

## JOINT BOARD MEETING

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A joint meeting of the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County was held in the Commissioner's room, Court House, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., Monday, July 15, 1940, for the purpose of adopting the budget of joint activities of the City and County for the fiscal year 1940-41, due notice having been sent to each Councilman.

The following were present:

For the City: Mayor Pro Tem Hovis, Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Britt, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides, Ward and Wilkinson.

Absent: Mayor Douglas.

For the County: Chairman Harkey, Commissioners Cashion, Morris, Price and Wearn.

Also present: City Manager Jas. W. Armstrong, City Attorney J. M. Scarborough, Municipal Accountant J. M. McCorkle, County Attorney J. L. DeLaney and County Auditor G. D. Bradshaw.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harkey, of the County Board, who turned the chair over to Mayor Pro Tem Hovis.

## PUBLIC WEAL REQUESTS ADVISORY BOARD OF WOMEN FOR INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Mr. Joe H. Robinson appeared before this joint body on behalf of the Public Weal, asking that an Advisory Board of Women be appointed for the Industrial Home in an effort to improve conditions at the Home.

Mr. Robinson presented the following slate of prominent women of the City and County who have consented to serve on this Board if appointed:

Mrs. Jim Blakney, Miss Margaret Gibbon, Mrs. Harvey Hunter, Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Mrs. Goldie Dean, Mrs. W. W. Hagood, Mrs. Will Hall and Mrs. Henry Fowler.

Mr. Baxter Hunter, former member of the Board of County Commissioners, spoke on behalf of the appointment of this Advisory Board, asking that the Home either be put in better condition or closed entirely. He also protested the use of the old County jail for juveniles and suggested that the Industrial Home could be used for housing these boys.

After hearing these speakers, Councilman Wilkinson made a motion that the matter be turned over to the Board of Managers of the Industrial Home for investigation and report back to the joint body. Motion seconded by Chairman Harkey and unanimously carried.

## VALUE OF VOTES OF CITY COUNCIL.

Only nine members of the Council being present at this time, (Councilman Britt and Little coming in later) it was agreed that the vote of each Councilman would count 5/9's of a vote instead of the usual 5/11's, but after Councilmen Britt and Little were present this was changed.

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#### DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT BUDGET

The first item on the budget of joint activities was that of the Domestic Relations Court and each salary was voted on separately.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Nance and carried, Judge Redd's salary is to remain the same as last year, namely \$3600.00.

On motion of Commissioner Wearn, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the salary of Mr. B. L. Baker is to remain at \$220.00 per month.

Commissioner Cashion moved that the salary of Mr. C. W. Wilson remain at \$140.00 per month. Motion seconded by Councilman Nance and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Price, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the salary of Mrs. Sara Houser is to remain the same as last year- \$110.00. Councilman Hudson offered a substitute motion that this salary be increased \$5.00 per month, which was seconded by Councilman Albea, but failed to carry.

On motion of Commissioner Morris, seconded by Councilman Albea, the salary of Miss Marian Balance was increased from \$60.00 to \$70.00 per month.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Commissioner Price, the salaries of Mr. and Mrs. Alley are to remain the same as last year, \$60.00 per month each.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the salary of Hattie Russell remain the same as last year. Motion seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried.

Commissioner Morris made a motion that the salary of Preston Phillips be increased from \$75.00 to \$80.00 per month. This motion seconded by Commissioner Price and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Cashion and carried, the salary of Mrs. Marian B. Munn is to remain at \$150.00 per month.

Councilman Nance moved that the salary of Miss Louise Williams be set at \$50.00 per month. Motion seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the salary of the cook is to remain the same as last year, \$25.00 per month.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the remainder of the items in the Domestic Relations Court budget are to be left to the joint Finance Committees.

#### INDUSTRIAL HOME.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the amount set up for the Industrial Home was approved in the total sum of \$7,288.00, the City and County to share on a 50-50 basis.

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**TAX LISTING.**

It was agreed that the salaries in this Department be voted on separately, and on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Commissioner Price and carried, the salary of the Tax Supervisor is to remain at \$275.00 per month.

On motion of Commissioner Morris, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the salary of Mr. R. A. Greer was left at the same figure as last year- \$200.00 per month.

The salary of Miss Margaret Roberts was left at \$120.00 per month, the same as last year, on motion of Commissioner Price, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and duly carried.

On motion of Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Albea, Mr. J. F. McWhirter was given an increase of \$5.00 per month, or a total salary of \$120.00 per month.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the salary of J. R. Simmons, Jr. be left at \$125.00 per month. Motion seconded by Councilman Nance and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Wearn, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the salary of Mr. J. F. Simmons, Jr. was left at \$137.50 per month.

Commissioner Morris made a motion that the salary of Mrs. Annie Barr be increased to \$115.00 per month. Motion seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried.

Commissioner Price moved that the salary of Mrs. Kitty Harkey be increased to \$115.00 per month. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Price, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the salary of Mrs. Rebecca Scholl was increased to \$115.00 per month.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Harkey, Mrs. Julia Martin was given a salary of \$100.00 per month.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Ward, the salary of Mrs. Wallace was increased to \$100.00 per month.

The salary of Mr. Vaughn Hawkins is to remain the same as last year, on motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Commissioner Wearn and duly carried.

An item of \$1410.00 for extra clerical help was also in the recommended budget for this Department, and on motion of Commissioner Morris, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the balance of the Tax Supervisor's budget is to remain as set up by the Finance Committee of the County Board.

**HOSPITALIZATION.**

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Commissioner Harkey, the budget for hospitalization is to remain on the same percentage basis as last year.

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PAUPER BURIALS.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Commissioner Harkey, the budget for Pauper Burials is to remain the same as last year, the City to pay for lots and grave digging and the County to pay for coffins.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Commissioner Morris, the amount proposed by the County Finance Committee for the Weights and Measures Division was approved.

W.P.A. SEWING ROOMS.

After discussion, Councilman Wilkinson made a motion that the City of Charlotte limit the amount of expense for W.P.A. sewing room projects to \$5000.00, which does not include headquarters office and warehouse rents. Motion seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried, only the Council voting on this motion.

W.P.A. RENTS.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Baxter the budget for W.P.A. rents was approved as recommended.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the amount set up in the proposed budget for Administrative in this Department was approved at \$8,055.00.

Commissioner Morris moved that the item for Laboratory expense remain the same as last year, which was seconded by Commissioner Cashion and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Morris, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, the item set up for the General Clinic is to remain the same as last year, \$18,557.20 for the City and \$8,891.29 for the County.

On motion of Commissioner Wearn, seconded by Commissioner Price, the amount for the Venereal Clinic was approved at the same figures as last year, namely \$25,566.86 for the City and \$6,842.78 for the County.

This item brought up a long discussion between the City and County regarding the amount which the State would appropriate for this Department provided a truck was purchased by the County for use of the Venereal Clinic in the County. A letter from Dr. Knox, of the State Board of Health, was read regarding this appropriation, and when the County refused to vote an increase in their amount of appropriation, the Chair attempted to get them to approve the sum of \$21,000.00 for this entire Department but the County would not change its original motion.

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RADIO DIVISION.

On motion of Commissioner Morris, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, a salary increase of \$10.00 per month each was granted to the two assistants in the Radio Division, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Walking, making the salary of each now \$135.00 per month.

Councilman Little made a motion that T. C. Woods salary be increased \$10.00 per month, but this motion did not receive a second.

SALARIES TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1st.

All of the above salary increases are to become effective as of July 1st. 1940.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Commissioner Wearn, the joint meeting adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

Alice B. McConnell  
City Clerk