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Meeting in Clearwater

December 1, 1960

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. H. W. Holland, Juvenile Court Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr.; County Commissioner R. Hosey Wick. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Sheriff Don Genung.

The Reverend Coleman expressed to Commissioner Wick the appreciation of the Board members for Mr. Wick's helpful service on the Board during the past calendar year, as well as for his previous service in 1952.

The minutes of the November 3rd meeting were approved as distributed.

MOTION
Expenditures
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Wick seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: check #7334 dated November 3; checks #7335 through #7366 dated November 15; and checks #7367 through #7399 dated November 30, 1960.

The financial reports for the month of November were reviewed. Dr. Finck explained that the $9,000.00 payment to the State Department of Public Welfare for extra foster care had been made in two checks, one for $1,000.00 and one for $8,000.00. These payments were because of the usual delay in receiving County tax funds.

The report of children in foster care was discussed along with the letter from Mrs. Elouise Irwin, Director of District #4, State Department of Public Welfare. Mrs. Irwin stated that expenses for foster care had increased beyond all expectations and had continued to increase since their previous discussion with the Board. Mrs. Irwin estimated that they were not spending $7,658.77 more each month than their regular allocation of $9,000.00 from the Juvenile Welfare Board. Mrs. Irwin stated that, unless additional funds were found, the only feasible situation was to close intake immediately in order to reduce the number of children in care as soon as possible. This critical situation was discussed by the Board since they had made available all excess funds. In the course of the discussion, Commissioner Wick suggested that the Director contact the County Attorney, Mr. Hobbs, to determine whether it was legally possible for the County Commissioners to appropriate additional funds for foster care.

MOTION
Payment of $15.00 from Trust Funds
Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to make the expenditure of $15.00 from Trust Funds for the purpose of sending Christmas cards to all foster parents.

MOTION
Approval of Expenses for Director in Tallahassee, January 16 and 17
Mr. Wick moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenses for Dr. Finck to attend the meeting of the Florida Cooperating Council in Tallahassee on January 16th and 17th.

Sheriff Don Genung then spoke to the Board, explaining how his organization is attempting to deal with delinquent children on all sorts of levels. He described the Sheriff's Boys Ranch, the Junior Mounted Posse, and the development of the Junior Deputies' Program. He said that a non-profit corporation has been set up for the Junior Deputies in order that the necessary funds may be collected for this program.
The Sheriff went on to describe the plans for the detention of juveniles in the proposed jail addition. He emphasized his belief that this new jail needed to be built immediately and without delay. He said that the plans would call for a total of forty-eight beds for children on a separate floor. He stated that programs of recreation, education, and religious instruction would be planned for the children in jail and that medical attention, including psychiatric care, would be provided. He said that in a year's period recently ended, there were a total of 905 children detained in the St. Petersburg or Clearwater jail. He said that in Clearwater there had been 377 children detained so far this year, which was more than the total number who had been detained for all of last year.

MOTION Letter to the County Commissioners
Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to instruct the Director to write the Board of County Commissioners expressing the Board's belief that the proposed jail facilities should be included in the plans for a new County Building in Clearwater. It was the Board's feeling that this was a step toward separate detention facilities, which the Sheriff stated would be needed in about five years.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday, January 5, at nine-thirty.

Virginia D. Harrison
Secretary