

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office in regular session on Monday, March 4, 1929. Members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

J. R. Blake

H. G. Avant

D. W. Merritt

G. C. Ratcliffe, Clerk

The minutes for the meetings during the month of February were read and approved, after which the following business was transacted:

Ordered: That the bond of J. P. Gore, County Standard Weight and Measure Keeper, be recorded in the Register of Deed's office.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Bryant Nobles of Chadbourn Township on poll tax for the year 1928, reason for refund being that he is not of age to pay poll.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Obie Soles in South Williams Township on poll tax for 1928. This refund was granted on account of physical disabilities.

Ordered: That an order be placed with Edwards & Broughton of Raleigh, N. C., for filing equipment containing six sections composed of roller shelves and docket files, said equipment to be installed in the Clerk of Court's office. The price of this equipment is to be \$400.00 with delivery as soon as possible and under terms dating July 1, 1929, net 60 days.

Ordered: That the following resolution be recorded relative to the re-appointment of W. A. McGirt as Third District State Highway Commissioner:

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County realizes the efficiency of Honorable W. A. McGirt as Highway Commissioner for the 3rd District of North Carolina; and,

Whereas, the said Board approves of the work done by the said Commissioner during his term in office; and,

Whereas, the said Board desires that the said Commissioner be retained in the office as Highway Commissioner for the 3rd District.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County go on record as favoring the reappointment of the Honorable W. A. McGirt as Highway Commissioner for District # 3;

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be published in the News & Observer, a copy sent to His Excellency, O. Max Gardner, Governor of North Carolina, and a copy spread upon the minutes of this Board.

Ordered: That the 1928 budget for South Williams Township be increased in the total amount of \$623.96, \$500.00 of which amount is to be appropriated from the surplus account and \$123.96 as revenue from labor under the free labor system for said township.

Ordered: That the 1928 budget for Ransom Township be increased in the amount of \$550.00, said amount to be appropriated from the surplus account and to be spent for equipment and the delivery of same.

Ordered: That the 1928 budget for Tatum Township be increased in the amount of \$300.00, said amount to be appropriated from the surplus account and to be spent on the maintenance of Tatum Township roads.

Ordered: That the 1928 budget for Lees Township be increased in the amount of \$700.00, which amount is to be appropriated from the surplus account and to be spent on the maintenance and construction of roads in Lees Township.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Hugh McRae and Company in Bogue Township for the year 1928 on \$1,097.00 valuation of real estate, said refund being allowed on account of an error in listing which resulted in over-valuation.

Ordered: That the resignation of D. L. Jordan as a member of the Board of Supervisors in Western Prong Township be accepted and that Gordon Walters be appointed in that vacancy.

Ordered: That the resignation of J. D. Young as a member of the Board of Road Supervisors in Bogue Township be accepted and that Tecumseh Pierce be appointed to fill such vacancy.

Ordered: That upon receipt of F. W. Carroll's resignation as a member of the Board of Road Supervisors in Waccamaw Township, Jesse Holmes be appointed to fill vacancy on said Board for the year ending First Monday in February in 1930.

Ordered: That Mrs. Fannie Ellis of Clarkton, N. C., Route 2, be allowed \$5.00 per month from the Outdoor Poor Fund, first payment to be made as of the date of this order.

Ordered: That Mrs. Lee Collum of Bolton, N. C., be granted \$5.00 per month from the Outdoor Poor Fund, first payment to be made as of the date of this order.

Ordered: That the resignation of M. S. Fipps as Constable for Chad-bourn Township be accepted, said resignation having been filed with the Board of County Commissioners. It is further ordered that the matter of appointing another Township Constable to fill this vacancy be deferred until a later meeting.

Ordered: That D. L. Gore, Tax Collector, be refunded the amount of \$26.61, which is the difference between a tax receipt made to Lula L. Watson in Cerro Gordo Township in the amount of \$35.76 and the land sale certificate attached to said tax receipt made in the amount of \$9.15 for the year 1926. D. L. Gore is refunded in the amount of \$26.61 on account of being charged with \$35.76 but having received credit for only \$9.15 in his final settlement.

The County Commissioners went on record as of the date of this meeting endorsing an appropriation of \$2000.00 to be included in the 1929-30 budget on General County Fund for Forest Protection and erection of observation towers in Columbus County. This appropriation is to become in force as of July 1, 1929, and it is hereby understood that an appropriation from the State in equal amount will also be spent in Columbus County during the year 1929-30.

Ordered: That Sarah J. Williams, colored Home Demonstrator for the County, be advanced the amount of \$187.50, the equivalent of seven and one-half months at \$25.00. This amount is to be considered and charged as an advance on salary and that in consideration of this amount Sarah J. Williams is to give Columbus County her note bearing two other eligible endorsements to protect County against loss. This note is to bear interest at the rate of 6% payable at date of maturity. This money is to be used only as first payment on an automobile and it is expressly understood that she is to meet all subsequent payments from monthly salary which she gets from the State.

Ordered: That Jackson Green be admitted to the County Home.

Ordered: That a bill of \$3.75 as presented by Jasper Bowen for miscellaneous expenses relative to Mrs. Marie Mason be allowed and paid,

Ordered: That K. K. Nye be paid the amount of \$12.50 for services rendered in attending W. G. Holmes as nurse at his home.

Ordered: That the 1928 budget for General Road Fund be increased in the total amount of \$3500.00, appropriation to be made from the surplus account of that fund and \$1400.00 of which amount is to be used for the purchase of equipment for general road purposes and \$2100.00 for budget on the Tabor and Fair Bluff road for year 1928-29.

Ordered: That a release be granted J. P. Babson on timber covering 86 acres of the 186-acre tract against which Columbus County holds a mortgage in consideration of a payment in the amount of \$800.00, said amount to be applied on all back interest and taxes now due on said property, the balance to be applied on the principal of the mortgage.

Ordered: That the following land sale certificates now in the hands of Lewis and Baldwin be cancelled for reasons as set out in this order:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Harvey Baldwin	Whiteville	1926	\$7.37	Listed twice--paid on regular list.
Mrs. Alley Powell	W. Prong	1926	\$25.09	Listed by J. D. Bullard.

Ordered: That the following resolution be recorded:

It is agreed this day between the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County and the Board of County Commissioners of Bladen County:

1st: In consideration of the services hereinafter mentioned the said Board of County Commissioners for Bladen County is to pay to the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County the sum of \$50.00 annually to be applied to the proper fund in the treasury of said county, the said amount to be due and payable on the 1st day of July of each year, for a period of two years and no longer.

2nd: In consideration of the payments hereinbefore set forth, the said Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County is to maintain and keep in repair about one-fourth mile of road located in Bladen County, extending from the old Bladen County line to Highway #23, which said road is a continuation of the public road leading from State Highway #20 three miles East of Whiteville, running in a Northerly direction through Red Hill Swamp to State Highway #23 about one and one-half miles Southwest of Clarkton.

Ordered: That the following resolution be recorded relative to the borrowing of \$50,000.00 for General School purposes:

#### RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved By the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County: That one (1) note of County of Columbus be executed in the sum of \$50,000.00 dated March 16, 1929, maturing sixty days after date and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, interest payable at maturity; both interest and principal payable to Bearer at Murchison National Bank of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina. In anticipation of 1928 taxes, and that said note be sold or hypothecated and the proceeds thereof turned into the General Fund of said County of Columbus.

Be It further Resolved: That the full faith and credit of the County of Columbus be pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest of said note at maturity.

Ordered: That the land sale certificate for the 1920 tax on the property of R. T. Savage in Bogue Township be reduced from \$22.45 to \$4.05, the difference of \$18.40 being paid in the name of W. E. Mitchell, thinking at the time that he was paying the R. T. Savage tax, which amounted to \$22.45. Since it was not W. E. Mitchell's error in being given the wrong amount, it is hereby ordered that he will not be charged interest on the payment of \$4.05.

Ordered: That the land sale certificate of Chas. H. Phillips in Williams Township be cancelled for the year 1927, cancellation being made on account of taxes being paid under another listing, this being a double listing of the same property.

Ordered: That the following General County Bills be allowed and paid for the month of February:

Western Union Tel. Co.	Telegrams for Auditor	\$0.45
Thompson Hardware Co.	Supplies for County Home	5.50
New Columbus Hotel	Lodging for 12 Jurors & 1 Officer	19.60
Rosier Williams	Conveying Joe Tyson To Jail	4.40
Albert S. Sasser	1 day & night conveying witnesses	12.60
Isaac Norris	1 day witness Lovett case	2.00
B. W. Hammond	1 day witness Lovett case	2.00
B. W. Hammond	Capturing one complete still	10.00
A. S. Sasser	Capturing one still complete	10.00
Sig Smith	Conveying Roy McDonald, John Stree-	
	man & William Price to Jail	4.85
John W. Hall, Sheriff	Cash paid out for drawing Jury	2.00
J. L. Burney	Support of Columbus County Jail	390.95
Whiteville Tel. Co.	Telephone rent & long distance calls	44.75
E. M. Toon, Atty.	Atty's fees for representing Rosevelt	
	Edge, charged with murder	25.00
W. B. Coleman	Conveying Henry Atkins from Ft. Bragg	
	to Whiteville Jail	13.10
David Smith, P. M.	1000 large envelopes, 1000 small for	
	Auditor's office	45.00
Schulken Brothers	Balance on supplies for County Home	
	and brooms for Courthouse	2.61
F. B. Foster	Plumbing at jail and Courthouse	20.45
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	R. R. fare for Mrs. Marie Mason	45.00
I. F. Green	Conveying Clarence Stone, George Wil-	
	liams, & Robert Hawthorne to jail	9.10
C. A. Farley	Conveying Lizzie Hammond to New Hanover	
	County Farm, trip to Wilmington	6.50
Cash	To establish a petty cash fund for	
	Auditor	100.00
Martha Royall	2 washings at County Home	2.00
Cordia Rouse	Scrubbing at County Home (2 days)	2.00
Dwight McEwen	Reporting Court, week of Feb. Board	
	and lodging and transportation	93.34
Martha Royall	Two washings at County Home	2.00
Cordia Rouse	Labor at County Home	3.00
Pearl Graham	Hauling wood for County Home	1.50
Dwight McEwen	Reporting Court for week of Feb. 25	
	board and transportation	90.34
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Feb. salary - Home Dem. Agt.	62.50
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Nutrition Expense	5.00
Sarah J. Williams	Feb. salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
Mae Stanley	Feb. salary - Stenographer	62.50
J. P. Quinerly	" " County Agent	150.00
G. C. Ratcliffe	" " Auditor	200.00
Artemisia Smith	" " assisting Auditor	100.00
John W. Hall	" " Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	" " Assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	" " C. S. C., Judge, Juvenile	
	Court, Clerk, Recorder's Court	225.00
Mary Memory	Feb. salary - Assisting C. S. C.	100.00
C. C. Russ	" " Welfare Officer	25.00
Ed. Schwartz	Janitor - Officer R. Court	60.00
Geo. E. Collier	Feb. salary - Reg. of Deeds	200.00
Catherine Vogels	" " Assisting Reg. of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maultsby	" " Judge of Rec. Court	100.00
Julian D. Lewis	" " County Atty.	75.00
Edward K. Proctor	" " Prosecuting County Atty.	75.00
B. F. Baldwin	" " Tax Work	150.00
L. A. Hankinson	" " Rural Police	100.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	February appropriation	10.00
D. L. Gore	Feb. salary - Tax Collector	200.00
Jasper Bowan	" " Keeper of County Home	100.00
Pross Millican	Work at \$25.00 per month	26.00
Sam C. Carter	Conveying Joe Brown to Chain Gang	8.00
Wade Dowlass	Conveying Robert Hawthorne to Jail	3.05
A. S. Sasser	Capturing still and 200 gal. beer	10.00
D. H. Rushing	Capturing still and 500 gal. beer	10.00
G. R. Nelson	Conveying Robert Byrd to jail	3.50
W. B. Coleman	Conveying James Gore to Jail	9.00
J. E. Gilmore	Electric light bulbs for jail	3.30
The Michie Co.	N. C. Code of 1927 for C. S. C.	36.00
C. W. Yates Co.	Pencils for Auditor's office	3.00
Tourist Restaurant	103 meals for jurors @ 75¢	77.25
New Columbus Hotel	2 nights lodging for Jurors, 1 officer	39.00
R. B. McRoy and Co.	Groceries for County Home	18.81
Lewis Motor Co.	Conveying Dock Wilson to Chain Gang	7.50
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for Co. Home, Courthouse, Jail	43.36
M. Stark	Clothing for Mickie Yates (Insane)	3.24
Oscar High	Soap and Chipso for jail	1.50
G. R. McNeil	Drugs for Outdoor poor, Co. Home, Jail	11.70
J. L. Burney	2 days officer R. Court, to State Prison	
	3 days to Lumberton	18.00
Singletary & Elkins	Supplies for County Home	20.20
Oscar High	Toilet paper and 2 buckets for jail	2.60



R. V. White	Labor on Whiteville & Pireway road	\$30.00
P. D. White	" " " " " "	25.00
M. C. White	" " " " " "	20.00
Standard Oil Co. Of N.J.	Gas and Oil for Tabor & Pireway road, Gas & oil for Whiteville & Pireway road, Gas & oil for County garage	401.74
C. D. Franke & Co.	Supplies for County Garage	14.06
Automobile Supply Co.	Supplies for County Garage	55.35
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg. Company	Oil for County Garage	42.53
Nash Motor Sales Co.	Supplies for County Garage	62.75
E. F. Craven Co.	Road Drag	68.49
J. C. Benjamin	Cutting Edge for Russell Standard No.2	3.80
Y. N. Gore	Gas & Oil for Whiteville & Pireway road	28.16
General Motors Truck Co.	Supplies for County Garage	4.22
Tide Water Power Co.	Electric lights for County Garage	41.75
Air Reduction Sales Co.	Supplies for County Garage	13.07
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	250.10
Columbus Motor Co.	Gas and grease for County Garage	8.80
Columbus Motor Company	Supplies and gas	8.79
Smith & McKenzie	Ford parts for County Garage	5.36
Ocean Drive Service Station -	Gas and Oil	37.88
J. F. Barkley, Agent	Express and freight	9.15
W. J. Simmons	Gas for New Britton road	23.73
		<u>\$2,249.91</u>

Ordered: That the following Chain Gang bills be allowed and paid for the month of February:

E. H. Hickman & Co.	Groceries & supplies	\$387.41
Standard Oil Co. of N.J.	Gas and Oil	320.90
R. B. McRoy & Co.	Invoice of Feb. 4, 1929	69.75
Bill Hooks	10 bu. corn meal	10.00
J. H. Smith	30 collard heads	2.25
P. O. Schallert, M. D.	105 bu. corn	105.00
Miss Ada McRackan	5991 lbs. hay @ 22.50 per ton	67.40
D. G. Long	10 bu. potatoes @ 75¢	7.50
H. C. Edwards	Feb. salary - Superintendent	125.00
Lacy Long	15 nights guard duty	21.75
A. W. Stephens	13 nights guard duty	18.85
Will Applewhite	guard duty & operating road Machine	45.90
Fred Strickland	28 days guard duty	40.00
Major McLamb	28 days team foreman duty	40.00
Ed. Hammonds	15½ days operating road machine	29.38
Alton Edwards	18½ days operating tractor	59.10
G. R. McNeill	Drugs	1.80
Columbus Motor Co.	Supplies	17.21
Gulf Refining Company	Oil	28.34
Smith & McKenzie	Ford parts	9.60
Thompson Hardware Co.	Supplies	33.85
Tabor Motor Company	Repairs for Truck	1.00
		<u>\$1,461.99</u>

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

*G. C. Ratchiffe*  
Clerk

Approved  
*D. J. McIngan*  
Chairman