

A joint meeting of the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners was held in the Court Room, Mecklenburg County Court House, at 2:30 P. M., Wednesday, July 2, 1941, with the following present:

For the City: Mayor Currie, Councilmen Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Little, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward, and City Attorney Tillett.

For the County: Chairman McAden, Commissioners Cashion, Hamilton, McDonald and Price, and County Attorney DeLaney and County Auditor Bradshaw.

Mayor Currie presided and announced that the meeting had been called for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed by the Council and the Board of Commissioners in connection with the Juvenile Detention and Domestic Relations Court.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Councilman Baker, Chairman of the Committee appointed to study and make recommendations regarding the Juvenile Detention and Domestic Relations Court, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT. July 2, 1941.

The Joint Committee appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, the City Council and the Council of Social Agencies has endeavored to acquaint itself with the actual conditions existing in the Court, and believes that the recommendations submitted herewith are based upon factual knowledge.

In most respects the Committee has agreed unanimously upon recommendations. These have been stated very briefly and very simply. The members of the Committee believe that if they are put into effect immediately, material benefit will result, both to those who come into the Court for help and for the staff working in the Court.

We respectfully submit the following recommendations in regard to the Domestic Relations and the Juvenile Courts, with the hope that the two governing bodies will accept and act favorably upon these points:

1. That the chief supervising probation officer be eligible for membership in the American Association of Social Workers and the National Probation Association.
2. That the Judge and the chief supervising probation officer, with the Advisory Committee, shall employ a competent and qualified probation staff, and work out an efficient organization in the Court.
3. That during the ensuing year delinquents who require detention shall be placed in licensed boarding homes prior to their thirteenth birthday if possible, and that a continuing effort be made to place all delinquent children in boarding homes and to close the present Detention Home, giving due regard to establishing suitable quarters for those older and more confirmed delinquents who require secure detention.

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4. That a permanent committee be appointed at once by the joint Boards, this committee to consist of five people, to work with the Judge and the staff of the Court in an advisory capacity. The County Commissioners shall appoint a man and a woman, the City Council a man and a woman, and these four shall appoint the fifth member.

5. Since the Committee did not agree as to whether the present Judge should remain in office or another Judge be appointed, the majority being in favor of the appointment of another Judge, this Committee offers no unanimous recommendation on this point.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC
 RELATIONS COURT

For the City Council

J. A. Baker
 A. Z. Price

For the Board of Mecklenburg
 County Commissioners

J. Caldwell McDonald
 Arnie N. Cashion

For the Council of Social
 Agencies

Mrs. J. S. Wilcox
 Mrs. Albert Wilson
 Jas. R. Bryant
 Paul Sheehan

After hearing the above report, Councilman Beasley moved that the report be accepted as information for study. Motion seconded by Councilman Little and carried.

DELEGATION SPEAKS.

The Mayor called for any members of the large delegation present to speak at this time if they had anything to bring before the joint body, and the following women endorsed the recommendation of the Council of Social Agencies:

Mrs. McKee, retiring President of the American Association of University Women.
 Mrs. C. W. Upchurch, a member of the Charity League
 Mrs. R. E. Evans, representing the Woman's Club
 Mrs. Holland Lawing, President, Parent-Teachers Association
 Mrs. V. K. Hart
 Mrs. Willis Henderson, of the Junior League, and
 Mrs. Albert Wilson, a member of the Committee.

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After hearing the above, the meeting passed on to other business, Mayor Currie stating that under the law, a Judge of the Domestic Relations Court must be elected on or before the second Monday in July, or July 14th. Thereupon, Councilman Albea, seconded by Commissioner Price, made a motion that the matter of electing a Judge be postponed but Councilman Ward made a substitute motion at this time that the joint Boards proceed to elect a Judge today. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker. The Mayor ruled the substitute motion out of order inasmuch as it was in direct conflict with the original motion, but when a vote was taken on the original motion, it failed to carry.

Councilman Daughtry then moved that the meeting proceed with the election of a Judge of the Domestic Relations Court at this time, which was seconded by Councilman Little and carried.

ELECTION OF JUDGE REDD.

Nominations being in order for this position, Councilman Baker nominated Judge F. Marion Redd to succeed himself, which was seconded by Councilman Ward.

Commissioner Cashion placed in nomination the name of Mr. Brock Barkley, which was seconded by Commissioner Price.

Councilman Daughtry, moved that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

At this point, Mrs. Hart, a member of the delegation present, arose and asked if no further consideration was to be given to the recommendation of the Committee and if the final selection of a Judge was to be left entirely with the joint Boards without other persons present having anything to do with the election, and the Mayor stated that the election of the Judge was entirely in the hands of the joint Boards.

The following vote by roll call was then taken:

FOR JUDGE REDD:

- Councilman Albea
- " Baker
- " Beasley
- " Daughtry
- " Little
- " Painter
- " Price
- " Ross
- " Slye
- " Ward
- Chairman McAden
- Commissioner Hamilton
- Commissioner McDonald

FOR MR. BARKLEY:

- Commissioner Cashion
- Commissioner Price

The vote of each Councilman counting 5/11's of a vote and that of each Commissioner 1 full vote, the Clerk announced that Judge Redd had received 7-6/11 votes and Mr. Barkley 2 votes. The Mayor declared Judge Redd elected.

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PERMANENT COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED TO WORK WITH THE JUDGE.

Mayor Currie announced that at the meeting of the City Council at 4 o'clock, two members to be selected by the City Council for the permanent committee to work with the Judge, as recommended in the report of the Committee, would be named.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Slye, the meeting of the joint boards adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk

Clerk, County Board of Commissioners.