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A joint meeting of the City Council and Board of County Commissioners was held in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, on Wednesday, July 21, 1937, at 5:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Ben E. Douglas presiding, and

Present for the City: Councilmen Albea, Durham, Griswold, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson; City Manager Marshall, City Attorney B. M. Boyd and Municipal Accountant M. L. Westmoreland.

For the County: Chairman Harkey, Commissioners Cashion, Dunn, Price and Wearn; County Attorney Stancill and County Auditor Bradshaw.

The Mayor stated that this meeting was called for the purpose of discussing matters covering Departments operated jointly by the City and County, for budget making purposes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The first business taken up was that of the Health Department. The Mayor stated that it was the recommendation of a committee from the two Boards that this Department remain on the same basis as the past year with the exception of additional space for the Indigent Poor Clinic. This need was explained by City Manager Marshall, who advised that under the present set-up the Health Department building is badly crowded and that a house just across the street from the Health Department could be obtained at an expense of \$75.00 a month including rent, lights and heat. This would necessitate a receiving clerk to handle the work in this building and that it is the City's recommendation that this be done.

Commissioner Cashion called for the total outlay for this year as compared to last year and was advised that the County's share last year was, in round figures \$14,000.00, while this year it is figured at \$16,523.00, which does not include any adjustment of salaries in this joint account. He did advise, however, that this included a colored dentist for the negro schools.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Dunn, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, the same financial arrangement as last year, was approved, with the additional space for the Sick Clinic.

HOSPITALIZATION.

On the item of hospitalization, it was the Committee's recommendation that a nurse be placed in charge of this work. Mr. Harkey explained that under the present set-up there is a lack of system which delays admittance of a patient to the hospital at times and that with a nurse to check up on cases patients could often be dismissed sooner than is now the case or if additional hospitalization is needed that she could make report of same to the Board for approval.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Commissioner Cashion and carried, the employment of a nurse to assist in this department was authorized by the joint Boards.

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On motion of Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the costs of this Department were ordered to be the same as last year.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Commissioner Dunn and carried, the salary of the nurse or case worker was set at the same as other case workers, (\$100.00 per month).

On motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Commissioner Wearn Chairman Harkey and City Manager Marshall were authorized to work out the matter of transportation for this case worker.

#### RADIO.

The Committee recommended the same set-up for the Radio operations as last year; Mr. Harkey stating that the County had complaint to make on the reception outside the City. On motion of Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried, the same set-up as last year was authorized, the trouble in reception to be worked out by Mr. Harkey and Mr. Marshall.

#### TAX LISTING.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Commissioner Cashion, the tax listing set-up was authorized to remain the same as last year.

#### INDUSTRIAL HOME.

On motion of Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Durham and carried, the Industrial Home is to be handled on the same basis as last year.

#### PAUPER BURIALS.

On motion of Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, pauper burials are to be handled in the same manner as the last fiscal year.

#### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The Committee's recommendation for the Weights & Measures Division was on a 50-50- basis for salary and expenses, the same as last year. Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, moved that this recommendation be approved.

Councilman Hudson then moved that the present Weights & Measures Inspector, Mr. Yarborough, be re-elected. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cashion and unanimously carried.

On motion of Commissioner Harkey, seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried, Mr. Yarborough's salary was set at \$185.00 per month, which includes car allowance.

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DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT.

Mayor Douglas advised that the Committee made no recommendations regarding the Domestic Relations Court, deciding that it should be discussed in joint session.

On motion of Commissioner Wearn, seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried, the salary of Mr. Baker in this Department, was set at \$220.00 per month for the fiscal year 1937-38, representing an increase of \$20.00 per month.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Commissioner Cashion and carried, the salary of Mr. C. W. Wilson, officer, is to remain at \$140.00 per month for this fiscal year.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Commissioner Wearn and carried, the salary of Miss Sara Ross was set at \$100.00 per month, an increase of \$10.00.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Commissioner Wearn and carried, the salaries of Mr. and Mrs. Alley, jailors at the Juvenile Detention Home, were set at \$60.00 per month each, for the fiscal year 1937-38.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Commissioner Cashion and carried, the salary of the cook at the Juvenile Jail, Etta Howland, was set at \$25.00 per month.

Commissioner Price, seconded by Councilman Griswold, moved that the salary of Hattie Russell, colored case worker, be set at \$100.00 per month, but after discussion Councilman Durham offered a substitute motion, which was seconded by Chairman Harkey, that this salary remain the same as last year, namely \$90.00 per month. This substitute motion was then put and carried.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Commissioner Wearn and carried, Preston Phillips, colored truant officer, was employed and his salary set at \$900.00 per year, or \$75.00 per month on a twelve months basis.

Commissioner Harkey then moved that a white case worker be employed, at a salary of \$100.00 per month, in view of the fact that there were two colored case workers. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea. After discussion, Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Sides, offered a substitute motion that this request be denied for the present in order to be studied. However, Mr. Harkey pointed out that with the proper person employed the City and County could save money. Whereupon, Councilman Wilkinson, with the consent of the second, withdrew his motion, and a vote was then taken on the original motion of Mr. Harkey, and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Wearn, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, it was moved that if it is permissible under the law, that Judge Redd be designated to name this party to fill the case-workers place in the Domestic Relations Court, his selection to be approved by the City Manager and Chairman of the County Commissioners.

SUPPLIES AND OTHER EXPENSES FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT.

On motion of Councilman Griswold, seconded by Commissioner Price and carried, an appropriation of \$3225.00 for supplies, etc. was approved by the joint Boards.

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On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Commissioner Dunn and carried, an appropriation of \$1255.00 for lights, gas, telephone, transportation of prisoners, etc., was authorized for this Department.

On motion of Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried, the joint Boards authorized an appropriation for equipment (new) including a Kelvinator, chairs, etc., in the amount of \$500.00.

On motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, the rental charge of \$85.00 per month paid by the City to the County for use of the Juvenile Jail was to remain at this figure until January 13, 1938, when the improvements made by the County have been absorbed.

On motion of Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Durham and carried, the City's part, as occupational rental for the Juvenile Jail, after that time was to off-set the rent paid by the County to the City for the space occupied by the County in the Health Department, namely \$62.50 per month.

W.P.A. RENTALS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Commissioner Wearn and carried, the Chair was requested to appoint a committee to investigate the W.P.A. rentals and the budget to remain tentatively as it is regarding this item.

Whereupon, Mayor Douglas appointed Councilman Wilkinson to serve with him on this committee, and Chairman Harkey of the County Board appointed Commissioner Wearn to serve with him, with the following to be added to Councilman Albea's motion above: the tentative rentals for sewing rooms, as requested by Mrs. Withers, to be \$3600.00 for the fiscal year, \$1800.00 for the City and \$1800.00 for the County.

There being no further business to come before the joint Boards, on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Commissioner Harkey, the meeting adjourned.

*Alice B. McConnell*  
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City Clerk

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Clerk, Board of County Commissioners.