where needed.
4. Report all electrical problems, malfunctions and shortages immediately to maintenance personnel or whoever is in charge of a plant or store.
5. Reduce heat on weekends and at night as much as practical.
6. Ask homemakers to wash and dry full loads of clothing.
7. Ask people who load trucks to be carried to landfill to pack a full load which will mean less trips.
8. Ask all truck drivers to cut engines off when stopped ten minutes or more.
9. Ask citizens to use car pools to & from work.
10. Ask homeowners to close vents under their homes.
11. Ask all churches to schedule services to conserve fuel.
12. Ask all businesses to cut lights as much as possible (stores, plants, car dealers, hospitals, homeowners, hotels and motels).
13. Ask all service stations to close from Saturday at 9:00 p.m. until Sunday 12:00 p.m.
14. Ask everyone to observe recommended speed limit.
15. If you have fireplaces or old wood stoves, use them if fuel should run out.
16. Leave pilot lights burning for safety purposes.
17. Ask ladies to go in groups when leaving work if parking lot lighting is cut.
18. It is recommended that farmers haul tractors instead of driving them, especially if they use diesel fuel.

After these recommendations were discussed, Col. Harris read and explained a letter from John Tolson, Head of Governor's Energy Panel, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. Stanley stated to the group that he will handpass a copy of above mentioned letter to all rescue units in Columbus County. He also stated that he has asked all rescue units to ask at least one service station to hold 300 gallons of gas in reserve for their ambulance.

Col. Harris stated that all emergency gas is only for "in" state runs on long hauls and then only for use in returning home with ambulance.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., December 3, 1973, which is a regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

Edward W. Williamson
Chairman