

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' office at the Courthouse on Monday, November 4, 1929, in regular monthly session.

Members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman

J. R. Blake

D. W. Merritt

H. G. Avant

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

G. C. Ratcliffe, Clerk

After the reading of the minutes covering the meetings held in October and same were approved by the Board, the following business was transacted:

Ordered: That W. L. Formyduval, D. G. Ward, and C. L. Sasser be refunded by vouchers on the amount of special school tax charged respectively to them in Lees District No. 10 for 1928; it is further ordered that in the event they have been charged on 1929 tax, this shall also be refunded by the Tax Collector. The above named taxpayers exhibited a certificate signed by the three members of the committee in Lees District No. 10 certifying that their respective property did not lie within the boundaries of said district.

Ordered: That in consideration of a statement made by J. A. Baldwin, list-taker for Chadbourn Township for the year 1929, relative to his having made an error in the valuation placed on the stock of merchandise owned by Hyman Moskow, said taxpayer shall be refunded by the Tax Collector on \$26,900 valuation at the 1929 tax rate, the refund being granted for the purpose of placing the valuation on the stock of merchandise at \$2,974 instead of \$29,874.

A. D. Currie appeared before the Board of Commissioners placing complaint relative to the drainage and condition of a road crossing his place. It was decided that the Commissioners should meet said A. D. Currie at or near the Stewart place on Highway No. 23 on Tuesday, November 12, for the purpose of looking over and adjusting, if possible, the existing condition about which complaint has been made.

A petition was placed before the Board of Commissioners signed by eighteen taxpayers of Cerro Gordo Township requesting the Board to take over and maintain a short joint of the old Elizabeth public road leading from the Whiteville and Fair Bluff public road, at J. N. Bullard's store to the intersection of the public road ~~and~~ leading from Cerro Gordo to Evergreen. The Commissioners ordered that said joint of road be added to the Tabor and Fair Bluff project, and that same be maintained by road force which is now operating under the supervision of McRay Fowler.

Ordered: That R. L. Freeman of Bolton Township be refunded \$2.55 by voucher

on 1927 tax, reason for refund being that Freeman listed on the regular list under the name of Robert L. Freeman and then later was placed on the penalty list under name of R. L. Freeman. Both receipts were paid by him and, therefore, the Commissioners are hereby refunding the amount of the penalized tax receipt.

C. W. Hughes made a request to the County Commissioners for a loan of \$200 from County funds. J. C. Black also filed with the Board a letter asking that the County Commissioners make a loan to him in the amount of \$4,000. Both requests were refused, however, for the reason that the Commissioners do not deem it advisable to make further loans from County funds on real estate at present.

Ordered: That the County Welfare Officer shall make arrangements with the County Superintendent for the rent of school books to be used in school by Champ Ward's children. Mrs. Barnhardt is also to secure clothes for said children from the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society, said Society having previously offered to furnish clothing to children of some of the destitute families in the County.

Ordered: That Robert Bervey, Acme, N. C., be admitted to the County Home.

The son of Mrs. Sallie Blackwell appeared before the Board requesting that the Commissioners increase the monthly allowance now paid to his mother by the County, or that she be admitted to the County Home on account of her helpless condition. The Commissioners did not see fit, however, to increase the monthly allowance and, therefore, ordered Jasper Bowen to admit her to the County Home. Later Mr. Blackwell reported to the Board that he had decided not to take his mother to the County Home. Mrs. Blackwell is to draw the same monthly allowance in the future as in the past.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Janie Haynes on \$200.00 valuation in Whiteville Township, reason for refund being that a house located on the two lots was burned in October, 1928.

Ordered: That the County Auditor shall contract with some one to deliver to each precinct in the County the voting booths which are to be used in holding future elections. It is understood that the person who makes delivery of the booths is to instruct the registrars as to how the booths should be set up for use in holding an election.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Miss Bell Riff of Chadbourn Township on \$3500 valuation for the year 1929 on account of an over-valuation being placed on said property.

Ordered: That a reduction of \$700 valuation on the property of A. J. Andrews in Bug Hill Township be allowed on 1926-27-28-29 taxes, reason for

refund being that the valuation was increased while Mr. Andrews was unaware of any change. The Board asked for a vote on the foregoing order, said vote being recorded as follows: For granting refund, J. R. Blake; H. G. Avant; J. C. Hooks, Sr.; D. W. Merritt. Against refund, D. F. McGougan.

A resolution was offered by J. R. Blake, County Commissioner, that H. M. Case be refunded on \$1,350 valuation where O. S. Case listed notes in the amount of \$2700 for the year 1921, and taxes paid on same. The resolution was not adopted on account of the following vote: For granting refund, J. R. Blake. Against refund, D. W. Merritt; J. C. Hooks, Sr.; H. G. Avant; D. F. McGougan.

Ordered: That S. P. Lawrence be refunded on the L. E. Hall tax in Chadbourn Township for the year 1927, basis for refund being on \$750 valuation. Reason for granting refund is that the valuation was raised for some unknown reason from \$250 to \$1000, at which time the taxpayer was not notified of any change.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund S. C. Hayes in Whiteville Township on \$1,900 valuation at \$1.64, reason for this reduction being that on April 4, 1929, a house was destroyed by fire but no reduction was granted at the time returns were made in May. It is further ordered that the Tax Collector refund the above named taxpayer on \$6,675 valuation at 10¢, reason for refund being that the total valuation on property was charged in Whiteville School District No. 1 at 15¢ when the property is situated in No. 4 District at 5¢, difference in rate being 10¢ on the \$100 valuation.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund B. L. Nesmith in South Williams Township on \$3,000 valuation for the year 1929. Mr. Nesmith acquired a piece of property in the Town of Tabor and built a house on said property just prior to listing time. At the time of listing a valuation of \$2,000 was returned on the house and lot. For some unknown reason, however, the valuation was changed from \$2,000 to \$5,000 on this property. In consideration of a certificate filed with the Board of Commissioners by W. H. Shelley, list-taker for South Williams Township, declaring that an error in this valuation occurred after the listing was made, the Commissioners hereby ordered that same be placed on the tax books at \$2,000 as originally listed.

Ordered: That the following land sale certificates now in the Hands of the County Attorney for investigation be cancelled:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Reason</u>
>Annie M. Edwards	Chadbourn	\$5.73	1927	Listed by C. R. Bailey
>J. J. Powers	Chadbourn	19.72	1924	Listed regular on Negro List, this on White Penalty
>J. J. Powers	Chadbourn	20.54	1925	Listed regular on Negro List, this on White Penalty
>J. J. Powers	Chadbourn	20.18	1926	Listed regular on Negro List, this on White Penalty

>J. J. Powers	Chadbourn	18.55	1927	Listed regular on Negro List, this on White Penalty
>Joe Leggett	Chadbourn	13.73	1921	Listed by J. D. Thompson
>Joe Leggett	Chadbourn	12.88	1922	Listed by J. D. Thompson
>Joe Leggett	Chadbourn	14.24	1923	Listed by J. D. Thompson
>Joe Leggett	Chadbourn	17.96	1925	Listed by J. D. Thompson
>Joe Leggett	Chadbourn	17.61	1926	Listed by J. D. Thompson
>Joe Leggett	Chadbourn	22.12	1927	Listed by J. D. Thompson
>W. B. Brown	W. Ppong	62.26	1926	Listed by Bridger Corporation
>Will McIntyre	Whiteville	13.59	1925	Listed by Maggie McIntyre Est.
>Henry George Est.	Bogue	4.35	1927	Listed by Flora George Est.
>Helen Baldwin	Whiteville	3.45	1921	Listed by Alex Baldwin
>Samuel Harriston	Chadbourn	39.17	1924	Listed by J. C. Newsome
>Samuel Harriston	Chadbourn	42.37	1925	Listed by J. C. Newsome
>Samuel Harriston	Chadbourn	41.39	1926	Listed by J. C. Newsome
>Samuel Harriston	Chadbourn	48.94	1927	Listed by J. C. Newsome
>D. S. Nealy	Williams	41.30	1926	Listed on White & Colored list
>D. S. Nealy	Williams	44.94	1927	Listed by O. G. Calhoun
>Emma Eleby	Whiteville	6.56	1925	Listed by Virina Jernigan Est.
>Emma Eleby	Whiteville	6.41	1927	Listed by Virina Jernigan Est.
>S. F. Cartrett	Whiteville	9.49	1923	Listed by Willie Teachey
>S. F. Cartrett	Whiteville	11.51	1924	Listed by Willie Teachey
George George	Whiteville	14.29	1920	Error, no deed, person not known
>Tom Gore	Whiteville	4.66	1927	Listed by R. Q. Bannerman
>Tom Gore	Whiteville	4.41	1926	Listed by R. Q. Bannerman
>Tom Gore	Whiteville	4.60	1925	Listed by R. Q. Bannerman
>Colon Roberson	Tatum	20.80	1927	Error, no deed
>Colon Roberson	Tatum	20.60	1926	Error, no deed
>Colon Roberson	Tatum	19.37	1925	Error, no deed
>Colon Roberson	Tatum	18.65	1924	Error, no deed
>Colon Roberson	Tatum	10.93	1923	Error, no deed
>Colon Roberson	Tatum	10.38	1922	Error, no deed
>D. J. George	Whiteville	6.58	1926	Error, cancelled by Board
>Troy J. Bollinger	Ransom	15.91	1921	Error, no deed
>Troy J. Bollinger	Ransom	27.97	1923	Error, no deed
>Troy J. Bollinger	Ransom	19.36	1924	Error, no deed
>Troy J. Bollinger	Ransom	22.50	1925	Error, no deed
>Troy J. Bollinger	Ransom	19.90	1926	Error, no deed
>Troy J. Bollinger	Ransom	23.36	1927	Error, no deed
>Thomas Jones	Whiteville	2.81	1924	Listed by Ed. Hunter
>Ed. Hunter	Whiteville	2.87	1926	Listed by Tom Jones
>Ed. Hunter	Whiteville	3.18	1927	Listed by Tom Jones

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

Solon V. Stanley	Holding inquest over Sam Jackson	\$5.00
J. B. McGougan	Juror, inquest of Sam Jackson	2.30
Alex G. Best	Juror, inquest of Sam Jackson	2.40
F. H. Harden	Juror, inquest of Sam Jackson	2.40
Ed. Schwartz	Juror, inquest of Sam Jackson	2.30
Haney Horne	Juror, inquest of Sam Jackson	2.20
J. E. Thompson	Juror, inquest of Sam Jackson	2.40
Shelton Fowler	Witness, inquest of Sam Jackson	.80
Buster Best	Witness, inquest of Sam Jackson	.60
Chas. Watkins	Witness, inquest of Sam Jackson	.60
J. W. Jordan	Examining witness for C. S. C.	2.00
News Reporter Co.	Supplies for Auditor's office	1.50
Skiles Market	Groceries for Co. Home	5.60
Charlie Baldwin	Trimming hedges around Courthouse	1.50
Susan Best	Washing at County Home	2.00
Kimbal Millican	Gathering Hay on County Home Farm	3.75
Edd Millican	Gathering Hay on County Home Farm	1.25
P. H. Sears	Tax Collector's Bond	510.00
Western Union Tel. Co.	Telegrams	3.58
David Smith, P. M.	Envelopes for Tax Collector	32.04
D. J. Prease	Repairs to Furnace at Courthouse & Jail	61.60
W. B. Nobles	Refund on Dog Tax	2.00
Columbus Co. Fair Asso.	1929 County Appropriation	200.00
Julian D. Lewis	10% com on L. S. C. cancelled	93.26
David Smith, P. M.	Envelopes for Tax Collector	110.00
E. W. Fuhr	Refund on \$850 valuation for 1928	17.25
A. B. Bordeaux	Refund on \$850 valuation for 1928	17.25
J. W. Ward	Refund on Sp. School Tax - Lees No. 10	11.60
J. C. Lennon	Mule hire - cutting and raking hay	4.80
D. Davis	Cutting wood at County Home	10.00
Susan Best	Washing at County Home	2.00
W. L. Thompson	Supplies and labor - Co. Home Barn	16.55
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight and storage	24.32
Memory Company	Supplies for Jail	3.90
C. W. Yates Co.	Type cleaner for Auditor's Office	.35
H. B. Bruton	Conveying Luther Soles to Jail	4.70
J. E. Gilmore	Supplies for County Home	1.65
J. L. Memory	Postage for C. S. C.	3.99
Mrs. Eudell C. Hayes	Assisting C. S. C. nine days	18.00
Columbus County News	500 Court Calendars and 15 cards	7.00
Ripple Lumber Company	Lumber for County Home	5.00
Remington, Business Service	Black Ribbon for Home Dem. Office	.75
Solon V. Stanley	Reviewing Joe Nobles and Allen Jordan	5.00
Burroughs Adding Mche. Co.	Ribbons for Adding Machines	1.50
State Hospital	Care of John George	16.30
J. T. McKenzie & Co.	Burial cases for Outdoor Poor	36.00
R. B. McRoy and Co.	Groceries for County Home	56.80
Dr. Allen Oldham	Dental work for Alton Morgan	4.00
Dept. Conservation & Development	County's part, Forestry expenditures	17.50
Town of Whiteville	Water for Courthouse	22.25
Mr. James High, Jr.	Taking and delivering mail	9.00
Louisa Smith	Washing at Jail	1.00
Powell, Nobles & Logan	Painting inside of jail	20.00
J. L. Burney	5 days as Recorder Court Officer	15.00
J. L. Burney	Labor at Jail and Conveying Insane	29.00
Horace Shaw	Labor at painting on Jail	4.20
Solon V. Stanley	Holding inquest over Raleigh Long	5.00
Frances Richardson	Juror, inquest over Raleigh Long	2.30
Coy Formyduval	Juror, inquest over Raleigh Long	2.10
Joe Brown	Juror, inquest over Raleigh Long	2.90
K. C. Brown	Juror, inquest over Raleigh Long	2.90
W. H. Tyre	Juror, inquest over Raleigh Long	2.50
N. C. Galloway	Juror, inquest over Raleigh Long	2.30
G. K. Jacobs	Witness, inquest over Raleigh Long	1.20
Charlie Anderson	Witness, inquest over Raleigh Long	1.40
Therman McGowan	Witness, inquest over Raleigh Long	.80
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Oct. salary - Home Dem. Agt. & Nutri. Exp.	67.50
Sarah J. Williams	Oct. salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
Leona C. Winesett	Oct. salary - Stenographer	50.00
J. P. Quinerly	Oct. salary - County Agent	150.00
G. C. Ratcliffe	Oct. salary - Auditor	200.00
Mae Stanley	Oct. salary - assisting Auditor	85.00
Artemisia Smith	Oct. salary - Supervisor, Tax Books	100.00
John W. Hall	Oct. salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	Oct. salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	Oct. salary - C. S. C., etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	Oct. salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	Oct. salary - Janitor, & Court Officer	60.00
Rachel Cook	Oct. salary - assisting Reg. of Deeds	100.00
George E. Collier	Oct. salary - Reg. of Deeds	200.00
E. A. Maulsby	Oct. salary - Judge, Recorder's Court	100.00
Julian D. Lewis	Oct. salary - County Attorney	75.00
Edward K. Proctor	Oct. salary - Pros. County Atty.	75.00

#117 Motor Transport Co.	October appropriation	\$10.00
D. L. Gore	Oct. salary - Tax Collector	200.00
Jasper Bowman	Oct. salary - Keeper of County Home	100.00
Pross Millican	Oct. salary - Assistant, Co. Home Farm	30.00
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Oct. salary - Welfare Officer and Traveling Expense	100.00
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights and merchandise	41.14
Oscar High	Supplies	5.23
Miss Pauline Toon	10 days assisting Reg. of Deeds	20.00
News Reporter Co.	Supplies	63.35
Julian D. Lewis	10% com. on L.S.C. collected	466.28
J. L. Burney	Support of County Jail	208.40
S. P. Lawrence	Refund on 1927 tax of L. E. Hall	18.99
Whiteville Tel. Const. Co.	Rent and Long Distance calls	39.15
		<u>\$4,701.18</u>

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

Columbus Motor Company	Supplies for County Garage	\$10.57
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway 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
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
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
A. H. Hammonds	Labor at County Garage	35.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	42.00
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	35.00
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	38.50
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
Foster Williams	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	20.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	35.75
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	28.75
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	22.00
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	33.00
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	27.50
M. C. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	22.00
James Lacewell	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	24.00
D. A. Todd	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	30.00
G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	36.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway 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
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
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	42.00
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	42.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	34.13
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	25.00
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	20.00
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	25.50
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	21.25
M. C. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	17.00
L. M. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	20.00
F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight and Express for County Garage	3.56
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	71.86
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for County Garage	4.28
Whiteville Tel. Const. Co.	Long Distance calls for County Garage	.90
		<u>\$1,421.55</u>

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

W. H. Powell	35 bu. corn @ 1.25	\$43.75
E. H. Hickman & Co.	Supplies and groceries	547.96
E. F. Craven Co.	Supplies for Monarch Tractor	102.00
H. C. Edwards	Oct. salary - Superintendent	125.00
J. B. Long	Guard duty	40.00
Otto Edwards	Guard duty	40.00
Frank Britt	Guard duty	40.00
Fred Strickland	Team Foreman	40.00
Will Applewhite	Operating Road Machine	74.75
Alton Edwards	Operating Tractor	66.63
F. H. Ross & Co., Inc.	Blankets and sox	215.00

Edward Ward	Peas	\$1.50
G. K. Jacobs	Miss. Supplies	3.30
J. B. Pitman	Freight and Express	13.18
G. K. Gore	Turnips, potatoes, and collards	31.75
W. A. Ward	25 bu. corn meal @ 1.00	25.00
J. C. Stanley	4500 lbs. Hay @ 1.00	45.00
E. H. Hickman & Co.	Groceries and supplies	533.97
General Motors Truck Co.	Truck parts and repairs for Chain Gang	30.93
Thompson Hardware Co.	Miscellaneous supplies	29.05
Columbus Motor Co.	Truck parts and repairs	13.01
Seymour Ward	Moving pump and putting down pump	9.45
L. B. Patterson	3 pecks Okra	.80
G. R. McNeill	Drugs for Chain Gang	.25
		<u>\$2,072.28</u>

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

Total Outdoor Poor Vouchers for October \$340.50

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

Total Insolvent Fees for October \$458.07

Ordered: That the following Bond Interest and Sinking Fund voucher be allowed and Paid for the month of October, 1929:

Total for October \$8,333.28

There being no further business to be transacted at this time, adjournment was voted in order until Tuesday, November 5, at twelve o'clock, noon.

G. C. Patchiffe
Clerk

Approved:
A. J. McQuinn
Chairman