

JOINT MEETING  
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A Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County was held in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, July 9, 1947, having been duly called as provided in the City Charter.

Mayor Baxter presided and the following members were present:

FOR THE CITY: Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, Lambeth, McKee and White.

FOR THE COUNTY: Chairman McAden, Commissioners Cashion, McDonald, McEwen and Porter.

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 PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Baxter stated the meeting was called for the purpose of considering and adopting the budget appropriations for joint governmental functions of the City and County for the fiscal year 1947-1948, and other matters pertaining to City and County affairs.

VETERANS INFORMATION CENTER.

Councilman Childs, who is Chairman of the Veterans Information Centers Committee, stated they would require \$14,067.00 to operate the two Centers for the ensuing year, to be appropriated equally by the City, County and Community Chest; however, they were requesting an appropriation at this time for the first six months operation only, with the privilege of receiving the remainder after January 1st if needed.

Following the discussion, Commissioner McAden moved that an appropriation of \$4,689.00 be made for the Veterans Information Centers on a 50/50 basis by the City and County for six months period, after which time the Centers be abandoned. Councilman Lambeth offered a substitute motion that the Center be closed as of August 1, 1947. No seconded was received to this motion. The original motion was seconded by Commissioner Porter, and unanimously carried.

TAX LISTING DEPARTMENT.

Councilman White moved that \$45,808.20 be appropriated for the Tax Listing Department, the City to bear 35% of said amount and the County 65%. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cashion, and unanimously carried.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS.

Commissioner McAden directed attention to the need of a Solicitor for the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts.

Mr. Taliaferro, County Attorney, stated the Attorney General had expressed an unofficial opinion that funds could not be appropriated for the salary of a Solicitor for these Courts and would render a definite ruling on the matter upon completion of the study now being made.

Councilman White moved that \$58,934.17 be appropriated for the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts, plus \$3,000.00 for the salary of a Solicitor provided such office can legally be created, all on a 50/50 basis by the City and County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cashion, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS.

Councilman Childs moved that Mr. F. Marion Redd be reappointed as Judge of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts for a two year term, and his salary be fixed at \$5,500.00 for one year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Porter, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE PRO TEM OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS.

Commissioner McAden moved that Mr. Ray Rankin be reappointed Judge pro tem of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts for a two year term. Motion seconded by Councilman Lambeth, and unanimously carried.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Commissioner McDonald moved that an appropriation of \$3,490.00 be made for Weights and Measures, the City and County to share in the amount on a 50/50 basis, and that the City Manager's recommendation be accepted that the Scales be moved from Morris Field to the City's property on Seigle Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Commissioner Porter moved that a budget of \$12,882.00 be appropriated for the Industrial Home, the City and County to share in the amount on a 50/50 basis. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CHARITY HOSPITALIZATION.

Commissioner McDonald moved that a joint budget of \$80,000.00 be appropriated, the City to bear 65% and the County 35% of the expense for patients residing within the City and the County to pay the full amount for patients residing outside the City, on a basis of \$6.00 per patient day to Memorial Hospital, \$5.00 per patient day to Mercy Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital and \$3.50 per patient day to Good Samaritan Hospital. Motion seconded by Councilman Lambeth, and unanimously carried.

SURVEY OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TRAINING PROGRAM BY DUKE FOUNDATION.

Commissioner McAden moved that Dr. W. S. Rankin be requested to have Duke Foundation make a survey of the training program at Memorial Hospital with respect to its financial set-up as it relates to the cost of the charity load. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

PAUPER BURIALS.

Councilman McKee moved that the same policy as heretofore be adopted, namely: the County to furnish the cost of the coffins and the City to furnish the lot and grave digging. Motion seconded by Councilman DeLaney, and unanimously carried.

CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner McDonald moved that the County's appropriation of \$22,180.00 be accepted as its share in the costs of the City Health Department operation. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

MATERNITY CLINICS.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman DeLaney, a budget appropriation of \$16,000.00 was jointly made for Maternity Clinics on a 50/50 basis by the City and County, with \$11,500.00 for Good Samaritan Hospital and \$4,500.00 for Memorial Hospital, predicated on the following schedule of estimated costs:

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

2500 Clinic visits @ \$1.00	\$ 2,500.00
2000 Hospital days for Mothers @ \$3.50	7,000.00
1500 Hospital days for Infants @ 1.00	1,500.00
Ambulance, Misc.	500.00
	<u>\$11,500.00</u>

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

625 Clinic visits @ \$1.50	\$ 937.50
500 Hospital days for Mothers @ \$6.00	3000.00
375 Hospital days for infants @ \$1.50	562.50
	<u>4500.00</u>

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FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE CITY.

Councilman Albea moved that County's appropriation for Fire Protection Outside Charlotte be accepted at \$2,400.00 for Standby Charge and \$50.00 per trip by the Charlotte Fire Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF TAX SUPERVISOR.

Councilman White moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED that at the expiration of the present term of office of Mr. J. Arthur Henderson, Tax Supervisor, he be elected as Consultant to the Tax Supervisor at a salary of \$200.00 per month for the new year, and that as of the said time Mr. Rufus A. Grier be appointed as Tax Supervisor for two years, at a salary of \$4,500.00 for the first year; said salary to be subject to adjustment - up or down - as to the second year. That Mr. U. Vaughn Hawkins be appointed as Assistant Tax Supervisor as of said time, for a term of two years, at a salary of \$3,600.00 for the first year, said salary for the succeeding year to be adjustable - up or down - by the Joint Boards.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Porter, and unanimously carried.

HOME DEMONSTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner McDonald moved that the Home Demonstration Department be operated on the same basis as last year, the City to pay only for the work done within the City, ~~and to appropriate \$2,080.00,~~ the same as last year, covering half of the salary of one Assistant Agent, half the salary of her Secretary and half of the Assistant Agent's scientific supply account, and the City appropriate \$2,080.00, the same as last year, subject to adjustment in the two salaries. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

APPROPRIATION BY CITY FOR SURVEY FOR CONSOLIDATION OF CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

Councilman DeLaney moved that an appropriation of \$10,000.00 be made by the City as it's share in the cost of a Survey to determine the feasibility of consolidating the City and County Governments. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and carried, with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, McKee and White.

NAY: Councilman Lambeth.

CONTRACT WITH INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SURVEY FOR CONSOLIDATION OF CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

Commissioner McAden moved that the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N.C., be engaged to make the Survey to determine the feasibility of consolidating the City and County Governments, at a total cost not to exceed \$20,000.00, to be paid on a 50/50 basis by the City and County Governments, and that the contract be executed jointly by the City and County. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and carried, with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, McKee and White.  
 Commissioners McAden, Cashion, McEwen, McDonald and Porter.

RECORDED AS NOT VOTING: Councilman Lambeth.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURTS.

Mayor Baxter appointed Councilmen McKee and Albea as members of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts Joint Committee.

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RECOMMENDATION THAT JOINT COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO PLAN FOR COUNTYWIDE RE-EVALUATION OF PROPERTY.

Commissioner McDonald suggested that a Joint City and County Committee be appointed to study and recommend a plan for a county-wide re-evaluation of real estate.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Commissioner McAden, seconded by Councilman Albea, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Waffman  
City Clerk