

Part II

Sec 3

pp 374-500

KING COUNTY FRENCH-OPPER COMMISSION

MAILING LIST

Donald C. Sampson	12115 Shorewood Drive	Seattle, Washington
Albert A. King	P. O. Box 218	Kirkland, Washington
Woodrow L. Taylor	404 Union Street	Seattle 1, Washington
Wm. F. Lubensky	602 Northern Life Tower	Seattle, Washington
Stinson Bullitt	1411 4th Ave. Building	Seattle 1, Washington
David Deering	1234 Shenandoah Drive	Seattle, Washington
John I. Fournier	Box 432	Kent, Washington
David J. Williams	725 Central Building	Seattle, Washington
Lyle F. Wilson	2255 Westmont Way	Seattle, Washington
G. H. Thompson	1739 W. 100th St.	Seattle 77, Washington
Mrs. Carl L. Cooper	2321 N. 53rd St.	Seattle 3, Washington
Pearl D. Pontius	2424 41st No.	Seattle 2, Washington
Donald J. Stocking	501 W. Comstock	Seattle 99, Washington
Victor Zadnick	Elk's Club 4th and Spring	Seattle, Washington
Margaret E. Bard	-----	Vashon, Washington
C. A. Crosser	316 Marion Building	Seattle 4, Washington

KING COUNTY FREEHOLDER COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT ON PROCEDURAL RULES

The Executive Committee of the Freeholder Commission respectfully reports to the Commission, and recommends that the Commission approve the following rules of organization and procedure:

1. **OFFICERS:** The officers of the Commission shall be a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary, who shall be elected by the Commission. The Chairman, or in his absence, the vice-chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Commission, and shall appoint committees and perform such other functions as the Commission, from time to time, may authorize. The chairman, or in his absence, the vice-chairman, is authorized to call meetings of the Commission when in his opinion it is necessary.

2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Chairman of the Commission shall appoint an Executive Committee of five (5) members, which shall be authorized to carry on the functions and plan the work of the Commission between meetings of the Commission, and to perform such other duties as shall be authorized by the Commission. The Executive Committee shall not bind the Commission to any determination of policy and shall make no public statements other than announcements of meetings or other purely factual matters. The chairman and the vice-chairman of the Commission shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

3. **COMMITTEES:** Committees of the Commission shall be appointed by, and shall perform such duties as may be determined by the chairman, subject to the approval of the Commission, but the Executive Committee may authorize the appointment of committees should the necessity arise between meetings of the Commission.

4. **MEETINGS:** The Freeholder Commission shall meet twice a month until it determines that its work is completed. The regular meetings will be held in the County Commissioners' Assembly Room, County-City Building, Seattle, at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month, beginning January 8, 1951. Special meetings of the Commission may be called by the chairman, or in the event of his absence from the city, by the vice-chairman. All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public, but there shall be no public participation in any meeting, unless the meeting has been designated by the Commission, or by the committee holding it, as a public hearing, and reasonable public notice of such hearing has been given.

5. **PUBLICITY:** No member of the Commission shall make public statements purporting to speak for the Commission without previous authority specifically given, and no report or statement of policy shall be issued purporting to be a report or statement by the Commission, unless the same shall have been approved by majority vote of the Commission. The Executive Committee may make public announcements of meetings or public hearings, or may authorize the issuance of factual statements relating to the Commission's work, as it deems necessary or desirable.

6. **LEGAL ADVISER:** The Prosecuting Attorney of King County, or his designated assistant, shall be the legal adviser of the Commission.

7. **DISBURSEMENTS:** Should the Board of County Commissioners of King County appropriate funds for the use of the Commission, such funds shall be disbursed under the supervision of the Executive Committee.

8. **QUORUM:** Nine (9) of the total membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any meeting of the Commission.

9. **RULES OF ORDER:** Procedure at meetings of the Commission shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

KING COUNTY FREEHOLDER COMMISSION

Executive Committee - Minutes of the Meeting, Dec. 18, 1950

The Executive Committee of the King County Freeholder Commission was summoned to its first meeting on December 18, 1950 by Victor Zednick, chairman. Present were Sampson, Stocking, King, Bard, Wilson and Zednick. Lubersky was excused.

Commission Chairman, Zednick, appointed Sampson chairman of the Executive Committee, and Bard, secretary.

Sampson presiding:

SUBJECT: Shall the point of departure be decisions on major policy issues, or should the Commission begin its task de novo?

MOTION: That the following major policy issues be presented for a preliminary ballot at the next regular meeting of the Commission (Jan. 8):

- a. Whether there shall be nine commissioners, and whether these shall be elected at large or by district.
- b. Whether the administrator shall be appointed or elected.
- c. Whether other officials shall be appointed or elected.
- d. Whether elections shall be non-partisan or partisan.
- e. Whether there shall be included a merit system.

Motion by King, seconded by Stocking, carried.

SUBJECT: Procedural laws to be recommended to the Commission.

MOTION: That the procedural laws of the Advisory Commission, as revised and attached hereto, be submitted to the Commission for approval.
Motion by King, seconded by Stocking, carried. *Adopted*

SUBJECT: Shall an appropriation be requested of the King County Commissioners?
moved or stationary

MOTION: That action on appropriation be delayed, and that Bard be instructed to contact the County Commissioners, in order to ascertain what help may be obtained from county personnel.
Motion by Zednick, seconded by King, carried.

SUBJECT: Preliminary approach to writing of charter.

MOTION: That there be scheduled for the second regular January meeting of the Commission (Jan. 22) a widely publicized public hearing in the County Commissioners' Assembly Room, 402 L County-City Building, before any definite steps be taken by the Commission.

Motion by Zednick, seconded by King, carried. *Carried*

Officers - February - Post schedule officials & advise
SUBJECT: Committees to be appointed.

MOTION: That the Chairman of the Commission be authorized to make, and that he shall announce, after acceptance by the Commission of the recommended procedural rules, appointments to the following committees:

- a. Committee on District Boundaries and Election Procedures. *Noted*
- b. Committee on County Finance and Budget Procedures. *Noted*
- c. Committee on Merit System Details. *Noted*
- d. Committee on Departments, Boards and Commissions (from an organizational and functional standpoint). *Noted*

Motion by Stocking, seconded by Sampson, carried.

Legal f. Excs.
The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members: Sampson, Stocking,
King, Lubersky, Bard.

Donald C. Sampson, Chairman
Margaret E. Bard, Sec.

Ex-officio members, Wilson,
Zednick.

KING COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, Jan. 8, 1951
County-City Building, Seattle, Wash.

Victor Zednick, chairman, presiding.

All Commission members present.

SUBJECT: As requested by the chairman, Sampson, chairman of the Executive Committee presented the minutes and report of the Executive Committee to the Commission.

MOTION: That the Procedural Rules recommended by the Executive Committee be adopted. Motion by Lubersky, seconded by Taylor, carried.

SUBJECT: Assistance to be obtained from County Commissioners.

REPORT by Board: James A. Gibbs, chairman of the Board of King County Commissioners, assures typing and mailing services from county, but advises against an appropriation request at this time.

MOTION: That the secretary of the Commission order a room of stationery and envelopes, and present the bill for same to the King County Commissioners, and in the event payment is refused, that the Commission members will then personally donate funds to pay same. Motion by Deering, seconded by Sampson, carried.

SUBJECT: Public hearing.

MOTION: That the public hearing, as recommended by the Executive Committee, be scheduled for January 22, 1951, and be approved. Motion by Lubersky, seconded by Pontius, carried.

SUBJECT: Whether the present county officials shall be given an invitation to express their opinions to the Commission.

MOTION: That elective officials and other county department heads shall be given written invitation to express their views on the suggested county governmental revision as proposed by the Advisory Charter, a copy of which shall be sent to such officials; and that such invitation be for the February 12th meeting of the Commission; and that Sampson, Executive Committee chairman, shall schedule the order of appearance before the Commission of such officials as are willing to participate. Motion by King, seconded by Thompson, carried.

SUBJECT: Recommendation as to sub-committees.

MOTION: That the Executive Committee recommendation relative to the appointment of four committees be adopted. Motion by Stocking, seconded by Pontius, carried.

Four Committees recommended as above were then appointed by Chairman Zednick, as follows (revised list according to individuals' choices):

- a. COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND ELECTION PROCEDURES:
John Fournier, chairman; Pearl E. Pontius, Margaret Bard.
- b. COMMITTEE ON COUNTY FINANCE AND BUDGET PROC. SURVEY:
G. H. Thompson, chairman; David Deering, Ronald Stocking.
- c. COMMITTEE ON MTRIT SYSTEM DETAILS:
Mrs. Carl L. Cooper, chairman; Stinson Bullit, Wm. Lubersky.
- d. COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS from an organizational and functional standpoint:
David J. Williams, chairman; Woodrow L. Taylor, Albert A. King.

KING COUNTY PRINCIPAL COMMISSION
Minutes, Jan. 8, 1951 meeting

Page 2

MOTION: That the above committee appointments be approved by the Commission.
Motion by Iubersky, seconded by Sampson, carried.

Acting upon a suggestion offered by King that material relative to the writing of a charter be assembled in one place, and that the place be if possible the Municipal Library, Chairman Zednick appointed Pullit the Commission Librarian with the duties of ascertaining whether the co-operation of the Municipal Library may be secured, and, if so, to so assemble material.

INSTRUCTIONS:

The secretary shall send out notices in advance of each Commission meeting to all Commission members.

The secretary shall get word relative to the public hearing scheduled for January 22nd, 1951, to all county newspapers, in order that the voters shall have an opportunity to express their views on county governmental revision to the Commission.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR ZEDNICK, CHAIRMAN

Margaret E. Bard, Sec.

Jan. 10, 1951

SEATTLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
100 N. County City Building
Seattle, Washington

MINUTES OF THE BOARD, January 22, 1941

Victor Schmidt, chairman, presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected by the secretary. The chairman then declared the meeting as public hearing, and requested suggestions with regard to a new King County charter from those members of the public in attendance (approximately 30).

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

BY MR. SCHMIDT:

C. H. Knight, chairman of the Governmental Research Committee of the Seattle Municipal League, stated that only a comparative approach could achieve good Governmental structure. He repeated the 1937 recommendations of the League, which included a nine man Board of County Officers, and appointed County administrator, civil service, and the non-partisan ballot.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Geo. Boyla, Exec. Sec. of the Central Labor Council, stated that he was not in accord with the appointive administrative provision of the advisory charter that he favored as elective administration. In answer to Taylor's question, Boyla stated that he was speaking for himself, and not for his organization. In answer to Schmidt's question, Boyla said that he possibly approved the remaining provisions of the advisory charter.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Roy Knapp, North District budget officer, stated that the nine man board set up by the advisory charter is not representative on the basis of population; that the City of Seattle should have a larger majority of commissioners, as it has the greatest percentage of the County population. In answer to Carpenter's question regarding the amount of services rendered to the City as compared to those rendered to the rural areas, Knapp stated that the County discharged as many if not more services to the city. Carpenter then referred to the services of the Sheriff's Department, the special districts, the Post Department, and the Road Districts. Knapp replied that these were only a small part of County Government under the province of the County Commissioners. He added that the City contributed 17 mills to County Government, and that the rural areas contributed 13 mills and the same service millage. Knapp inquired if any other basis than population had been utilized in apportioning Commissioners. In answer, Knapp stated that City residents have their own Government, while the people of rural areas have no other local Government but that of the County. Knapp stated that re-districtation should ignore City limit lines and be a pro-rata division of the County on a strict population basis. Taylor replied that this would insure no true rural representation, but would mean City control of County Government. James Pollock insisted that all possibility of City control of County Government should be removed.

LECTION BY DISTRICT OR AT LARGE:

Knapp stated that election by district was reminiscent of the old ward system. Schmidt stated that the advisory charter had been accepted only as a committee report; that the work of the Proportional Commission was beginning to move. James Pollock stated that the Commissioners should be elected by district to insure rural representation.

LECTION OF APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS:

Mr. A. Nelson stated that the County areas had not improved so had City areas during the past 15 years; that elected officials were all right; that times may be high enough and services poor. James Pollock stated his belief that the appointive and elective should be appointed as they should be technically qualified men.

LECTION OF NON-PARTISAN BALLOT:

James Pollock declared himself in favor of partisan politics, as in his opinion partisan colors still shined through the City's non-partisan shade. He added that partisan politics stimulate citizen interest, and non-partisan Government was still subject to pressure groups.

HELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Page 2

REPORT OF WORK:

H. P. Robertson stated that he approved the incorporation of a merit system in County Government as it would help curtail patronage. Chas. Boyle stated he favored a merit system if educational standards were not set too high.

COMMENTS:

Miss Fullerton, City of Seattle Planning Commission, reported the population ratio between urban and rural areas to be 4.1 to 3 at present; that if annexation to the North were approved, the ratio would then be 5 to 2.7. She said she believed the city was fully aware of rural problems, and suggested that a separate body of rural land commissioners be elected.

Chairman Schick then read a list of items from the Park Board stating their recommendations to the Commission, and asked that the same be referred to the proper committee for consideration. Libinsky, chairman of the Local Committee, reported work in preparation.

RESOLUTION:

That the next regular meeting of the Commission be set over from February 12th, which is a County Holiday, to February 26th. Motion by Libinsky, seconded by Wilson, passed.

Absent: C. H. Thompson.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

HELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VICTOR SCHICK, CHAIRMAN

Margaret E. Baird, Secretary

KING COUNTY FREEMOLDER COMMISSION

County-City Building
Seattle 4, Washington

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, February 26, 1951

In the excused absence of Chairman Victor Zednick, Vice-Chairman Lyle Wilson presided.

Vice-Chairman Wilson opened the meeting with an announcement that same had been set aside as a special meeting so that elective and appointive county department heads might present their views on county governmental revision, with special attention to, and comments arising out of the relative provisions of the advisory charter prepared by the previous Advisory Commission, which had been accepted by the Freeholder Commission as a committee report.

County officers present: Charles Carroll, James Gibbs, Robert Morris, A. A. Tremper, Norman Riddell, Harlan S. Callahan, John Brill Jr., Lee St. John, D. L. Evans, John Nordmark, Roy Knapp, and Dick Gallant.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS:

Charles Carroll, Prosecuting Attorney: Prosecuting attorney should have right to appoint deputies; will assist Legal Committee in soliciting opinion of Attorney General; approves inspection by administrator of managerial records of office, but believes confidential records should remain so; can see no need whatsoever for special prosecutor's fund; approves merit system for office personnel; disapproves abolition of coroner's office, and transfer of legal functions of same to prosecutor's office; sees no need on part of commissioner's for outside legal services, but advises consult them.

Robert Morris, Auditor: Auditor should not carry qualifications as no need for same and would be too limiting; functions of office should not be separated as would be too expensive; could not use personnel of other departments as work too specialized; no post auditing performed as state audit continuous and efficient, although it does not cover a great percentage of entries; questions use of legislature to counties if Home Rule is put in.

A. A. Tremper, Treasurer: Duties of treasurer should be fully defined in charter; reports no duplication auditor-treasurer offices, but some in assessor-treasurer offices; could use personnel of other departments during overload periods; special district services required are increasing; central mechanical department be of great assistance; would welcome merit system.

Norman Riddell, Clerk: Centralized recording-bookkeeping set-up possible help; keep clerk elective as need qualified man; approves a flexible merit system which would allow control of personnel by department head; believes every county department could stand improvement, but thinks legislature can do this.

Harlan S. Callahan, Sheriff: Keep office elective as a check and balance; need qualified (within reason) man in office; could dispense with constables; does not want investigatory function of coroner's office.

John Brill Jr., Coroner: Keep office as check and balance between sheriff's department, state patrol, and prosecuting attorney; keep office elective and thus directly responsible to people; some state laws re procedure of office antique, need changing; merit system good; now use city laboratory, but need own laboratory.

Minutes of the Meeting, February 26, 1951, cont'd.

Lee St. John, Deputy Assessor: Keep assessor's office elective and thus free from pressure groups; could be closer co-operation between assessor and treasurer, where now some duplication; should be provision in charter for mandatory re-assessment; need increased staff; at present, reappraisal only every 3 or 4 years as are understaffed; merit system good, except for 'grandfather' clause, as present staff is efficient and should be blanketed in.

D. L. Evans, County Engineer: Not sufficient attention paid to office of county engineer in charter; office should be appointive, with removal for cause; should be given definite tenure because of long range projects; road districts should be consolidated; all public works construction, but not management of same, should be function of office.

John Nordmark, Planning Commission: Charter should be definitive re the functions of planning commission (planning, administration of planning laws, judicial function); should include as function the review of public works and capital outlay budget; term of members should be 6 years, overlapping 4 year terms of officials; with regard to general law carry over provision, should state in charter that archaic and confusing amendments to zoning laws shall be replaced; staff relationships between budget director and commission on public works review should be specified in charter; referred favorably to National Municipal League charter provisions re this commission; will submit recommendations in writing.

Roy Knapp, North District Budget Officer: Need pre-audit, a pre-analysis of all expenditures; need special budget officer; could improve present post audit, should not combine budget officer and comptroller--this would control purchasing, but believe it should not be done; need check for requisitions; need post audit as that of state examiners is not enough.

Dick Gallant, South District Budget Officer: Strengthen Board of Commissioners; give them control of county funds and business; improve relationship between assessor and treasurer, set up controls over account receivable--then no need for administrator. Simply amend present state laws. Uniformity needed, Pierce County system good. Appointing officers might work, but would not be economical. Weakness of elected officers is that they cannot now be forced to carry out functions prescribed by law.

6

In closing, the Vice-Chairman tendered a vote of thanks to attending county officials for their co-operation, and requested that further pertinent suggestions, which would at all times be solicited and appreciated, be submitted in writing to the Commission for consideration. He stated that no doubt further investigation into the actual functioning of various county departments, as suggested by department heads present, would be pursued by sub-committees of the Commission in the future.

Absent: David J. Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

LYLE F. WILSON, Vice-Chairman

Margaret E. Bard, Secretary

March 1, 1951
Vashon, Washington

KING COUNTY FREEHOLDER COMMISSION
County City Building
Seattle, Washington

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - March 26th, 1951

Victor Zednick, chairman of the Commission, presiding.

Cooper, chairman, reported for the Committee on Merit System Details that county employees had been consulted re provisions of the Advisory Charter relative to the merit system, and that three issues were brought up, as follows: 1. The appointment of a merit system commission, which met with approval. 2. The 'open back door' provision, which was disapproved. 3. The 'blanketing in' section, for which modification was suggested.

Discussion resulted in a conclusion by the Commission that deputy prosecutors concerned with criminal matters should be excluded from any merit system. Williams recommended that civil deputy prosecutors be included in a merit system and given trial duties; King suggested the possibility of separating legal functions from the prosecuting attorney's office; Bullitt suggested that outside legal advisors be made available to county officers. It was concluded that bailiffs were not officers of the county, and were thus excluded from a merit system. Zednick pointed out that the merit system was not to be considered merely a device to protect employees, but that it should be set up to protect also the system of government, the officials who would carry the responsibility, and the voting public who want economy and efficiency. It was concluded that the words 'open back door' could be removed from the text, and the intent of same expressed therein instead, and that the word 'non-competitive' be inserted into the section regarding qualifying tests for incumbent employees. Further study of the committee will be given to the merit system now operating in Honolulu, which is reputedly a model system.

Williams, chairman, gave a progress report for the Committee on Departments, Boards and Commissions. Discussion followed his inquiry as to the extent of the work to be covered by his Committee, and resulted in a conclusion that the Committee should concern itself with the statutory and advisory Boards of the county, and with an organizational approach to departmentalization of county functions and offices; but that the organization of the functions of the auditor, treasurer, and assessor be left to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Chairman Zednick, at the request of the Commission and the Legal Committee, appointed Taylor co-chairman of the Legal Committee. The secretary was instructed to inform Taylor of this action, and to request of him and of Lubersky that the Legal Committee meet immediately in order that the Commission may resolve as far as possible for itself certain legal problems arising out of the formation of a new charter.

Sampson read a letter from Albert A. Noonan, Executive Director of the National Association of Assessors, stating that the association had adopted a report favoring appointive assessors in county government. The letter was referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

King brought up the matter of a completion date for the task ahead. Bullitt declared the election at which the charter should be submitted should be a special election in order that it not be submerged or confused by other matters. Sampson suggested this fall as a date for such a special election, so that officers under the charter could be elected in the spring elections. It was generally agreed that the Commission move as rapidly as possible. To set up a program for this purpose, and to formulate an appropriation request, Chairman Zednick instructed Sampson to call a meeting of the Executive Committee, which was immediately done.

The meeting then adjourned.

KING COUNTY FREEHOLDER COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting - March 12, 1951

Vice-Chairman Wilson, presiding in the absence from the city of Chairman Zednick, opened the meeting by stating that an Executive Committee meeting had been called for the purpose of setting up a directional plan of action upon which the Commission could proceed. Sampson, Executive Committee chairman, was called upon to submit a report of the Executive Committee meeting of March 5.

MOTION: That part 2 of Motion 1 (March 5th Executive Committee report) be amended to read: 'Shall there be an enlarged Board of Commissioners?' Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williams, carried.

MOTION: That the March 5th Executive Committee report be accepted and approved. Motion by Sampson, seconded by Bard, carried.

Vice-chairman Wilson reiterated that discussion on the issues under the motion was not precluded, but was in fact invited.

ACTION ON Executive Committee Report of March 5th.

PART 1. Discussion resulted in general agreement that Part 1 of the motion would, in effect, if approved, approve an appointive administrator.

RESULT OF BALLOT: For the incorporation of a county manager plan: Yes, 12; no, none. One not voting.

PART 2. MOTION: That rules be suspended to permit an oral vote on Part 2 of the motion. Motion by Lubersky, seconded by Stocking, carried.

RESULT OF BALLOT: Unanimous in favor of enlarged Board.

PART 3. MOTION: That rules be suspended to permit an oral vote on part 3 of the motion. Motion by King, seconded by Sampson, carried.

RESULT OF BALLOT: Unanimous in favor of a merit system.

PART 4. Shall elections be non-partisan or partisan?

RESULT OF BALLOT: For non-partisan, 12; partisan, 1.

PART 5. Shall county officers be appointive or elective? MOTION: That consideration of the positions of assessor, auditor, and treasurer be set aside until the Committee on Budget and Finance shall have reported. Motion by Deming, seconded by Sampson, carried.

MOTION: That discussion be held on two points, as follows: (1) Abolition of the office of coroner; (2) Abolition of the office of constable. Motion by Williams, seconded by Bard, carried.

MOTION: That the office of coroner be abolished, and that a committee be appointed to study proper reassignment of the functions of the office. Motion by King, seconded by Stocking, carried.

MOTION: That the office of constable be abolished. Motion by King, seconded by Sampson, carried.

OFFICE OF CLERK: RESULT OF BALLOT: Unanimous that Clerk be appointive. 13 voting.

OFFICE OF SHERIFF: RESULT OF BALLOT: Unanimous that sheriff be appointive. 13 voting.

It was generally agreed that the matter of who shall make the appointments be left in all cases for future discussion.

Acting upon Motion 2 of the Executive Committee report, the Vice-chairman requested that the following committees present preliminary reports at the March 26th meeting of the Commission: Committee on Merit System Details; Committee on Dept., Boards, and Commissions; Legal Committee.

James Ellis, attorney, was importuned to give his opinion with regard to possible conflicts between general state law and the provisions of a charter drawn under the Home Rule legislation. He stated that he believe such a charter would supersede general law relating to the mechanics of county government; but that it might or might not supersede general law relative to powers and duties of county officers, with a great possibility that the general law relating to the duties and functions of officers precluded by Home Rule legislation (Pros. att'y, sup't. of schools, judges) could not be changed.

Discussion followed relative to the advisability of the re-submission of legal questions to the Attorney General.

Letters were read from the League of Women Voters, The King County Commissioners, and the Vashon Island Chamber of Commerce.

King and Bullitt were appointed to investigate the proper reassignment of the functions of the office of coroner.

Absent: Taylor; excused: Zednick.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR ZEDNICK, CHAIRMAN
LYLE WILSON, VICE CHAIRMAN

Margaret E. Bard, Sec.

KING COUNTY FREEHOLDER COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Meeting March 5, 1951
Minutes of the Meeting

The Executive Committee was summoned to meet by Donald Sampson, chairman, in order to provide a plan of action for the Commission, as allowed by the Procedural Rules of the Commission.

Present: Wilson, King, Stocking, Bard, Sampson. Absent, Lubersky.
Zednick, excused.

MOTION: THAT as the first order of business at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission (March 12) a ballot shall be taken on the following major policy points, in order:

1. Shall a county manager plan be incorporated into the charter?
2. Shall there be an enlarged Board of Commissioners who shall be nominated and elected at large in the city district, and nominated and elected by district in the districts outside the city?
3. Shall there be included a merit system?
4. Shall elections be partisan, or non-partisan?
5. Shall county department heads and officials be appointed or elected (ballot by members for each office).

Motion by Bard, seconded by King, carried.

Relative to the above motion, discussion was not precluded before the ballot.

By general consent, the Committee recommends that an appropriation request be further delayed until it can be better estimated what service and therefore what funds, will be needed.

MOTION: THAT as a plan of action the following committees shall present preliminary reports at the second regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission from the above date (March 26):

1. Committee on Merit System Details - Cooper, chairman.
2. Committee on Boards, Depts. and Commissions - Williams, chairman.
3. Legal Committee - Lubersky, chairman.

AND, that the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on District Boundaries shall be prepared to present preliminary reports at the April regularly scheduled meetings. Motion by Stocking, second by King, carried.

Discussion resulted in a recommendation that the Commission consider a completion date for the charter, and the possibility of a date to be specified in the charter for a special election at which the charter shall be submitted to the voters, and a second date to be specified in the charter for a special election of officials under the charter if it be approved.

The secretary was instructed to obtain 15 copies of the auditor's report for 1951.

Meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Donald C. Sampson, Chairman

Margaret E. Bard, Secretary

KING COUNTY FREEHOLDER COMMISSION

402-B COUNTY CITY BUILDING
SEATTLE 4, WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting--APRIL 9, 1951

Wilson presiding in the absence of Sampson, chairman of the Executive Committee.

Present: Lubersky, King, Wilson, Stocking, Bard. Excused: Zednick, Sampson.

Discussion was confined to consideration of a budget covering expenses and costs of services necessary to the proper discharge of the task of the Commission.

NOTION: That a total budget in the amount of \$4800 be adopted, which shall cover the cost of consultants and advisers in the amount of \$3000, and the cost of printing, mimeographing, stenographic services, postage, stationery and incidentals in the amount of \$1800.

Motion by King, seconded by Lubersky, carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lyle Wilson, Chairman pro tem

Margaret E. Bard, Secretary

April 11, 1951

DISTRICT NO. 1
STIMSON RULLITT
DAVID DEMING
PEARLE E. PONTIUS
DONALD J. STOCKING
VICTOR ZEDNICK

DISTRICT NO. 2
MARGARET E. BARD
JOHN L. FOURNIER
WOODROW L. TAYLOR
DONALD C. SAMPSON
DAVID J. WILLIAMS

DISTRICT NO. 3
MRS. CARL L. COOPER
ALBERTA KING
WM. F. LUBERSKY
G. H. THOMPSON
LYLE F. WILSON

KING COUNTY FREEHOLDER COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting - April 23, 1951

Victor Zednick, Chairman, presiding.

Chairman Zednick reported on the budget hearing with the King County Commissioners at which the Commissioners stated that the budget submitted would necessitate an emergency appropriation, and would have to be broken down further. The secretary reported the re-submission of a complete breakdown totalling \$3809.24, which Budget Officer Dick Gallant said he believed could be accommodated out of available funds, thus obviating an emergency appropriation. Mr. Gallant stated further that he would have to consult the prosecuting attorney's office on the legality of that part of the requested appropriation pertaining to the hiring of outside legal advisers before further action could be taken by the Commissioners on the Freeholder budget.

The Commission then discussed the matter of bonding of county officials and employees, after having heard a letter received by Sampson from Gerald E. Perry, secretary-treasurer of the Surety Underwriters Association of Seattle. A conclusion was concurred in that a primary faithful performance bond with an excess coverage blanket honesty bond would be advantageous. This question was referred to the Legal Committee: Can the charter provisions supersede statutory bonding provisions, specifically re the office of county clerk, who must now be named in the bond?

Zednick reminded the Commission that the matter of a special election on the charter must be kept in mind. Sampson called attention to the fact that provisions of the Home Rule amendment make necessary one special election, either for the submission of the charter, or the election of officials under it. Wilson stated his belief that the Commission should pursue its task as though it would be able to schedule a special election on the charter this fall, which statement was generally concurred in.

The secretary was instructed to inform by letter the chairman of the Committee on Boards, Departments, and Commissions that a final preliminary report is expected of the Committee on May 28th.

Such a report was also scheduled for May 28th from the Budget and Finance Committee.

The Committee on Merit System details, Cooper, chairman, was scheduled to submit a final preliminary report on May 14th.

Bullitt announced that the Seattle Municipal League would like the Commission to formally request, if it so desires, the League Committee findings on legal or other relative matters, and Chairman Zednick stated that the Legal Committee should do this, since the co-operation of the League and of all civic organizations was desirable and of aid to the Commission.

Absent, Williams; excused, Lubersky.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
KING COUNTY FREEHOLDER COMMISSION

Victor Zednick, Chairman

Margaret E. Bard, Sec.

April 23, 1951

KING COUNTY FREEHOLDER COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting - April 9, 1951

Vice-Chairman Wilson presiding.

Motion of the Executive Committee (April 9th) relative to the adoption of a budget was submitted to the Commission. Discussion revealed that 2500 copies of the City of Seattle Charter had been printed; that members of the Commission held it advisable to have preliminary copies of the Freeholder charter mimeographed for study; that it would be better to avoid any necessity for a deficiency appropriation request. A substitute budget motion was offered, as follows:

MOTION: That the Freeholder Commission adopt a budget in the amount of \$6000 to be submitted to the King County Commissioners as an appropriation request, such budget to cover the following items:

For consultant and advisory services.....	\$3000.00
For administrative expense (printing, mimeographing, stenographic services, stationery, postage and incidentals).....	3000.00
Total	\$6000.00

Motion by Zednick, seconded by Thompson, carried unanimously; Cooper not voting.

The secretary was instructed to prepare copies of the National Municipal League letter regarding the advisory charter for distribution.

Chairman Zednick presiding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee on County Finance and Budget Procedures, Thompson, chairman.

1. Committee recommends that the office of auditor be abolished as it now is; that it be recreated as the office of auditor with the single function of post audit, and that it be made appointive by the Board of Commissioners. (Thompson)

2. Committee recommends that the office of assessor be made appointive by the County Administrator. (Deming)

3. Committee recommends that the office of treasurer be made appointive by the County Administrator with confirmation by the Board, and that the duties and functions of the office be clearly delineated in the charter.

1. MOTION: That recommendation 1 above re appointive auditor be accepted by the Commission. Motion by Bullit, seconded by Stocking.

2. MOTION: That recommendation 2 above re appointive assessor be accepted by the Commission. Motion by Deming, seconded by Stocking.

3. MOTION: That recommendation 3 above re appointive treasurer be accepted by the Commission. Motion by Deming, seconded by Stocking.

4. MOTION: That each above motion, recommendation, and office be voted on in turn by the Commission. Motion by Deming, seconded by Stocking, carried.

ACTION: 1. For appointive auditor: 11; against, 1.

2. For appointive assessor: Unanimous

MOTION: That recommendation 3 in Motion 3 above have deleted from it the words, 'with confirmation by the Board', and that vote then be taken on the amended motion. Motion by Deming, seconded by Thompson. Carried.

3. For appointive treasurer: Unanimous

Committee on District Boundaries and Election Procedures.

Attached reports were submitted. No action taken by Commission

bsent, Williams; excused, Sampson.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

