

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' office of the Courthouse on Monday, December 2, 1929. Members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman
 J. R. Blake
 H. G. Avant
 D. W. Merritt
 J. C. Hooks, Sr.

G. C. Ratcliffe, Clerk

The minutes of the meetings held during the month of November were read to and approved by the Board, after which the following business was transacted:

A petition signed by 135 citizens of Fair Bluff and Cerro Gordo Townships was filed with the Board of Commissioners asking that a rural policeman be employed by the County and be assigned particularly to the section of the County comprising Cerro Gordo and Fair Bluff Townships. Inasmuch as it is a fact that if the County were to employ such an officer he would have to work under the direct supervision of the State Highway patrol which operates in this district, and no appropriation having been made in the 1929-30 budget for such officer's salary, it was deemed inadvisable to secure the services of such officer at this time; the matter was, therefore, deferred until some later meeting.

Ordered: That Kizzie Tyler of Fair Bluff, N. C., be admitted to the County Home.

Ordered: That the County Schedule "B" Tax charged Felix M. Smith for the privilege of selling fire works shall not exceed the rate charged by the Town of Whiteville.

J. H. Land, Chairman, Board of Education, and C. C. Russ, County Superintendent, presented a matter to the Board of Commissioners relative to a hospital bill made by E. L. Miller in the treatment of his child on account of injuries received in a fall at the Chadbourn school building. Neither the Board of Education nor the Board of County Commissioners felt that the County in any way was liable for any damage, but on account of the depleted circumstances of the child's family, the father having spent all of his savings in the treatment of his child, the County Commissioners agreed to make a donation of \$100.00 from County funds if Dr. Johnson, of the Thompson Memorial Hospital, would agree to accept that amount as full payment of the hospital bill owed said hospital by E. L. Miller.

The foregoing order was passed by the following roll-call vote, to-wit: For--J. R. Blake, D. W. Merritt, J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. F. McGougan; against--H. G. Avant.

The County Commissioners granted a special election to be held for the purpose of consolidating all of the special school districts in Bug Hill Township south of Seven Creeks Swamp, the following resolution and notice of election being adopted by the Board at this meeting:

Whereas, the County Board of Education of Columbus County has defined and recorded in the minutes of the Board of Education the boundary lines of Bug Hill Township Special Taxing District known as Bug Hill Township Special Taxing District.

And, whereas, a petition signed by more than twenty-five voters who reside within this special taxing district petitioning the County Board of Education for a special school tax of not to exceed thirty cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property, real and personal, has been filed with said Board and the said petition for an election having been approved by the County Board of Education of Columbus County.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Bug Hill Township Special Taxing District, on the 7th day of January, 1930, to ascertain the will of the people within said school taxing district as to whether there shall be levied in said district a special annual tax of not more than thirty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property, real and personal to supplement the public school funds which may be apportioned to said district by the Board of Education, the boundary lines of said district being as follows, to-wit:

All of Bug Hill Township South of Seven Creeks Swamp.

It is ordered that another registration of the qualified voters of Bug Hill Township Special Taxing District shall be had. The polling place in the said district shall be at L. C. Smith's store, Registration books will be open on the 7th day of December, 1929, and will close on the 28th of December, 1929. I. T. Long is hereby appointed Registrar for said election and J. C. Butler and W. C. Cox are hereby appointed poll holders for said election. The said Registrar shall attend the polling place on December 7th, 14th, 21st and December 28th, 1929, for the registration of voters. The registration books shall be open for registration of voters at all times between the 7th of December, 1929, and the 28th day of december, 1929, both inclusive. The 4th day of January, 1930, shall be challenge day and the said registrar and poll holders shall attend the polling place on said day for the purpose of receiving challenges. Said election shall be held on the 7th day of January, 1930.

At the election those who are in favor of a special tax of not to exceed thirty cents on the one hundred dollar valuation of property, real and personal, shall vote a ticket on which shall be printed or written words "For Local Tax" and those who oppose the same shall vote a ticket on which shall be written or printed the words, "Against Local Tax."

Ordered: That an inmate at the County Home named Mercer, who was

given the privilege of staying at the Home for a few days, be requested to leave said County Home by Monday, December 9, 1929.

Ordered: That Miss Laura Raspberry, care of T. M. Smith, Vineland, N. C., be allowed \$5.00 per month for four months, payment beginning as of the date of this order.

Ordered: That Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt be reimbursed in the amount of \$4.67 for clothing which she purchased for the W. W. Stephens' children. It is further ordered that Mrs. Barnhardt see that more clothing is purchased if and when same is needed.

Ordered: That clothing be procured by the County Welfare Officer for the children of Champ Ward, June Connor, and L. W. Graves.

C. E. Williamson of Cerro Gordo Township appeared before the Commissioners asking that he be refunded because of over-valuation on his property in said township for the years 1927-28. On account of an order previously passed, however, the Board took no steps to grant any refund on any taxes back of the year 1929.

On motion made by J. R. Blake and seconded by H. G. Avant, it was ordered that the 1929 valuation on the G. A. Norwood property situated in Chadbourn Township be reduced in the amount of \$1250.00. This reduction in valuation was ordered under the condition that all back taxes on said property be paid in full prior to the granting of said refund.

Ordered: That the case of Mrs. George L. Fowler, Tabor, N. C., be referred to Dr. Johnson for his investigation.

A petition signed by sixteen citizens was filed with the Board of Commissioners asking that the County construct a standard highway through their lands free of any cost and furthermore assume the liability of all damage that might occur in building said highway from Mollie to ~~Tabor~~ *Chadbourn*. The petition is on file, but no action was taken by the Board to comply with the request of the petition signers.

The matter of making a loan to W. J. Tate in the amount of \$300.00 was deferred by order of the Board.

The Commissioners ordered that a loan in the amount of \$420.37 be made to W. H. Bullard of Chadbourn, N. C., from the General County Fund, said loan to be evidenced by two notes, one of which is to mature on May 15, 1930, in the amount of \$210.19 and a second maturing September 15, 1930, in the amount of \$210.18. This loan is made under the condition that the money is to be used in payment of back taxes due by W. H. Bullard on his property.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund G. A. and Hopie Lee Hill

in Whiteville Township for the year 1929 on \$1000.00 valuation on account of error made in Tax Department by entering \$730 valuation as \$1730.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund G. R. Martin in Waccamaw Township for the year 1929 on \$495.00 valuation on account of error made by list-taker in charging \$5.00 valuation as \$500.00 for one wagon.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Jackson Brothers Company on their property listed under the name of Beaufort County Lumber Company in Whiteville Township for the year 1929 in the amount of \$50,000.00 valuation, refund being granted on account of burning of mill prior to listing time with no reduction allowed and with no notation on the abstract asking for reduction from 1928 valuation.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Chadbourn Hardware Company in Chadbourn Township for the year 1929 on \$10,000.00 valuation, refund being allowed on account of an error made by listing \$10,000.00 of debts under the "Solvent Credits" section on the tax abstract when the listing should have been placed under "Deductions from Solvent Credits."

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund W. B. Marlowe in Bug Hill Township for the year 1929 on \$500.00 valuation, refund being granted for the purpose of removing from his list a 52-acre tract valued at \$500.00 which he does not own and which is listed correctly under a 30-acre tract by M. L. Marlowe.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund E. L. Freeman in Bolton Township for the year 1929 on poll tax, the exemption being allowed on account of physical disabilities.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Tide Water Power Company in Ransom Township for the year 1929 on \$125.00 for the purpose of correcting an error made by the list-taker in charging one lot which was not owned by said company.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund W. M. Haynes in Tatum Township for the year 1929 on poll tax, reason for refund being that said W. M. Haynes lives in Fair Bluff Township but was charged with poll tax in both Fair Bluff and Tatum Townships. He is hereby refunded on poll tax charged against him in Tatum Township.

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>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
>Andrew Lennon	Tatum	1922	\$11.46	Listed regular by heirs, this on penalty list.
>Andrew Lennon	Tatum	1923	13.21	Listed regular by heirs, this on penalty list.
>Mrs. M. M. Buie	Waccamaw	1922	6.55	Listed by E. J. Cox

>W. S. Pemberton	Williams	1924	\$26.13	Timber interest - no land
>J. I. Hardee	Williams	1926	9.16	No deed - owns no one-acre.
>J. I. Hardee	Williams	1927	2.90	No deed - owns no one-acre.
>G. W. Hester & Co.	W. Creek	1927	12.93	Timber interest - no land.
>John Flowers	Bolton	1927	13.71	Listed by J. F. Wilson
>Rhader Arp	Lees	1924	5.20	Owens no 100-acres land
>Ripple Lumber Co.	Lees	1924	7.24	Timber interest - no land
>Henry Deboise	Lees	1925	11.07	Listed by L. J. Clewis
>L. C. Adams	Bug Hill	1922	15.70	Timber interest
>L. C. Adams	Bug Hill	1924	16.41	Timber Interest
>The Lake Co.	Waccamaw	1926	157.43	Error listing excess tax
>Wesley Bethea Est.	Chadbourn	1926	2.69	Listed twice

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

C. L. Sasser	Refund on Special School tax	\$8.55
D. G. Ward	Refund on Special School tax	3.05
W. L. Formyduval	Refund on Special School tax	5.63
A. S. Sasser	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Rosier Williams	Capturing one complete still	10.00
C. R. Nelson	Capturing one complete still	10.00
J. L. Burney	Capturing one complete still, operator	20.00
Mrs. Gladys G. Wooten	Work in Tax Department	79.50
A. F. Proctor	Drayage	5.50
E. L. Spivey	Vaccinating hogs two days @ 8.00	16.00
G. R. McNeill	Drugs and ledgers	17.15
J. A. Baldwin	Premium, fire insurance, Courthouse	366.00
Everett Waddey Co.	Voting Booths for Elections	708.00
Pridgen & McGougan	Repairs & Labor, Miss Cleveland's car	29.25
Julian D. Lewis	Com. on L. S. C. cancelled	83.21
H. G. Avant	two days on Board	7.00
D. F. McGougan	3 days on Board and mileage	16.20
J. R. Blake	2 days on Board and mileage	8.60
D. W. Merritt	2 days on Board and mileage	10.60
H. C. Hooks, Sr.	2 days on Board and mileage	8.00
George B. Craven	School Bond preparation	300.00
MacDaniel-Boice Ins.	Renewal Insurance Policies	366.00
Solon V. Stanley	Holding inquest over H. W. Ellis	10.00
A. G. Best	Juror, inquest of H. W. Ellis	4.40
Coy Formyduval	Juror, inquest of H. W. Ellis	4.40
M. E. Reaves	Juror, inquest of H. W. Ellis	2.30
L. H. Lawson	Juror, inquest of H. W. Ellis	2.90
P. H. Squires	Juror, inquest of H. W. Ellis	2.30
J. E. Stewart	Juror, inquest of H. W. Ellis	3.90
R. L. Freeman	Refund on penalized poll	2.55
Susan Best	Washing at County Home	2.00
D. Davis	Cutting wood for County Home	11.00
Edd Millican	Sawing Oak Wood for County Home	2.00
M. C. Page	Gathering corn at County Home	4.50
Edd Millican	Gathering corn at County Home	3.63
Virson Millican	Gathering corn at County Home	2.50
Kimbal Millican	Gathering corn at County Home	3.00
Demsey Powell	Gathering corn at County Home	2.00
Perl Graham	Ditching in Sewerage System at Co. Home	6.00
Cordia Rouse	Picking peas at County Home	.90
Jessie Millican	Picking peas at County Home	1.30
M. M. Formyduval	Refund on Special School tax	3.12
M. T. Long	Refund on Special School tax	.90
Susan Best	Washing at County Home	2.00
Ed. Millican	Gathering corn & cutting wood	2.25
Demsey Powell	Gathering corn & Potatoes at Co. Home	4.50
K. Millican	Gathering corn at County Home " "	1.25
James Best	Cutting wood at County Home " "	7.37
Frank Millican	Cutting wood & gathering corn " "	7.75
M. C. Page	Gathering corn & potatoes at Co. Home	2.75
Solon Powell	Digging potatoes at County Home	2.50
Lou Powell	Digging potatoes at County Home	2.00
Dwight McEwen	Court Stenographer reporting Court	111.34
David Smith, P. M.	Stamps for Farm Dem. Agent's office	10.00
Dwight McEwen	Reporting Court procedure	84.34
J. P. Gore	7 days officer of Court	21.00
Chadbourn Drainage Com.	Refund, two payments covering same land	22.86
J. R. Pool	Delivering voting booths	35.00

B. W. Hammond	Capturing one complete still	\$10.00
I. F. Green	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Nov. salary - Home Dem. Agt.(Nutri.Exp.)	67.50
Sarah J. Williams	Nov. salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
Leona C. Winesett	Nov. salary - Stenographer	50.00
J. P. Quinerly	Nov. salary - County Agent	150.00
G. C. Ratcliffe	Nov. salary - Auditor	200.00
Mae Stanley	Nov. salary - assisting Auditor	85.00
Artemisia Smith	Nov. salary - Supervisor, Tax Books	100.00
John W. Hall	Nov. salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	Nov. salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	Nov. salary - C. S. C., etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	Nov. salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	Nov. salary - Janitor & Court Officer	60.00
George E. Collier	Nov. salary - Reg. of Deeds	200.00
Rachel Cook	Nov. salary - assisting Reg. of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maultsby	Nov. salary - Judge, Recorder's Court	100.00
Julian D. Lewis	Nov. salary - County Attorney	75.00
Edward K. Proctor	Nov. salary - Pros. County Atty.	75.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	Nov. salary - (Monthly appropriation)	10.00
D. L. Gore	Nov. salary - Tax Collector	200.00
Jasper Bowen	Nov. salary - Keeper of County Home	100.00
Pross Millican	Nov. salary - Assistant, Co. Home Farm	30.00
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Nov. salary - Welfare Officer and Traveling Expense	100.00
A. S. Sasser	Capturing one still & Operator	20.00
G. R. Nelson	Capturing one still & Operator	20.00
Rosier Williams	Capturing one still complete	10.00
C. A. Farley	Conveying David Sherman to jail, etc.	22.30
B. W. Hammond	Capturing one still & operator	20.00
A. S. Sasser	Capturing one still complete	10.00
B. W. Hammond	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	Repairs, adding machine in C.S.C. office	.75
I. F. Green	Capturing one complete still	10.00
J. L. Memory	Postage for C. S. C.	
Mrs. Eudell C. Hayes	Assisting C. S. C.	31.00
Mitchell Printing Co.	Supplies for C. S. C.	3.27
Seeman Printery, Inc.	Blotters for C. S. C.	5.35
J. L. Burney	Changing Clerk's Desk in Court room	3.00
Solon V. Stanley	Holding inquest of Bill Easter	5.00
Dewey Hardie	Juror, inquest of Bill Easter & mileage	5.00
Ed. Schwartz	Juror, inquest of Bill Easter & Mileage	4.80
Ralph McNair	Juror, inquest of Bill Easter & Mileage	5.00
Ira Baldwin	Juror, inquest of Bill Easter & Mileage	4.80
M. W. Ray	Juror, inquest of Bill Easter & Mileage	5.00
C. T. Hargrove	Conveying Austin Davis to Jail	6.50
John W. Hall	Cash paid for envelopes and cards	35.95
I. R. Norris	Conveying Sam Bellamy from Tabor	4.85
O. B. Davis	Conveying Calvin Nelson to Jail	4.70
C. T. Hargrove	Conveying Lomie Wells to Jail	4.50
Mrs. Gladys Wooten	Work in Tax Department	49.50
J. B. Thompson	Capturing one complete still	10.00
J. L. Burney	Conveying Mrs. Ella Williams to Raleigh	22.00
Jos. C. Shepard	Janitorial supplies for Courthouse	17.00
R. B. McRoy and Co.	Groceries and supplies for County Home	43.75
Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co.	1 summons Docket for C. S. C.	31.39
Seeman Printery, Inc.	General supplies	356.02
J. L. Burney	Officer, Recorder's Court	6.00
Louisa Smith	Washing at Jail	1.00
James High, Jr.	Delivering mail to and from Courthouse	8.75
J. L. Burney	Support of Jail during November	198.60
Dept. Conservation & Development	County's part Forestry expenditures	24.58
A. W. Baldwin	Hauling 8 loads ashes	8.00
Commercial Printing Co.	Supplies for Reg. of Deeds	27.85
Frank Davis	Assisting Janitor during Court	4.00
News Reporter Co.	General Supplies	126.65
Chester Farley	Juror, inquest over Bill Easter	5.00
G. R. McNeill	Drugs	12.05
David Smith, P. M.	Envelopes for Auditor's office	44.12
Whiteville Tel. Const. Co.	Rent and Long distance calls	41.55
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Reimbursement to Welfare Officer for clothing for W. W. Stephens' Children	4.67
Town of Whiteville	Water for Courthouse	32.00
		<u>\$6,209.46</u>

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

C. W. Suggs	Lumber, Hallsboro & Old Dock road	\$49.92
Standard Oil Co., of N.J.	Gasland Oil	289.94
G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn & Tabor road	36.00
D. A. Todd	Labor on Chadbourn & Tabor road	30.00

James Daddwell	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	\$24.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	30.00
J. C. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	20.00
F. M. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	4.00
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	36.00
R. H. Suggs	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	9.75
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
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	30.00
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	25.00
M. C. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	20.00
R. E. White	Mowing Fireway and Whiteville road	5.00
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
A. H. Hammond	Labor at County Garage	40.25
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	42.00
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	31.50
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	17.50
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	29.25
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	27.50
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	22.00
Whiteville Township Road Fund	County pledge in construction of road	150.00
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	36.75
G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	33.00
D. A. Todd	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	30.00
James Lacewell	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	24.00
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	24.00
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	20.00
M. C. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	16.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	32.50
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	27.50
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	22.00
H. D. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	30.00
A. M. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	24.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	22.50
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	6.00
McRay Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	36.00
Sinclair Refining Co.	Gas and Oil	117.55
Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	Gas and Oil	276.26
Raleigh Tractor & Equipment Co.	Blades for Hallsboro and Old Dock road	13.20
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	682.43
G. C. Hinson	Lumber for Whiteville & Fireway road	28.08
W. J. Tate	Car hire and expense	17.45
Panther Oil & Grease Co.	Oil for County Garage	10.75
Thompson Hardware Co.	Nails for Old Dock and Hallsboro road	4.00
Whiteville Tel. Co.	Calls for County Garage	2.10
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Express and freight	57.14
		<u>\$2,971.32</u>

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

Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	Gas and Oil	\$205.12
Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	Gas and Oil	138.55
W. J. Tate	Car hire to Chain Gang	5.40
Edward Todd	130 lbs. beef @ 16¢	20.80
H. E. Stanley	Vegetables	80.63
Fred Strickland	30 days team foreman	40.00
Frank Britt	30 days guard duty	40.00
Otto Edwards	30 days guard duty	40.00
J. C. Swearingen	30 nights guard duty	40.00
H. C. Edwards	Superintendent's salary	125.00
Alton Edwards	21½ days operating Tractor @ 3.25	69.88
Will Applewhite	21½ days operating road machine @ 3.25	69.88
J. S. Gore	Vegetables	45.00
W. A. Inman	Lumber and syrup	20.40
J. M. McGougan	Delco parts	1.70
Berry Ward	21½ bu. corn @ 1.00	21.50
J. B. Long	5 bu. corn meal @ 1.00	5.00
Cox & Williams	23 bu. corn @ 1.00	23.00
G. K. Jacobs	Corn and supplies	47.80
Guiton's Drug Store	Drugs during October	3.50
Thompson Hardware Co.	1 doz. shovels	21.00
E. F. Craven Company	Supplies for Monarch Tractor	1.86
E. H. Hickman & Co.	Supplies	483.65
		<u>\$1,479.76</u>

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

Bank of Whiteville \$6,015.00

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

Total of Outdoor Poor vouchers for November \$330.50

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

Total of Insolvent Fees for November \$160.47

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

Total Jury Tickets for November \$738.90

There being no further business to be transacted by the Board of Commissioners at this time, adjournment was voted in order until the Board's regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 1930.

Approved:

G. C. Patchiffe
Clerk

D. J. McJannet
Chairman