

April 9, 1963

Present: All Commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. Oliver Guyther.

Youth Coordinator

Mr. A. L. Barthelme discussed with the commissioners the possibility of his serving in this capacity at no charge. The method to be followed would come from the Youth Commission. Mr. Barthelme made suggestions concerning possible ways to organize some activity for the young people in the county, and stated that a sensible program must be planned. Baseball, soft ball, and the idea of giving some of the older children the responsibility of handling the younger children were mentioned. Mr. Burch said he would like to have Mr. Barthelme come in at some future time to further discuss this matter.

Budget

Mr. Gruber, auditor, suggested \$57,000,000 basis to be on the safe side. Also, there is nothing for the construction of roads in the budget, and Mr. Gruber suggested a meeting with the SRC to find out what they have in mind for the county, and what they are planning to do, and the cost. The only money not used in former road bond issues is \$10,397.52, and this is the only money available. If you do not count on using \$100,000 of the cash, you will need \$288,000 over and above the revenue that would be provided at the present tax rate. If you draw on the cash reserve, \$188,000 will be needed. This will take about a 30 to 35 cents increase.

As to long range needs, you must be sure that you are going to have some of this school bond money coming back. A few years grace could be bought with the reserve fund, and it would almost have to be used. This 30 cents does not include the 10 cents for the school board. If the county can tie up any portion of the school board's incentive fund, this should be done.

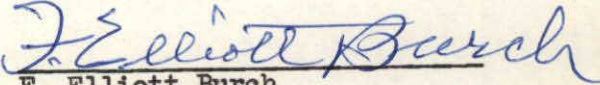
Mr. Gruber said the public should be told of the present financial situation and have an explanation as to why taxes were being increased. Let them know that this increase will not take in account the 10 cents for the school tax. The people must be told that the commissioners have not had the time to give this long range study at the present time, and perhaps some other modification in the tax system might be in order later, but cannot be done at present.

The Board of Education should be asked to estimate their costs over a period of years. The commissioners have to decide if they can raise these taxes in an amount that can possibly carry them through for four years, or put themselves in the position of raising taxes every year.

Mr. Gruber and Mr. Guyther discussed the various ways the statement made to the public should be worded. Mr. Gruber, Mr. Guyther, and the commissioners will work on separate statements, to be later coordinated into one release.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President

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Present: All commissioners, Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr., Delegates Fowler and Briscoe, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. David Gruber.

Evening meeting.

Mr. Gruber reviewed the rough draft to be released to the press concerning the raise in the tax rate. The commissioners must get a commitment from the Board of Education about paying a certain amount each year from their incentive fund. If the commissioners accept the bond issue without getting a guarantee from these people, they will be liable for it. The Board of Education is getting an increased amount of money from the state each year.

On improved methods of collection of inventory tax, it was recommended to the previous board not to issue any traders licenses to people who had not paid their personal property taxes. In method of assessment, it was up to our assessors to determine a personal property assessment for the non-incorporated businesses.

Final statement of the Board of Education was reviewed. (Mr. Guyther came in at this point).

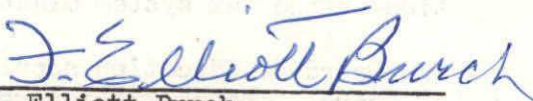
There is to be a report submitted next year to set up a new and revised method of giving additional monies to the subdivisions. This might add several thousand dollars not anticipated at the present time.

Mr. Raley said we must give some consideration to the road problem because we cannot meet the current obligations, and keep continually borrowing money for this purpose.

Mr. Guyther will study rough drafts submitted and write up final release to be given to local papers.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President