

Columbia, South Carolina
January 25, 1949

The Budget Commission met in the Governor's office at 12:45 P.M., on January 25, 1949 to consider the matter of acquiring certain of Sullivan's Island from the Federal Government. All members of the Commission were present.

The meeting was attended by a large number of interested persons, including the Mayor of Charleston, Members of the Charleston County Legislative delegation, the Chairman of the Charleston County Council, members of the Sullivan's Island Township Commission, the State Forester and other members of his staff, and representatives of the Federal War Assets Administration.

The State Forester exhibited a map of the island and designated the areas which it was thought should be acquired. He explained the terms of the proposed proposition. It was explained that a certain area of the island would be given to the State for use as a memorial park, but other portions would have to be purchased if a State park were to be provided, and that it would also be necessary to purchase the area on which the public utilities were located to assure such service to the areas desired. It was also brought out that it was necessary for the State to apply for the properties before February 1, as they would be offered to other prospective purchasers on that date.

A general discussion of the matter ensued in which opinions were expressed by most of those present. It was the predominant sentiment that the State should take immediate steps to acquire the properties.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Budget Commission authorized the Governor to enter application for the properties in the name of the State of South Carolina, and the State Forester was directed to handle the matter with the War Assets Administration.

No other business was transacted by the Commission at this meeting.

The Commission then adjourned.

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