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The Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board met at 10:00 a.m., Oct. 2, 1947, at the Juvenile Court Chambers in Clearwater, Mrs. Holland, chairman, presiding. All members of the Board were present, also former Juvenile Judge Bogue and Chief Probation Officer, Mr. Rogero.

Judge Bogue, as attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Cowell of the Juvenile Home, read a letter (copy attached) reviewing the history of the home and enlarging upon its present operation. He suggested (the Board) pay Mrs. Cowell $150.00 per month salary, $2.00 per day per child, and assume maintenance of the buildings, along with taxes and insurance.

In the discussion that followed, future policies of the Board were considered:
Should the Board lease this home from year to year with the option of buying?
Should the Board take a long-term lease with the idea of erecting other buildings?
Should the Board have several homes throughout the county and keep them all small?
Should the Board enlarge this home with a barred section?

Mr. Rogero pointed out that sewerage and water improvements at the Home were necessary immediately and suggested connecting with city water. This one item he said would mean the buying of 800 feet of pipe at 31 1/2 cents a foot but that the City of St. Petersburg would allow a credit of 29 cents a foot. It was generally felt that a temporary basis of operation would be wisest, especially till after the survey of the county's needs were made.

**MOTION**

Juvenile Home (Policy)
Mr. Belcher moved and Miss Phillips seconded that the Board continue with the Home for a year on the same basis. Motion was carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Juvenile Home (Sanitary conditions)
Mr. Belcher moved and Miss Phillips seconded that the Board take care of immediate sanitary conditions. Motion was carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Juvenile Home (Operation)
Judge White moved and Mr. Fuguitt seconded that the Board pay Mrs. Cowell $150.00 per month salary, $2.00 per day per child, and assume taxes, insurance and necessary maintenance as set forth on an operational plan, including the cost of the boys' bathroom - $348.00 already obligated by the Cowells. Motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Belcher was appointed to confer with Mr. Rogero about pipe, etcetera, for water and sewerage.

Mr. Belcher suggested the Board employ one bonding company to arrange bonds for the members of the Board.

**MOTION**

(bonding) Mr. Fuguitt moved that the Board employ the firm of Chesnut and Lee of Clearwater to arrange bonds. Miss Phillips seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.
Judge Marshall pointed out that since the Board is "on its own" for operational expenses after October 1, that it would be necessary to borrow money on anticipation notes until the tax funds are available. Mr. Rogero explained that he had talked with Mr. Ray Green and Mr. J. B. Starkey concerning the necessary steps to take and that he had secured a letter of assignment to the Bank of Clearwater for $7,500.00, the amount thought necessary.

MOTION (Resolution to borrow) Judge White offered the following resolution (see attached copy) and moved its adoption. Judge Marshall seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Rogero suggested that the Board buy a car for the use of the probation officers on trips to Marianna, Ocala, etcetera. He explained that on the basis of the present budget, a car would pay for itself in one year and three months; and that he thought it a better plan than the present system of paying the probation officers for the use of their cars a flat rate of $60.00 per trip to Marianna, $25.00 to Ocala and $50.00 to Miami. Mr. Rogero stated that he had contacted four agencies (Ford, Chevrolet, Dodge and Plymouth.) The Dodge agency had replied it could promise a 30-day delivery on a 2-door sedan for $1,655.30, with a refund of the federal tax. Other agencies had not replied favorably on early delivery.

MOTION (Automobiles) Judge Marshall moved and Mr. Belcher seconded that the Board purchase a car, and that advertisements be placed for a new,2-door, 1947 sedan, bids to be received by Oct. 20. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Belcher was appointed to assist Mr. Rogero in selecting additional equipment, such as seat covers.

Judge Marshall suggested the Board ask the State Auditor to help set up books for the Board.

MOTION (Depository) Judge Marshall moved and Mr. Fuguiitt seconded that the Bank of Clearwater be designated as the official depository for the Board. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Rogero was appointed to make arrangements.

Mr. Rogero asked the Board either to set up a petty cash fund for office supplies, etcetera, or to authorize him to purchase same, and present the bills to the Board.

MOTION (Office Supplies) Mr. Fuguiitt moved that the Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer to purchase supplies not to exceed $25.00 and to submit bills to the Board for approval. Mr. Belcher seconded and the Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fuguiitt suggested (1) that the Board adopt a seal, (2) that the secretary be furnished with a loose-leaf note book for the minutes and that said record be kept in a fire proof vault, and (3) that a bank book for the Board be arranged. Mr. Rogero offered to attend to these items.
Judge Marshall moved the Board adjourn till 7:00 p.m. October 20, at the St. Petersburg Juvenile Court Chambers, to precede a general meeting with the advisory committees at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Belcher seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

[Signature]

Mayor [signature]

Secretary