

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' office in regular monthly session on Monday, September 2, 1929. The members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

H. G. Avant

J. R. Blake

D. W. Merritt

G. C. Ratcliffe, Clerk

The minutes of last month's meetings were read and approved by the Board, then the following business was transacted:

Ordered: That Mrs. C. D. Garr be refunded on \$1,000.00 valuation in Chadbourn Township for the year 1928 at the township and special school rate of \$2.01, reason for refund being that her valuation was reduced in July for 1929 and this reduction was used as a basis of refund in 1928. Amount of refund allowed is \$20.10.

Ordered: That S. P. Hawes be refunded by the Tax Collector on a valuation of \$935.00 in Lees Township on special school tax only, amount of refund being \$2.81. This refund was allowed on account of being charged in Special School District No. 10, whereas, he lived in no special school district.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund J. Ransom Long in Lees Township on \$1,115.00 for the year 1928 on special school tax only, amount of refund being \$3.35 and for reason that Long does not live in a special school district.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund M. C. Stephens in Whiteville Township on \$1,000.00 valuation for the year 1928, refund being in District No. 4 on special school tax only in the amount of \$2.50. Refund is granted on account of Stephens not living in a special school district.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund L. D. Register in Lees Township for the year 1928 on one penalized poll in the amount of \$2.50 and $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ penalty in the amount of 4% , total of refund being \$2.54. Reason for refund is that L. D. Register listed on the regular list under receipt No. 320 and was later penalized by the drawing of receipt No. 721.

Ordered: That the land sale certificate of A. C. Ward bearing the No. 1987 in Whiteville Township for the year 1927 be cancelled, reason for cancellation being that this property lies in Chadbourn Township and has been properly listed there. It is further ordered that A. C. Ward's 1928 land sale certificate bearing the number of 568 in Chadbourn Township be reduced in the amount of \$37.68 and that same be cancelled in full upon the payment of \$5.45 plus $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest making a total of \$5.66. This reduction is granted in consideration of the payment of A. C. Ward's 1928 land sale certificate bearing the No. 651 in Chadbourn Township, an error being caused in the listing of taxes when same property

belonging to A. C. Ward, Sr. was charged against A. C. Ward, Sr.

Ordered: That the 1927 land sale certificate of Mrs. Ella Carter be reduced on \$2500.00 valuation at the 1927 tax rate of Tatum Township. This reduction is granted on account of Mrs. Carter being charged with a stock of merchandise at \$2500.00 when she does not own any stock. *Refund \$49.50*

Ordered: That upon the payment of all back taxes with accrued interest to date on the J. P. Brown's land in Tatum Township conveyed to Jenks C. Lennon, the valuation be reduced from \$600.00 to \$200.00 on lots in 1930.

The following resolution was introduced and on motion by J. R. Blake with a second by ^{D. W.} Merritt it was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: That the State Highway Commission be and they are hereby respectfully requested to take over and maintain as a part of the State System of Highways, the road leading southwardly from Highway 20, at or near Lake Waccamaw Station and along the lake shore eastwardly connecting with Highway 211 at or near Holmes' oak.

It is further resolved, that in the event said road is taken over by the State Highway Commission, that the convicts of Columbus County may be used in grading said road without cost to said Highway Commission, if said convicts are available.

The following resolution was introduced and upon motion and a second was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County realize that it would be a shorter route and more direct route on Highway # 211 of the North Carolina Highway system from Council to Bolton to continue said highway from Council on the old road to the Bladen-Columbus county line; then run direct as near as practicable a road to the lower fill on Gum Swamp, following thence on to Bolton, the said distance from the Bladen-Columbus line to the fill of said Gum Swamp being about two miles;

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway Commission be requested to run said Highway # 211 from Council the old road to the Bladen-Columbus county line and then as direct a route as is practicable to the fill of Gum Swamp and on to Bolton.

The following order was unanimously adopted by the Board upon motion by J. R. Blake and a second by D. W. Merritt:

Ordered: That in the matter of the judgment J. O. Ammons vs. the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, a voucher of Columbus County be issued in the sum of \$5,120.00 in full satisfaction of said judgment and a voucher in the sum of \$355.72 be issued in full satisfaction of payment of cost in said case, said vouchers to be made payable to the order of J. L. Memory, Clerk of Superior Court. These payments are to be made from the General County Fund, the budget of which Fund is ordered increased in the

amount of \$5500.00 and provision of funds for payment of judgment and cost to be made by the Board of County Commissioners.

Ordered: That Solon V. Stanley be appointed to serve as Coroner for the remainder of the unexpired term of the late K. D. Hardee. The name of H. E. Williams was also submitted to the Board to be considered in the appointing of a Coroner. The vote of the Board on the two names placed for consideration was recorded as follows:

For Solon V. Stanley: J. R. Blake, D. F. McGougan, J. C. Hooks, Sr.

For H. E. Williams: H. G. Avant, D. W. Merritt.

The vote for Solon V. Stanley carried.

Ordered: That Mrs. Carson Jernigan be paid \$5.00 present relief for taking care of Levi Rogers.

The Board of Commissioners granted George E. Collier, Register of Deeds, permission to secure the services of someone to take the mail to the Post Office from the offices in the Courthouse except the offices of the Clerk of Court and County Farm Demonstrator. The mail is to be carried down before each train and brought back to the different offices except the ones above mentioned after each train. Arrangements were made with Mr. James High to carry the mail down and bring it back for the amount of 30¢ for each working day.

The following resolution was introduced and read to the Board as of this date:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the County Finance Act, c. 81 P. L. N. C. 1927, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina, is authorized and empowered to issue bonds of said County for the purpose of erection and purchase of schoolhouses in said County, and

WHEREAS, the school building at Chadbourn heretofore used for the purpose of conducting a six months term of public school as required by the constitution of North Carolina, has been condemned by the North Carolina State Insurance Department as unsafe for said purpose, and the school building at Evergreen heretofore used for said purpose is inadequate for the needs of that section, and the school building at Hallsboro heretofore used for said purpose is inadequate for the needs of that section, two additional rooms being necessary at Evergreen and two additional rooms being necessary at Hallsboro, and all of the said schools being located in said County and being a part of the State system of public schools, in this respect the County being an administrative unit of the State, and

WHEREAS, this Board has found and determined as necessary in order to maintain the Constitutionally required six months term of public schools in said County to erect the buildings as above described at Chadbourn, Evergreen and Hallsboro in said County, and

WHEREAS, no funds are at hand with which to pay for same, it is therefore found and determined and it is hereby found and determined and declared to be

necessary that bonds of the said County be issued and sold in the amount of \$40,000.00 for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina,

Section 1. That bonds be issued by said County in the aggregate amount of \$40,000.00 for the purpose of erection of schoolhouses at Chadbourn, Evergreen and Hallsboro in said County, the said bonds to be dated and to mature and to be of such denomination, payable at such place or places and to bear such rate of interest, not exceeding six per centum per annum payable semi-annually, as the Board of Commissioners may hereafter determine.

Section 2. That G. C. Ratcliffe, County Auditor and Clerk of this Board is hereby declared to be the proper person to prepare and file in the office of the Clerk a statement of debt of the County as required by s.13 of said Act, and that the following "Order" authorizing said bonds be published in the News-Reporter, a newspaper published in the Town of Whiteville in said County, in its issue of 19th September 1929:

An Order authorizing the issuance of \$40,000.00 Bonds of Columbus County, North Carolina, for the Purpose of erection of schoolhouses in said County:

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina:

Pursuant to the County Finance Act of North Carolina, c.81 P. L. 1927, bonds of said County are hereby authorized to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$40,000.00 for the purpose hereinafter described.

The proceeds of said bonds shall be applied solely to the erection of schoolhouses in said County, the same to be divided among the schools and in the proportion as follows: Chadbourn \$32,000; Evergreen \$4,000, and Hallsboro \$4,000, said buildings being necessary for the establishment and maintenance of a six months term of public schools being a part of the State system of public schools, in this respect the County being an administrative unit of the State.

A tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds when due shall be annually levied and collected.

A statement of debt of said County has been filed with the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of said County and is open to public inspection.

This order shall take effect thirty days after its first publication after final passage unless in the meantime a petition for its submission to the voters is filed under the provisions of said County Finance Act, and in such event it shall take effect when approved by the voters of the County as provided in said Act.

The foregoing order has been introduced and a sworn statement has been filed under the County Finance Act, showing the assessed valuation of the County to be \$21,431,009.00, and the net debt for school purposes, including the proposed bonds to be \$459,866.77. A tax will be levied for the payment

of the proposed bonds and interest, if the same shall be issued. Any citizen or taxpayer may protest against the issuance of such bonds at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at 10 o'clock a. m., 30th September 1929, or an adjournment thereof.

On motion of J. R. Blake, Seconded by J. C. Hooks, Sr., the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll-call vote, to-wit: D. F. McGougan, aye; J. R. Blake, aye; J. C. Hooks, Sr.; aye; D. W. Merritt, aye; H. G. Avant, aye; voting no, none.

ORDERED: That the following resolution be recorded relative to renewing one note of Columbus County in the sum of \$25,000.00 for General School purposes:

Be it ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that one note of Columbus County be executed in the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS dated August 29, 1929, maturing sixty days after date, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum interest payable at maturity, both principal and interest payable to BEARER at the Bank of Whiteville, of the City of Whiteville, 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 Columbus County, said note being a renewal of one note of Columbus County dated July 30, 1929.

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 \$50.00 be paid as a County appropriation toward the hospital expenses of Bruce McMillan.

Ordered: That the following General County bills be allowed and paid for the month of August:

Mable Collier	Indexing Vital Statistics	\$20.00
H. C. Moffitt	Attending Pension Board Meeting	3.00
H. V. Moffitt	Cancelled	
Martha Royall	Washing at County Home	3.00
Mary Best	Scrubbing at County Home	1.00
V. B. White	3 days Officer Grand Jury	9.00
O. H. Moffitt	Work on windows and Cabinets	6.50
Dwight McEwen	Court Stenographer	111.34
Oscar Spivey	Work on Co. Home Farm	3.12
Kymball Millican	Work on Co. Home Farm	6.87
Willard Bowen	Work on Co. Home Farm	4.50
Martha Royall	Washing At County Home	2.00
Mary Best	Scrubbing at County Home	1.00
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Home Dem. Agt. & Nutri. Exp.	67.50
Sarah J. Williams	Aug. salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
Leone C. Winesett	Aug. salary - Stenographer	50.00
J. P. Quinerly	Aug. salary - County Agent	150.00
G. C. Ratcliffe	Aug. salary - Auditor	200.00
Mae Stanley	Aug. salary - assisting Auditor	75.00
Artemisia Smith	Aug. salary - Supervisor T. Books	100.00
John W. Hall	Aug. salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	Aug. salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	Aug. salary - C. S. C. etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	Aug. salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	Aug. salary - Janitor etc.	60.00
Geo. E. Collier	Aug. salary - Reg. of Deeds	200.00
Catherine Vogels	Aug. salary - assisting R. Of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maultsby	Aug. salary - Judge of R. Court	100.00
Julian D. Lewis	Aug. salary - County Attorney	75.00
Edward K. Proctor	Aug. salary - County Pros. Atty.	75.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	August appropriation	10.00
D. L. Gore	August salary - Tax Collector	200.00
Jasper Bowen	Aug. salary - Keeper Co. Home	100.00
Pross Millican	Aug. salary - Asst. Co. Home Farm	30.00

Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Welfare Officer & traveling Exp.	\$100.00
Dwight McEwen	Court Stenographer	93.34
Ed. Schwartz	1 day charge of Jury (Dock Wilson)	2.00
Wade Gore	Work on boiler at Courthouse	1.25
Charlie Baldwin	Fixing grates at Courthouse	5.50
D. H. Rushing	Capturing one still complete	10.00
C. A. Farley	Albert W. Norris to State Hospital	23.00
Bud Stephens	feed for mule captured at still	5.25
D. H. Rushing	Capturing one still complete	10.00
C. A. Farley	Viola Singletary to State Hospital	26.00
J. L. Burney	Clyde Scipeo (Insane) to Goldsboro	20.00
I. R. Norris	Albert Norris from Tabor to Jail	5.30
B. W. Hammond	Capturing one still complete	10.00
O. B. Davis	Louis Pavain and Veto Depual to Jail	6.70
J. A. Gore	Transporting Sam Bessant Warrant in S.C.	12.00
I. R. Norris	Conveying Clarence Spivey to Jail	5.80
J. L. Burney	James Hearley & Dora Baxton to Jail	8.30
H. B. Bruton	Leon Long from Tabor to Jail	4.70
P. H. Squires	Conveying Harrold Simmons to Jail	4.70
J. M. Hinson	Cost in State vs. V. Connor & Alfred Page	6.30
J. L. Memory	Postage for S. S. C.	1.55
Frank Davis	Assisting Janitor during Court	5.50
J. L. Burney	9 days officer Superior Court	27.00
Mrs. W. C. Dixon	Assisting C. S. C. 10 days	20.00
J. L. Burney	Support of Co. Jail for August	363 20
Mrs. Gladys Wooten	27 days work on tax books	81.00
Mrs. P. K. Avant	25 days work on tax books	75.00
Mrs. W. G. Prevatt	13 days work on tax books	39.00
Miss Ada McRackan	21 days work on tax books	63.00
Mrs. M. S. Barksdale	16 days work on tax books	48.00
Tourist Restuarant	12 meals for Jurors	9.00
News Reporter Co.	Various supplies	112.40
S. Skiles & Company	Groceries for County Home	40.55
J. P. Gore	11 days Court Officer	33.00
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	Adding machine paper	7.55
Dewey Brothers	Furnace grates for Courthouse	54.00
Harrelson's Pharmacy	Drugs for Levi Rogers (Outside Poor)	3.25
Mitchell Printing Co.	Book forms for Reg. of Deeds	4.64
Seeman Printery Co.	Rubber bands for Auditor	2.13
Edwards and Broughton Co.	Book forms for Reg. of Deeds	18.83
Edwards and Broughton Co.	Filing equipment for C. S. C., etc.	402.30
F. L. Fipps, Sr.	Burial expenses of Levi Rogers	13.04
Vineland Ice Company	Ice for Courthouse	5.95
Whiteville Drug Company	Drugs for Jail and County Home	9.85
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights during month of August	30.38
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight during month of August	30.65
Julian D. Lewis	10% Com. L. S. C. collected	699.32
Town of Whiteville	Water for Courthouse	22.50
Powell & Lewis, Attys.	Bal. fee in case J. O. Ammons	100.00
McLean & Stacy	Bal. fee in case J. O. Ammons	100.00
Dept. Conservation & Devlp.	County's half of Forestry expenses	7.50
D. N. Blue	Bal. due on Auditing Tax Books	348.00
Schulken Brothers	Janitor's supplies	.36
Bill Hooks	Meat and meal for Co. Home	9.00
H. G. Avant	3 days on Board	10.50
D. W. Merritt	3 days on Board and mileage	15.90
J. C. Hooks, Sr.	2 days on Board and mileage	8.00
J. R. Blake	3 days on Board and mileage	12.90
D. F. McGougan	3 days on Board and mileage	15.90
		<u>\$5,649.62</u>

Ordered: That the following General Road bills be allowed and paid for the month of August, 1929:

R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	30.00
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	21.25
M. C. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	20.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	30.00
J. C. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	22.00
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	36.00
F. M. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	12.00
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	42.00
A. H. Hammonds	Labor at County Garage	42.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	42.00
W. J. Tate, Jr.	Labor at County Garage	7.50
H. D. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	30.00
A. M. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	24.00
McRay Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	36.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	29.25
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	25.00
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	22.00
G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	36.00
D. A. Todd	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	27.50
James Lacewell	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	24.00
G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	36.00

D. A. Todd	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	\$30.00
James Lacewell	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	24.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Fireway and Tabor road	30.00
J. C. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	24.00
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	36.00
F. M. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	13.00
H. D. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	30.00
A. M. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	24.00
McRay Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	36.00
L. M. Carmichael	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	24.00
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
A. H. Hammonds	Labor at County Garage	42.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	42.00
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	41.65
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	38.35
W. J. Tate, Jr.	Labor at County Garage	25.00
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	31.50
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	26.25
M. C. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	21.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	32.50
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	28.75
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	22.00
Chadbourn Hardware Co.	Supplies for Chadbourn and Tabor road	7.75
Thompson Hardware Co.	Supplies for various roads	9.70
Automobile Supply Co.	Supplies for County Garage	14.92
Air Reduction Sales Co.	Supplies for County Garage	13.07
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	59.95
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for County Garage	4.28
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight and Express for County Garage	7.56
		<u>\$1,453.73</u>

Ordered: That the following Chain Gang bills be allowed and paid for the month of August, 1929:

E. H. Hickman & Co.	Groceries and clothing	\$438.52
Neal Powell	Potatoes	3.00
J. M. Ward	Potatoes	5.00
J. I. Hardee	Potatoes	1.00
F. M. Stanley	Beans and Peas	2.00
L. M. Duncan	Vegetables	5.90
Marshall Norris	Beans	5.85
W. F. Cox	Hay	18.12
Sam Hewett	Tomatoes	1.05
W. H. Shelley	Hay	54.50
Sam Burris	Making Shackle rings	1.75
W. B. Phipps	Beans	1.50
H. C. Edwards	Superintendent's August salary	125.00
Alton Edwards	Operating tractor	81.25
Will Applewhite	Guard duty and operating road Machine	56.49
James Hardee	Guard duty	33.54
Ed. Ward	Guard duty	6.45
Kelly Jacobs	Operating road machine	2.50
Otto Edwards	Guard duty	26.60
Frank Britt	Guard duty	40.00
Ned Watts	Drilling holes for pump	13.00
J. C. Stanley	Hay	18.00
Thompson Hardware Co.	Supplies for County Chain Gang	83.55
Bill Hooks	Potatoes, corn and meal	65.75
E. F. Craven Company	Truck parts and repairs	47.15
J. T. McKenzie and Co.	Bedding and clothing	45.00
		<u>\$1,220.47</u>

Ordered: That the following Outdoor Poor vouchers be allowed and paid for the month of August, 1929:

Total Outdoor Poor vouchers for August \$371.50

Ordered: That the following Jury Tickets be allowed and paid for the month of August, 1929:

Total Jury Tickets for August \$983.90

Ordered: That the following Insolvent Fees be allowed and paid for the month of August, 1929:

Total Insolvent Fees for August \$39.02

(for additional order)

See order appointing Committee for voting booths.

There being no further business to be transacted at this meeting, adjournment was voted in order until Monday, September 30, 1929, at 10 o'clock.

G. C. Batchiffe
Clerk

Approved:

D. F. Mayman
Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners adjourned on Monday, September 2, 1929, to re-assemble in an adjourned meeting which was held Monday, September 30, 1929. All members of the Board were present. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock in compliance with law for the purpose of hearing any protest that might be made by any taxpayer of the County relative to a school building bond issue to which publication was given ten days prior to the date of this meeting. As no taxpayer appeared before the Board to enter protest against the issuance of school building bonds in the amount of \$40,000.00, the Board of County Commissioners went on record as adopting unanimously the following resolution: