

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 7:30 p.m., May 19, 1978, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and he stated that the purpose of the meeting was to continue discussion of the budget estimate.

A financial statement was presented to the Board for information in making decisions concerning the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the Finance Officer present a financial statement to the Board on a monthly basis.

The budget request were reviewed on a department basis and the finance officer was instructed to make deletions and adjustments in most departments. It was unanimously agreed to delete the total request from the Council on the Status of Women for Columbus County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to approve the Economic Development Commission Budget as presented. Commissioners Marlowe and Dew opposed the approval of said budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and approved that the Clerk write a letter to Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center requesting financial assistance in the renovation and maintenance of the section of Miller Building that is to be used by the County Mental Health Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hinson, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed that the County postpone participating in the financing of a Learning Resources Center at Southeastern Community College.

The Board discussed the possibility of a Literary Loan to assist Whiteville City Schools in rebuilding the school that burned during this fiscal year.

The Finance Officer was instructed to figure salary increases at a 5.5% rate. Also, subject to repeal of a local act, the Board will be paid as follows beginning February 1, 1979, : Chairman of Board \$500.00 per month plus travel; Other Members \$375.00 per month plus travel.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until May 24, 1978, to continue unfinished business.

APPROVED:

*Emogene W. Suggs*  
Clerk

*Waldo Marlowe*  
Chairman