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Guide No. 125  
City-County Public Welfare Board, 1956-1959  
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97-027 City-County Public Welfare Board

Typescript meeting minutes

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Scope and Content Note:

Collection documents the City-County Public Welfare Board, an agency intended to streamline a variety of welfare programs offered jointly through Dallas County, the City of Dallas, and private agencies. The board, sometimes called the City-County Bureau of Public Assistance, was created by City of Dallas Mayor Henry D. Lindsley in 1915, who stated its function was to “coordinate the different social agencies so that we will get results in Dallas equaled by few cities in the United States” (*Dallas Morning News*, April 8, 1915). The board’s director was jointly appointed by the city manager and the county judge and its operations peaked in the 1940s and 1950s, culminating in the erection of a City-County Department of Public Welfare Building in 1958. The intergovernmental arrangement was never clearly defined or funded, and the Dallas City Council dissolved the board in 1960.

Collection consists of typescript board minutes from 1956 to 1959.

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Folder 1. Minutes of the Board, Dallas City-County Department of Public Welfare, 1956-1959