

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office in regular monthly session on Monday, October 7, 1929. Members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman

D. W. Merritt

J. R. Blake

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

H. G. Avant

G. C. Ratcliffe, Clerk

The minutes of the meetings held in September were read and approved by the Board, after which the following orders were passed:

It was ordered: That the persons who appear before the Board of Commissioners in the future asking for refund on special school tax be first required to present to the Board a certificate signed by the committee of the school district in which they have been charged, this certificate stating that they do or do not live within the boundaries of that specific school district. If by this method it is determined that the person placing the claim does not live in the district where he has been charged it is hereby ordered that he be refunded on the amount of special school tax listed against him.

D. F. Spivey of Tabor appeared before the Board to ask for permission to operate a pool room for colored people just outside the town limits of Tabor. A petition was filed with the Commissioners signed by forty-six prominent citizens of Tabor and vicinity requesting the Board not to grant such permission; thereupon J. R. Blake made a motion it being immediately seconded by D. W. Merritt. A unanimous vote by the Board was recorded as being against granting permission to D. F. Spivey to operate such business.

Ordered: That the tax receipt No. 2015 in Whiteville Township for the year 1929 under the name Thompson Motor Company be cancelled by issue of refund, cancellation being granted by the Commissioners on account of raising valuation on new cars which resulted in a high valuation out of line with other valuations on similiar property in the County.

Ordered: That Chester Williams be refunded by voucher on special school tax in the amount of \$3.43 for the year 1928, refund being granted on account of his having been charged in Williams Special School District No. 16 when he lives in District No. 5 (Straw Hill District), which carries no special school rate.

Ordered: That J. M. Spaulding of Waccamaw Township be refunded by voucher in the amount of \$8.34 for the year 1928 on account of his having paid J. M. Spaulding Estate tax when he should have paid J. M. Spaulding's tax.

Ordered: That E. L. Freeman of Bolton, R. F. D. No. 1, be refunded on poll tax for 1928 and that he shall be exempted on the 1929 list from paying poll tax, reason for refund and exemption being on account of physical infirmities.

Ordered: That the 1928 tax sale certificate of M. M. Hughes in Chadbourn Township be reduced in the amount of \$38.94, reason for refund being that notes listed by Hughes were cancelled, thereby reducing personal property.

Ordered: That upon the payment of \$2,000.00 on the note which the County holds against Mrs. Lee Formyduval, a release be granted on the farm owned by her on the Whiteville-Smyrna road.

E. K. Proctor appeared before the Board of Commissioners regarding a division of the taxes for the various years that have been left unpaid on the tracts of land owned by and known as the Sidney Mears Estate in Chadbourn Township. The Board passed the following order:

Whereas, in the case of Sidney Mears Estate there are three mortgages covering three different tracts or parcels of land, and

Whereas, said three mortgages are necessarily subject to foreclosure at different dates, and

Whereas, the taxes on the three parcels of land are to be paid by the persons interested in the different tracts after the date of foreclosure.

Be It Ordered, Therefore, by the Board of Commissioners: That the said three tracts be pro-rated as to valuation for the individual persons interested.

That the personal property included in the listing of Sidney Mears Estate be included in the valuation on the house and lot in the Town of Chadbourn.

That upon the payment of the tax on any one of the three tracts of land a release be granted on that particular tract.

J. W. Brinkley appeared before the Board asking that a protest be placed before the State Highway Commission relative to the present location of a highway between Clarkton and Bolton, recently taken over by the State Highway Commission. Mr. Brinkley also presented a petition signed by a number of citizens in the vicinity of Bolton. The Commissioners went on record, however, as opposing the idea of placing a protest before the Commission as to the present location inasmuch as the Agreement as to Highway Location has already been signed by the State Highway Commission and the Board of County Commissioners giving the right to the State to make whatever changes in the road location as it might see fit to make.

Several citizens appeared before the Board relative to repairing and maintaining a road known as the Williamson road in Whiteville Township. The Commissioners finally ordered that Whiteville Township should build the road

from township funds. The County Commissioners then pledged a payment of from County funds in the amount of \$150.00 which shall be placed to the credit of Whiteville Township as part reimbursement for the cost of constructing said road.

L. L. Brown by proxy asked the County Commissioners to make him a loan of \$1500 from the County funds for five years, amount of said loan to be expended in the building of a house. A vote taken on this matter was recorded as being against making any further loans on real estate mortgages at the present time.

Ordered: That Mrs. Hicks Pate of Bug Hill, N. C., Rt. 1, Box 57, be allowed \$20.00 per month from the Outdoor Poor fund, payment to begin as of the date of this order.

Ordered: That Mrs. Andrew Bright, Hallsboro, N. C., be allowed \$10.00 per month from the Outdoor Poor fund, first payment to be made as of the date of this order.

Ordered: That J. P. Allen, Vineland, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, be allowed \$3.00 per month from the Outdoor Poor fund, first payment to be made as of this date.

Ordered: That Sallie Blackwell, Chadbourn, N. C., be allowed \$5.00 per month from the Outdoor Poor fund, first payment to be made as of the date of this order and payments are to continue until April 1, 1930.

Ordered: That the Bond of Solon V. Stanley, Coroner, be accepted and same be filed with the Register of Deeds for recording.

This being the date as prescribed by law on which the tax books for the year 1929 shall be delivered to the Tax Collector, D. L. Gore appeared before the Board with two bonds in aggregate amount of \$60,000.00 and submitted same to the Board for approval and acceptance. After an examination was made as to the construction of the bonds, the County Attorney held that they were not properly drawn; whereupon the County Commissioners ordered that the delivery of the tax books be deferred until the bonds were properly made. The date of October 10 was set as the time for the Tax Collector to appear before the Board with proper bonds.

Richard M. Lewis of the Powell and Lewis law firm appeared before the Board in behalf of G. O. Rogers relative to effecting a settlement in full of his note held by the Board of Education of Columbus County. The fact was disclosed that the County Commissioners held a mortgage given them by the Board of Education in the amount of \$4500.00, said mortgage being a lien on the same property that G. O. Rogers' mortgage to the Board of Education covered. The proposition was to have the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners cancel of record the \$4,500.00 mortgage held by the Board of Commissioners against the

Board of Education and that the note attached to said mortgage be held by the Commissioners in evidence of the debt against the Board of Education. There was some discussion at this point as to the legality and validity of such a cancellation. It was then proposed that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners cancel the mortgage of record and release to the Board of Education a note of present date. Under the present law, however, the Board of Education has no power or authority to make obligations by note. After discussing the situation at length the County Commissioners went on record as ordering an increase in the Board of Education budget for the year 1929-30 or 1930-31, the year to be determined by the Board of Education, in the amount of \$3,500.00, in order that the County Superintendent could issue a voucher to Columbus County Commissioners in full payment of the principal of \$4,500.00 with interest from date of note to date of payment. This order was granted in order to clear the title on the property now in the possession of G. O. Rogers. By clearing title of said property, G. O. Rogers is to pay in full the amount of his mortgage to the Board of Education with interest to date. The funds as paid to the County Commissioners by the Board of Education are to be placed to the credit of the Courthouse Bond Fund, same being the fund from which the loan was originally made.

On August 5, 1929, Dr. Johnson, County Health Officer, asked the Board of Commissioners to allow John Hawes to stay at the County Home ^{three weeks} during which time he was to have all teeth extracted on account of his physical condition. The privilege was granted. Up to the date of this meeting Dr. Johnson has been unable to get Hawes to agree to have extractions made. When Dr. Johnson explained the situation to the Board a motion was placed by H. G. Avant and seconded by J. C. Hooks, Sr. to discharge John Hawes as an inmate from the County Home. The vote as taken by the Board was recorded as follows:

For discharge: H. G. Avant, J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. F. McGougan, D. W. Merritt.
Against discharge: J. R. Blake.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund J. S. and Margaret Schulken on \$150.00 valuation for the year 1929 in Whiteville Township, reason for refund being that the list-taker through error charged one town lot to J. S. and Margaret Schulken when it had been previously and properly charged to Mrs. Mary A. Schulken.

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

J. L. Memory, C. S. C.	Cost in J. O. Ammons' Case	\$355.72
J. L. Memory, C. S. C.	Judgment in J. O. Ammons' Case	5,120.00
O. B. Davis	Conveying Prisoners to jail	4.70
Ammons & Burns	County Insurance Policy	458.58
Verson Millican	Work on County Home Farm	3.75
Willard Bowan	Work on County Home Farm	3.00
Martha Royall	Washing at County Home	2.00
Mabel Collier	15½ days work in Tax Dept.	46.50
David Smith, P. M.	Box rent for Auditor	.75
Whiteville Tel. Const. Co.	Rent and Long Distance calls	48.10
Western Union Tel. Co.	Telegrams	13.84
Martha Royall	Washing at County Home	1.00
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Sept. salary - Home Dem. Agt., Nutri Exp.	67.50

Sarah J. Williams	Sept. salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	\$25.00
Leona C. Winesett	Sept. salary - Stenographer	50.00
J. P. Quinerly	Sept. salary - County Agent	150.00
G. C. Ratcliffe	Sept. salary - Auditor	200.00
Mae Stanley	Sept. salary - assisting Auditor	85.00
Artemisia Smith	Sept. salary - Supervisor, Tax Books	100.00
John W. Hall	Sept. salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	Sept. salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	Sept. salary - C. S. C., etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	Sept. salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	Sept. salary - Janitor, & Officer of Court	60.00
George E. Collier	Sept. salary - Register of Deeds	200.00
Catherine Vogels	Sept. salary - assisting Reg. of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maultsby	Sept. salary - Judge of Recorder's Court	100.00
Julian D. Lewis	Sept. salary - County Attorney	75.00
Edward K. Proctor	Sept. salary - County Pros. Atty.	75.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	(Sept. salary) - Monthly appropriation	10.00
D. L. Gore	Sept. salary - Tax Collector	200.00
Jasper Bowen	Sept. salary - Keeper of County Home	100.00
Pross Millican	Sept. salary - assistant Co. Home Farm	30.00
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Sept. salary - Welfare Officer & Traveling expenses	100.00
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights during September	30.69
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight and express during September	152.24
R. B. McRoy and Co.	Groceries and clothing for Co. Home	64.64
Hill Brothers	Supplies for Co. Home	2.40
American Disinfecting Co.	Oflyo for County Home	16.50
Schulken Brothers	Supplies for County Home	1.59
Worrell Manufacturing Co.	Super Vermingo for County Jail	69.43
C. W. Yates Company	Supplies for various offices	23.51
Mr. James High	22 days taking and delivering mail	6.60
Dr. F. Allen Oldham	Services rendered Sidney Hogan	6.00
Dept. Conservation & Devlpt.	County's part Forest expenditures	25.00
Memory Company	Supplies for Co. Home and Jail	99.62
J. L. Memory	Postage for C. S. C.	5.97
Edwards & Broughton	Supplies for Reg. of Deeds	46.82
W. P. Cox	Conveying Roy Harper to Whiteville	6.40
J. M. Hinson	Conveying John Hill & Andrew Thomas to jail	4.10
H. G. Walters	Conveying D. K. Millican to Whiteville	6.00
D. H. Rushing	Asberry Ward etal case	6.67
J. M. Hinson	Conveying Clyde Scipeo to Jail	3.05
H. B. Bruton	Conveying Son Dafer Waddell to Jail	4.70
W. B. Coleman	Conveying J. C. Colder to Jail	9.95
P. H. Squires	Conveying Isaiah Stephenson to Jail	5.00
Southern Desk Company	1 office chair for Auditor's office	8.00
Bill Hooks	56 lbs. lard @ 20¢	11.20
G. R. McNeill	Drugs for County Home and Jail	13.45
Edwards & Broughton	Supplies for Auditor's office	7.91
M. M. Ray	Conveying Luther White to Jail	4.55
Catherine Vogels	For Work to October 8, 1929	25.00
J. L. Burney	Support of Jail for September	219.00
I. R. Norris	Conveying Dallis C. Spivey to Jail	5.90
M. M. Ray	Conveying Ulus Grainger to Jail	4.25
Oscar High	Supplies for Jail and Co. Home	5.05
P. H. Sears	Premium on Coroner's Bond	10.00
A. S. Sasser	Capturing one complete still	20.00
D. O. Peterson	Capturing one complete still	20.00
G. R. Nelson	Capturing one complete still	20.00
Julian D. Lewis	10% com. on L. S. C. collected(\$7910.35)	791.04
Commercial Printing Co.	Supplies for C. S. C.	3.38
A. T. Massey Coal Co.	44.2 tons coal for Courthouse and jail	72.93
C. A. Farley	Conveying Prisoners to jail	34.00
Solon V. Stanley	Inquests	15.00
Worrell's Shoe Shop	Repairing one shoe (County Home)	.60
J. E. Gilmore	Bananas for County Home	.30
C. A. Farley	Conveying Insane	23.00
Town of Whiteville	Water for Courthouse	35.25
Mabel Collier	3½ days assisting C. S. C.	7.00
Mrs. Eudelle C. Hayes	4 days assisting C. S. C. during Sept.	8.00
C. A. Farley	Conveying prisoners	23.00
News Reporter Company	Supplies for C. S. C.	8.50
Handy Hardware House	Supplies for Auditor's office	.10
J. L. Burney	Officer Recorder's Court 6 days	18.00
Bill Hooks	Meal for County Home	1.25
J. L. Burney	Paint shipped C. O. D. for jail	24.83
MacDaniel--Boice Insurance Agency	Bond renewal for Co. Auditor	25.00
James Walker M. Hospital	X. Ray Exam. of B. T. Turbeville	10.00
State Hospital	Care of Robert Mack - Insane	5.25
Annie Mae Collier	Assisting Reg. of Deeds 5½ days	11.00
Geo. E. Collier	Postage for Reg. of Deeds	3.45
Mrs. Lois F. Lewis	Work on Tax Books	58.50
Miss Ada McRackan	Work on Tax Books	33.00
Mrs. W. G. Prevatt	Work on Tax Books	9.00
Mrs. Gladys Wooten	Work on Tax Books	75.00
Whiteville Tel. Co.	Rent and Long Distance calls	57.30
Chester Williams	Refund on Special School tax	3.43
J. M. Spaulding	Refund on taxes on account of error	8.34

M. C. Potter	Burial Expenses of William Potter	\$30.00
Vineland Ice Company	Ice for Courthouse during Sept.	3.70
Bill Hooks	2 bu. corn meal @ 1.25 for Co. Home	2.50
D. N. Blue	Preparing Tax Settlement etc.	60.00
Leonard Heath	Hauling 44.2 tons coal	40.00
H. G. Avant	2 days on Board	7.00
J. C. Hooks, Sr.	3 days on board and mileage	12.10
J. R. Blake	2 days on Board and mileage	8.60
D. F. McGougan	3 days on Board and mileage	15.90
D. W. Merritt	2 days on Board and mileage	10.60
		<u>\$10,841.48</u>

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

H. D. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	\$30.00
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	24.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Piroway road	30.00
J. C. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Piroway road	24.00
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Piroway road	36.00
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
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
A. H. Hammonds	Labor at County Garage	28.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	42.00
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	35.00
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	36.75
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	35.75
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	27.50
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	22.00
R. V. White	Labor on Piroway and Whiteville road	31.50
P. D. White	Labor on Piroway and Whiteville road	26.25
M. C. White	Labor on Piroway and Whiteville road	21.00
Whiteville Tel Co.	Long Distance calls for Co. Garage	.95
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	34.12
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	26.25
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	20.00
R. V. White	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	33.00
P. D. White	Labor on Piroway and Whiteville road	27.50
M. C. White	Labor on Piroway and Whiteville road	22.00
R. E. White	Labor on Piroway and Whiteville road	10.40
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
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
A. H. Hammond	Labor at County Garage	42.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	42.00
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	38.50
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	28.00
A. M. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	24.00
McRay Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	36.00
H. D. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	30.00
J. C. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Piroway road	24.00
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Piroway road	36.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Piroway road	30.00
C. C. Soles	Shovels for Tabor and Piroway road	4.50
Schulken Brothers	Supplies for County Garage	9.85
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for County Garage	4.26
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight and Express for Co. Garage	5.94
Chadbourn Hdwe. Co.	Supplies for Whiteville and Piroway road	5.80
Austin-Western Road - Machinery Co.	Blades for Hallsboro and Old Dock road	8.80
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	102.42
Air Reduction Sales Co.	Supplies for County Garage	13.07
Hyman Supply Co.	Supplies for County Garage	13.09
Georgia-Carolina Oil Co.	Supplies for County Garage	80.13
Sinclair Refining Co.	Grease for Piroway and Whiteville road	11.25
Standard Oil Co. Of N.J.	Gas and Oil for various roads	938.81
L. T. Frink	Lumber for Chadbourn and Tabor road	58.52
		<u>\$2,534.91</u>

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

Smith and McKenzie	Truck Repairs	\$11.25
Standard Oil Co. of N.J.	Gas and Oil	480.36
Dr. Jos. W. Hooper	Services rendered A. Waddell	5.00
James Walker M. Hospital	X. Ray examination of Adolphus Waddell	10.00
J. M. McGougan	Moving plant to Mollie, etc.	14.62
Handy Hardware House	Supplies for Chain Gang	2.95
Thompson Hardware Co.	Supplies for Chain Gang	36.51

Sinclair Refining Co.	Grease	\$29.57
Handy Hardware House	Supplies	4.26
Schulken Brothers	Light bulbs for Chain Gang	3.00
H. C. Edwards	Superintendent's salary for Sept.	125.00
Wesley Coleman	Capture of Arthur Reynolds	25.00
G. C. Hinson	Lumber - 1468 ft. @ 30.00 m.	44.04
L. G. Long	Beans	10.30
Neal Powell	Potatoes	1.50
D. F. Hinson	Peas, beans and potatoes	6.00
Bill Hooks	32 bu. corn meal @ 1.25	40.00
Y. N. Gore	Potatoes	4.00
W. T. Anderson	Potatoes	10.00
Henry Stanley	210 lbs. beef @ 16¢	33.60
Edward Ward	Peas	7.50
D. Long	Peas and Potatoes	14.20
J. B. Long	Guard duty	9.03
B. T. Faircloth	Guard duty	19.35
M. B. McLamb	Blacksmith work	15.00
J. I. Hardee	Guard duty	10.32
Otto Edwards	Guard duty	40.00
Frank Britt	Guard duty	40.00
Fred Strickland	Team Foreman 30 days	40.00
Alton Edwards	20½ days operating tractor	63.39
Will Applewhite	24 days operating Road Machine	74.50
Tabor Hardware Co.	Supplies	1.05
Guiton's Drug Store	Drugs	11.15
Will Applewhite	Operating Road Machine (August)	17.88
Randal Stephens	Capturing Ramon Fields	26.60
The Sarvis Co.	Repairs for pump as per bill	35.31
		<u>\$1,322.25</u>

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

Total Outdoor Poor vouchers for September	\$340.50
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Ordered: That the following Insolvent Fees be allowed and paid for the month of September, 1929:

Total Insolvent Fees for September	\$130.96
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There being no further business to be transacted by the Board at this time, adjournment was voted in order until Thursday, October 10, 1929.

G. C. Ratcliffe
Clerk

Approved:

D. J. McJung
Chairman