

Joint Meeting - City Council and Board of Commissioners, Mecklenburg County.
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A joint meeting of the City Council and Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, having been duly called, was held in the Council Room, City Hall, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 30, 1943.

Mayor Baxter presided and the following members of the City Council were present: Messrs. Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward. Also City Manager Flaek and Municipal Accountant J. M. McCorkle.

Present for the County: Chairman S. Y. McAden, Commissioners Gashion, McEwen, McDonald and Porter; County Accountant Bradshaw.

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Mayor Baxter announced that this special meeting had been called to discuss and adopt the joint budget accounts of the City and County for the fiscal year 1943-44.

With the exception of the Civilian Defense Budget, it was agreed that all the joint accounts would be discussed and then voted on as a whole; taken up in the order in which they were presented to the joint Finance Committees on June 28th. During the discussion of the other items, Mr. Henry Dockery, Coordinator, Civilian Defense, was called to appear before this joint body and explain certain items in that budget.

FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

The first item brought up was the matter of fire protection outside the city limits. At the meeting of the Finance Committees from the City and County, it was agreed that the County pay the City a "stand-by" charge of \$200.00 per month, plus \$25.00 for each outside call made by the Charlotte Fire Department, and that a new contract between the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County be drawn accordingly. No discussion.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT AND JUVENILE DETENTION QUARTERS.

At the previous conference, Mr. McDonald advised that the City Attorney, Mr. Tillett, had ruled that this Department could not be divided under the law. It was the recommendation of this joint conference that the adoption of the budget for this Department, as set up by the County, in a total sum not to exceed \$38,157.50 be approved and that the City and County share this expense equally.

A discussion was held regarding the amount of increase which this represented over last year's budget; Mr. McDonald advising that it represented about \$260.00 increase in salaries and a flat increase of \$15,000.00 to take care of the new set-up for juvenile delinquency.

POLICE RADIO OPERATIONS.

The budget for police radio operations was recommended by the Committees to stand as is, with no increase over last year. No discussion on this item.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

No increase was shown in this budget over last year, although it carried a small increase in salary for one inspector. The total amount of this budget was not to exceed \$3,040.00; the City and County to share this expense equally.

CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

On this item, it was recommended that the County pay the sum of \$17,773.85 as it's part of the operation of the joint Health Department, plus one third of the cost of the proposed dental clinic, the County's part not to exceed \$1,500.00 in any event. The sum of \$7500.00 had been previously agreed upon for the maternity clinic, as the County's portion of that fund.

TAX SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE.

The budget for the Tax Supervisor's office was set up in the sum of \$30,130.00; these expenses to be shared upon the basis of 35% for the City and 65% for the County. This carried an increase for salaries of about \$500.00, which is the first increase for this department in some time.

CHARITY HOSPITALIZATION.

It was the recommendation of the Finance Committees that this expense be shared on the same basis as last year- the City to pay 65% of the amount charged for patients living inside the city limits, the County to pay 35% of the amount charged for patients living inside the city limits and 100% for all patients living outside the city limits.

INDUSTRIAL HOME.

It was recommended that this be carried on the same basis as last year; the City to pay 50% and the County 50% of the expenses up to an amount not exceeding \$9,205.50.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE.

At this time, the joint meeting went back to the item of Civilian Defense, which had been held in abeyance until the arrival of the Civilian Defense Coordinator, Mr. Henry Dockery.

The complete budget as turned in totals \$14,993.33, of which the County is to pay \$4,997.77 and the City \$9,995.56; in addition to a capital outlay expense for the purchase of sirens amounting to \$5,129.48, of which the County's share would be \$1,709.84.

Councilman Ward asked for a break-down in the amount of increase in salaries contained in this budget, and Mr. Dockery explained that it carried increases of \$15.00 per month for three clerical workers in the office and an increase of \$50.00 per month for Mrs. Wilson, the Assistant Coordinator. Mr. Dockery added that it was felt that these increases are justified in view of the fact that it would not be possible for the organization to function without the assistance of the thousands of volunteer workers and that it was necessary to have the office set-up in order to do so, and that Mrs. Wilson was invaluable to the organization.

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Councilman Baker stated that he thought the salary of \$200.00 per month now being received by Mrs. Wilson was sufficient and he did not favor a 25% increase since other City employees would not be increased on the same basis. Councilman Ward and Commissioner Cashion also voiced opposition to this increase.

After considerable discussion, during which Commissioner McDonald stated he was in favor of accepting the budget as outlined, Councilman Atkin moved that the budget for Civilian Defense be accepted at the figures shown, namely: \$14,993.33, to be divided as recommended by the joint Finance Committees. This motion was seconded by Commissioner McDonald, and upon being put to a vote, was carried, with Councilman Bullard, Baker, Cope, Painter and Ward, and Commissioner Cashion voting against the motion.

Immediately after the adoption of the operating expense budget for Civilian Defense, Councilman Atkins, seconded by Chairman McAden, moved that the capital outlay budget for the organization be approved at \$5,129.48. This motion carried unanimously.

JOINT BUDGET, WITH EXCEPTION OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE, APPROVED AS A WHOLE.

Councilman Hovis moved that this joint body approve the recommendation of the joint Finance Committees of the City and County and adopt the budget on the following items:

Outside Fire Protection
Domestic Relations Court & Juvenile Detention Quarters
Police Radio
Weight and Measures
City Health Department
Tax Supervisor
Charity Hospitalization
Industrial Home

for the fiscal year 1943-44, as above set out. This motion was seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried.

NOMINATIONS IN ORDER FOR JUDGE OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT AND TAX SUPERVISOR.

The Chair advised that the next items to be considered were the election of a Judge of the Domestic Relations Court and Juvenile Detention Quarters and the election of a Tax Supervisor for Mecklenburg County.

JUDGE F. MARION REDD RE-ELECTED AS JUDGE OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT, ETC.

Councilman Bullard moved that Judge F. Marion Redd be re-elected as Judge of the Domestic Relations Court and Juvenile Detention Quarters for a term of two years. This was seconded by Mr. McAden, of the County, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Baker then moved that the salary of Judge Redd be set at \$4200.00 per annum, effective July 1, 1943. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF TAX SUPERVISOR J. ARTHUR HENDERSON.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Slye and carried, Mr. J. Arthur Henderson was reappointed Tax Supervisor for Mecklenburg County.

Mr. Henderson's salary was set at the same rate as last year, viz: \$3300.00 per annum, on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE'S ACTION ON DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT AND JUVENILE DETENTION QUARTERS.

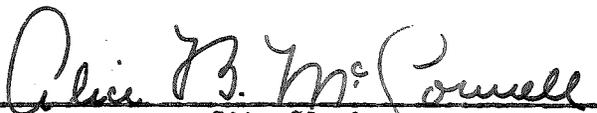
Commissioner McDonald made a verbal report to the joint group of his Committee's action in matters pertaining to the Domestic Relations Court and Juvenile Detention Quarters. He explained that the law would not now allow separation of the two items: Domestic Relations Court and the handling of Juvenile Delinquency. He recommended that the General Assembly be petitioned at their next meeting to amend the present statute so that needed changes might be made. He suggested that a committee be appointed from the joint boards to work with the Domestic Relations Court and Juvenile Delinquent Quarters to see what could be done to better conditions under the present law.

After hearing Mr. McDonald, Mr. McAden moved that the present committee from the joint boards be retained, this committee consisting of Messrs. Albea, Baker and McDonald, and that this committee have power to act. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

Councilman Baker then moved that Mr. McDonald be made Chairman of this committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT BOARDS.

On motion of Mr. McAden, seconded by Mr. Hovis, the joint meeting adjourned until called again.


 City Clerk