

MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING

October 19, 1945.

The Commission met in the Governor's Office at 10:30 o'clock A.M. October 19, 1945. All members of the Commission were present, and proceeded to the Wade Hampton Hotel to a meeting with the State Ports Authority.

At this meeting the affairs of the State Ports Authority were explained in relation to the progress which was being made as to acquiring the Ports facilities at Charleston; particularly with reference to the lease of the land involved which had formerly been made by the City of Charleston to the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., and the efforts of the Ports Authority to make satisfactory arrangements with the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. for the acquisition and operation of the Ports facilities by the State of South Carolina.

The predominant opinion of the members of the Budget Commission appeared to coincide with that of the Ports Authority that the most effective solution of the matter would be by condemnation proceedings against the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co.; although it was agreed that the final determination of the matter rested with the State Ports Authority.

It was also brought out at this meeting that some funds would be required shortly after the 1st of November for the operation of the Ports facilities, until such time as the General Assembly could provide funds for its maintenance and operation.

The Commission agreed to meet on Wednesday, the 24th of October, 1945, and it was agreed that definite figures would be presented by the State Ports Authority at that time.

The Commission then adjourned.

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