

February 26, 1968

Present: Mr. F. Elliott Burch  
Mr. J. Wilmer Bowles  
Mr. George R. Aud

Meeting convened at 9:15 a.m., called for following express purpose.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff B. Burroughs, Mr. J. Weiner, Mr. H. Lancaster, Mr. W. S. Donaldson.

Sheriff Burroughs stated that he would like the commissioners to authorize legislation to increase the number of his deputies to 12, not including himself. Unless this is emergency legislation, it will not be effective until June, but Sheriff Burroughs said he is setting up another training program to begin in September, and these new men could be included in the program.

The sheriff also said he feels that every man should have a car, and we should not have to be concerned with replacing the ones they have now for about three years. He mentioned that there had been some discussion about trading the cars every two years, but this is up to the commissioners. When he presents his budget, he will include funds for as many cars as will be needed for any new deputies appointed, and he would like the new cars to be marked, as the general public seems to prefer this.

Mr. Henry Fowler came into the meeting and was informed of the previous discussion. He stated that if the sheriff feels he needs additional deputies, he would concur. Mr. Weiner said that he feels that the crime situation is going to get worse, and we should have enough men to take care of it as best we can.

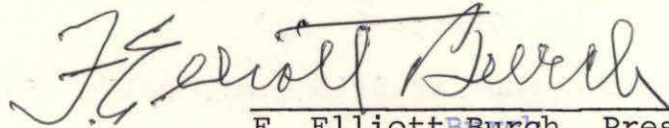
Sheriff Burroughs mentioned that he utilized the two plainclothesmen 100% during the past year, and the state police assisted his department 268 times in various cases during the past year. He and Mr. Lancaster then left the meeting.

General discussion followed, and Mr. Fowler said he feels that if the commissioners want to leave the number of deputies unlimited, or to set a definite number, he would go along either way. He does feel, however, that the increase in the number of deputies should be done gradually.

Mr. John H. Briscoe came into the meeting, and after further discussion the commissioners agreed, as did the legislators, that legislation should be drawn enabling the commissioners to increase the number of deputies at their discretion if they feel the need is justified.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burgh, President