

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' office at the Courthouse in regular monthly session on Monday, January 6, 1930. Members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman

J. R. Blake

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

H. G. Avant

D. W. Merritt

Clerk, G. C. Ratcliffe

The minutes of the meetings held by the Board during the month of December, 1929, were read and approved, after which the following orders were passed:

Mrs. M. S. Dunn appeared before the Board of Commissioners in regard to a refund which had been granted by an order of the Board on the first Monday in December, 1929, for 50% of the value of a mortgage held by her against N. Kramer. After the granting of the refund in December, but before same was submitted to the Tax Collector as part payment on Mrs. Dunn's taxes, it was learned that an error had been made in granting the refund to Mrs. Dunn in that the law regarding the releasing of a mortgage holder on one-half of the mortgage value applies only to cases in which the mortgage is made to cover houses constituting a home or buildings constituting the premises of a home. Since the property covered by Mrs. Dunn's mortgage is a place of business, the order granting the refund was rescinded. There is to be, therefore, no refund made to Mrs. Dunn on the property in question.

B. H. Brown of Bolton appeared before the Board in regard to the County's releasing two school vouchers, one of which was made payable to his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Brown, at the Bank of Whiteville in the amount of \$105.00, the other was payable to C. Cannon at the Bank of Whiteville in the amount of \$110.00. Mr. Brown's contention was that these vouchers had been intercepted in the mails between Bolton and Whiteville and that said vouchers had been cashed either through forgery or false pretense by a person or persons other than either Mrs. Brown or C. Cannon. In order that said H. B. Brown might take the vouchers for identification to the stores at which they were cashed, a motion was made by D. W. Merritt, seconded by J. R. Blake, motion being carried, that the County Auditor release said two vouchers to the said H. B. Brown and that he give the County a receipt for each of said vouchers.

Perry Floyd appeared before the Board on this date in regard to a road which needed to be reconstructed near his place. On account of said road being a township project, the County Commissioners referred the said Perry Floyd to the Tatum Township Board of Commissioners for relief in

rebuilding said road.

A delegation of citizens and land owners at Lake Waccamaw appeared before the Board in regard to getting the Chain Gang to construct a road bed along the ^{South} ~~East~~ shore of Lake Waccamaw. This delegation desired that the Chain Gang be sent to Lake Waccamaw not later than April or May. The Commissioners, however, did not make a definite promise as to whether the Chain Gang would be available by that time for the proposed project.

At the same time the delegation represented by Mr. K. B. Council submitted a resolution to the Board for adoption. The following is the reading of the resolution: "Ordered by the Board of County Commissioners in regular session this 6th day of January, 1930, that the State Highway Commission be requested to furnish engineering assistance on the State road project from Highway No. 20 to the shore of Waccamaw Lake, and on County project along the Lake shore and from Lake shore back to Highway No. 20 at Lake Waccamaw station."

The foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board. A copy of said resolution is to be filed with Hon. W. A. McGirt, State Highway Commissioner for the third District, and a copy with Hon. R. A. Doughton, Chairman of State Highway Commission.

Ordered: That a refund voucher in the amount of \$2.00 be issued to M. L. Marlowe on the General County Fund for poll tax charged against him in Bug Hill Township for the year 1928. Said M. L. Marlowe is refunded on account of being sixty-five years old.

Ordered: That the bill for one coffin in the amount of \$25.00 as presented by T. C. Applewhite in the burial of A. Lee Collum be paid.

The guards at the Chain Gang asked the County Commissioners for an increase in their salaries. The Commissioners discussed the matter but finally ordered no salary increase to be made at this time.

A delegation of citizens from Williams Township came before the Board in regard to keeping the Chain Gang in Williams Township three or four months longer during which time the Chain Gang would build a road beginning at or near the Stewart place on Highway 23 to the Chadbourn and Tabor road, a distance of approximately five miles. After hearing the proposal made by the delegation, it was ordered that the Board of Commissioners set a day, the day named being Friday, January 10, to go down to the Stewart place and there meet the people of Williams Township who were interested in the proposed project for the purpose of deciding as to the location of the road.

The foregoing motion as placed by H. G. Avant and seconded by J. R. Blake was carried by the following vote: For building the road--J. R. Blake, H. G.

Avant, D. F. McGougan. Against building the road--D. W. Merritt, J. C. Hooks, Sr.

J. Carr Williamson asked the Board of Commissioners for a reduction in the valuation of property in Tatum Township. The Commissioners took no action on the matter at this time, however, but asked Mr. Williamson to come before the Board on the 3rd Monday in June, at which time an adjustment would be considered.

It was ordered by the Board of Commissioners: That the offer of \$205,000.00 made to the State Highway Commission regarding the paving of Highway 23 from the Bladen County line near Clarkton via Whiteville and Tabor to the South Carolina line be withdrawn. The resolution relative to this offer as passed by the Board on November 5, 1929, is hereby rescinded. Hon. W. A. McGirt, 3rd District State Highway Commissioner, is to be notified of the action of this Board.

Ordered: That the following land sale certificates held by J. D. Lewis, County Attorney, for investigation be cancelled:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
>George McLelland	Chadbourn	1921	\$3.76	Listed twice
>Maggie May Green	Chadbourn	1923	8.38	No deed, never owned
>Maggie May Green	Chadbourn	1922	7.03	No deed, never owned
>W. C. George	Whiteville	1921	9.50	Listed by N. C. George
>W. C., George	Whiteville	1922	18.67	Listed by N. C. George
>Bruce Pierce	Bolton	1927	11.74	No deed, never owned
>Dr. J. M. Harper	Whiteville	1927	1.69	Sold to P. K. Avant
>Fred Best	Whiteville	1919	8.83	No deed
>L. E. Squires	Whiteville	1924	3.06	No deed
>L. E. Squires	Whiteville	1925	3.10	No deed
>L. E. Squires	Whiteville	1926	3.02	No deed
>L. E. Squires	Whiteville	1927	2.68	No deed
>Margaret Powell	Whiteville	1926	6.12	No deed, never owned
>Margaret Powell	Whiteville	1927	4.90	No deed, never owned
>L. C. Thompson	Whiteville	1927	6.27	No deed, never owned
>L. C. Thompson	Whiteville	1926	5.35	No deed, never owned
>H. G. Bangle	Whiteville	1926	5.33	Sold to J. L. Memory, Jr.
>H. G. Bangle	Whiteville	1927	4.66	Sold to J. L. Memory, Jr.
>Mary Gelespie	Waccamaw	1927	17.40	Listed by C. H. Gelespie
>Thos. W. Davis	Williams	1922	4.09	Sold to G. T. Ward
>Thos. W. Davis	Williams	1921	6.00	Sold to G. T. Ward
>Thos. W. Davis	Williams	1920	2.94	Sold to G. T. Ward
>Rex Squires	Bolton	1927	21.35	Foreclosed & deeded to Co.
>Bill Ellis	Chadbourn	1923	18.09	Owens no land
>Bill Ellis	Chadbourn	1924	25.99	Owens no land

>J. Ransom Long	Lees	1925	\$43.48	Owns no land
>Bruce Pierce	Ransom	1927	4.03	Owns no land
>James Tyson	Chadbourn	1924	4.73	Owns no land
>Ira Nobles	Chadbourn	1924	4.52	Owned & listed by C. E. Williamson
>Ira Nobles	Chadbourn	1925	8.01	Owned & listed by C. E. Williamson
>Ira Nobles	Chadbourn	1927	6.68	Owned & listed by C. E. Williamson
>Mrs. M. E. Reaves	B. Hill	1927	4.86	Listed by L. J. Long
>Mrs. C. A. Cribb	Williams	1925	29.83	Listed by Mrs. A. L. Cribb
>Mrs. C. A. Cribb	Williams	1926	29.12	Listed by Mrs. A. L. Cribb
>Mrs. C. A. Cribb	Williams	1927	29.47	Listed by Mrs. A. L. Cribb
>Edwin Cox	B. Hill	1927	3.42	Listed by G. E. Marlowe
>John Brown	Bolton	1927	8.45	Listed by John Brown on reg. list
>Will Brown	Waccamaw	1927	7.55	Listed & owned by Council Tool Co.
>S. Pete Yates	Chadbourn	1926	2.94	Listed by Bettie Wheeler
>S. Pete Yates Est.	Chadbourn	1927	3.98	Listed by Bettie Wheeler
>Fern Bullock	Chadbourn	1927	3.22	No land, not known
>Lizzie Blackwell	F. Bluff	1920	27.78	Owned no land
>W. H. James	Williams	1920	14.90	Listed by Mrs. A. D. Powell
>W. T. Ward	B. Hill	1926	10.30	Listed by G. W. Jacobs

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Marshall Nichols in Bogue Township for the year 1929 on poll tax, refund being granted on account of disability, also too old to pay poll tax.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Mrs. S. E. Nance in Whiteville Township on \$2,000.00 valuation for the year 1929, reason for refund being that the valuation of \$3,200.00 was erroneously read and recorded as \$5,200.00.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund W. E. Bigford in Ransom Township on \$2891.00 valuation for the year 1929, reason for refund being that he was erroneously charged on tax books with a 413-acre tract valued at \$2891.00 which he does not own, and about which nothing is known.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund American Railway Express Company in Whiteville Township 25¢ for listing fees for the year 1929, reason for refund being that said company was charged this fee because of late delivery to Tax Department by the list-taker of their returns to him. It later developed that said American Railway Express Company made returns on time but the list-taker for Whiteville Township failed to make a listing of same until his books had been delivered to the Tax Department.

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

D. F. McGougan	3 days on Board and mileage	\$16.20
J. R. Blake	3 days on Board and mileage	12.90
D. W. Merritt	3 days on Board and mileage	15.90
J. C. Hooks, Sr.	4 days on Board and mileage	17.60
H. G. Avant	3 days on Board	10.50
Julian D. Lewis	(Com. on L.S.C. cancelled \$31.18)	
	(Com. on L.S.C. collected 508.33)	539.51
W. H. Hickman	Premium on Clerk's Bond	50.00
Tide Water Power Company	Lights during December	40.04
Thompson Memorial Hospital	Bill in full for E. L. Miller's child	100.00
Susan Best	Washing & Scrubbing at Co. Home	2.50
James Best	Work at County Home	8.88
Willard Bowen	Hauling corn at County Home	1.00
H. G. Walters	Expense at County Home	1.75
Western Union Telg. Co.	Telegrams during December	.98
Mrs. H. L. Lyon	For Veterans' Xmas. boxes	75.00
David Smith, P. M.	Stamped envelopes for Tax Col.	86.73
W. H. Bullard	Loan re back tax	420.37
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Salary & Nutrition expense	67.50
Sarah J. Williams	Dec. salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
Leona C. Winesett	Dec. salary - Stenographer	50.00
J. P. Quinerly	Dec. salary - County Agent	150.00
G. C. Ratcliffe	Dec. salary - Auditor	200.00
Mae Stanley	Dec. salary - assisting Auditor	85.00
Artemisia Smith	Dec. salary - Supervisor, Tax Books	100.00
John W. Hall	Dec. salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	Dec. salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	Dec. salary - C. S. C., etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	Dec. salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	Dec. salary - Janitor and officer of Recorder's Court	60.00
Geo. E. Collier	Dec. salary - Reg. of Deeds	200.00
Rachel Cook	Dec. salary - assisting R. of D.	100.00
E. A. Maultsby	Dec. salary - Judge of R. Court	100.00
Julian D. Lewis	Dec. salary - County Attorney	75.00
Edward K. Proctor	Dec. salary - Pros. County Atty.	75.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	Dec. appropriation	10.00
D. L. Gore	Dec. salary - Tax Collector	200.00
Jasper Bowen	Dec. salary - Keeper of Co. Home	100.00
Pross Millican	Dec. salary - Asst. Co. Home Farm	30.00
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Dec. salary & traveling expense	100.00
Susan Best	Washing clothes at Co. Home	3.00
Cordia Rouse	Cleaning house at Co. Home	3.00

Jim Best	Cutting wood at County Home	\$4.63
Demsie Powell	Cutting wood at County Home	4.00
D. Davis	Cutting wood at County Home	12.00
Mrs. Eudelle C. Hayes	Assisting C. S. C. 16 days	32.00
David Smith, P. M.	License for Miss Cleveland's car	1.00
Susan Best	Washing and scrubbing at Co. Home	3.00
Willas Heart	Dressing hogs at County Home	1.25
D. Davis	Cutting wood at County Home	12.00
Oscar High	Supplies for County Home	3.20
Ed. Inman	Conveying Willie Cobbs to Jail	8.60
G. R. McNeill	Drugs	13.15
Burroughs Adding Machine Company	Maintenance contract & supplies	23.50
Mitchell Printing Co.	Supplies for Reg. of Deeds	7.78
James High, Jr.	24 days carrying mail	8.40
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight on tablets	3.60
Seeman Printery, Inc.	Legal pads	25.00
C. A. Farley	Conveying Edger Weeks to Jail	3.00
J. L. Burney	$\frac{1}{2}$ cost in case Donnie Faison	.80
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight on voting booths	49.92
David Smith, P. M.	Box rent to March 31, 1930	1.00
Jos. C. Shepard	Janitor's supplies	28.40
Columbus County News	Ads. for Tax Collector	4.00
M. Bowen	Salt Fish for County Home	6.00
Solon V. Stanley	Viewing body of Thad Smith	5.00
Town of Whiteville	Water for Courthouse	28.25
Dept. Conservation and Development	County's half Forestry expenditures	70.10
Mrs. Eudelle C. Hayes	Assisting C. S. C. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	11.00
J. L. Memory	Postage for C. S. C.	7.04
J. L. Burney	Conveying Donnie Faison to Jail	2.90
Solon V. Stanley	Holding inquest over Eugene Waddell	5.00
J. A. Hooks	Juror, inquest of Eugene Waddell	4.60
W. D. Meares	Juror, inquest of Eugene Waddell	2.60
C. B. Martin	Juror, inquest of Eugene Waddell	2.10
Mack Nance	Juror, inquest of Eugene Waddell	2.10
Luther Smith	Juror, inquest of Eugene Waddell	2.60
J. B. Williams	Juror, inquest of Eugene Waddell	2.10
Haskett Floyd	Witness, inquest of Eugene Waddell	.60
Dr. G. D. Elliott	Witness, inquest of Eugene Waddell	.60
A. T. Massey Coal Co.	49.95 tons coal	84.92
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights during December	38.14
Memory Company	Supplies	16.61
J. M. Hinson	Conveying H. D. Corney to Lumberton	9.20
C. A. Farley	(Conveying Pope Floyd & Seals Hill to Lumberton for identification by H. Smith	4.50
Bud Hood	Conveying Walter Walker to Hospital	5.90
B. W. Hammond	Capturing one complete still	20.00
John H. Shaw's Sons	Funeral expenses of Walter Walker	25.00
Max High	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Bud Stephens	Capturing one complete still	10.00
I. F. Green	Capturing one complete still	10.00
G. R. Hunt	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Bud Stephens	Capturing one complete still	10.00
P. H. Squires	Conveying Harvey Jacobs to jail	5.00
Isaac R. Norris	Conveying Kaffer Vereen to jail	2.85
Bud Stephens	Conveying Thurman Parker to jail	4.25
J. L. Burney	Support, Columbus County Jail	194.10
Louisa Smith	Washing at Jail	1.00
Leonard Heath	Hauling one carload of coal	50.00
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight for Courthouse and Jail	166.52
Guiton's Drug Store	Drugs for County Home	.35
Thompson Hardware Co.	Supplies for County Home	6.00
News Reporter Company	Supplies	58.50
Whiteville Tel. Co.	Telephone rent and long Distance calls	39.00
R. B. McRoy & Co.	Groceries and clothing for Co. Home	59.26
George E. Collier	Premium on Bond of Reg. of Deeds	15.00
George E. Collier	Postage, etc.	4.60
Mabel Collier	8 days assisting Reg. of Deeds	16.00
A. W. Baldwin	Hauling 3 loads ashes	3.00
Cintha Canady	Burial expense of E. V. Canady,	30.00
Julian D. Lewis	Com. on L. S. C. collected	250.57
		<u>\$5,321.45</u>

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

Tide Water Power Company	Lights during December	\$4.75
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor & Piroway road	20.00
J. C. Fowler	Labor on Tabor & Piroway road	20.00
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor & Piroway road	36.00
F. M. Fowler	Labor on Tabor & Piroway road	12.00
H. D. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	27.50

A. M. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	\$22.00
McRay Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	33.00
G. C. White	Labor on Tabor and Chadbourn road	36.00
D. A. Todd	Labor on Tabor and Chadbourn road	30.00
James Lacewell	Labor on Tabor and Chadbourn road	24.00
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
A. H. Hammond	Labor at County Garage	38.50
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	38.50
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	26.25
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	26.25
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
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	29.25
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	25.00
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	22.00
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
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
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
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	32.50
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	27.50
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	22.00
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	39.55
Automobile Supply Co.	Supplies for County Garage	453.02
E. L. Taylor & Co.	Supplies for County Garage	311.52
David Smith, P. M.	Licenses for County Trucks	7.00
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	52.50
A. H. Hammond	Labor at County Garage	35.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	33.25
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	31.50
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	17.50
H. D. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	22.50
A. M. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	18.00
McRay Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	24.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor, and Fireway road	20.00
J. C. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	12.00
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	30.00
G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	30.00
D. A. Todd	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	25.00
James Lacewell	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	20.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	26.98
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	23.25
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	17.60
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	21.00
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	17.50
M. C. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	14.00
Britts Hardware	One saw for Chadbourn and Tabor road	4.15
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	89.62
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for Co. Garage	8.01
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight & Express for Co. Garage	3.85
Automotive Equipt. Co.	Cylinder head for Tabor & F. Bluff road	56.00
Sinclair Refining Co.	Gas and Oil	44.85
Thompson Hardware Co.	Supplies	6.00
Schulken Brothers	Supplies for County Garage	5.94
Whiteville Tel. Co.	Long Distance calls for Co. Garage	1.40
Columbus Motor Company	2 tanks oxygen for County Garage	11.65
		<u>\$2,841.85</u>

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

David Smith, P. M.	Licenses for Chain Gang Trucks	\$3.00
G. R. McNeill	Drugs	3.50
E. F. Craven Company	Supplies - Truck parts and repairs	75.88
J. B. Pittman	Freight	4.11
Handy Hardware House	Machine Bolts	.99
J. B. Long	5 bu. corn meal	5.00
W. H. Phipps	4 bu. potatoes	2.00
F. M. Stanley	200 collard heads	10.00
Sam Stanley	Corn and Potatoes	33.00
D. J. Norris	Beef for Chain Gang	10.72
J. M. Long	Meat and peas	7.10
J. C. Stanley	2000 lbs. Hay	20.00

According to an order of adjournment on Monday, January 6, 1930, the Honorable Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' office at 10:00 a. m. Tuesday, January 7, 1930, all members of the Board being present. This was the date for drawing two juries; the following orders, therefore, were passed:

Ordered: That the Sheriff summon the following good and lawful men to serve as jurors during the Criminal term of Superior Court beginning January 27, 1930. Forty-eight men are to be summoned for this Criminal term extending through one week:

<u>Township</u>	<u>Name</u>
Bogue	R. E. Barefoot J. B. Wyche W. T. Pope Baldwin Brown
Bolton	G. M. Long G. T. Myer M. E. Reaves
Bug Hill	H. B. Jenrette G. C. Cox H. G. Marlowe
Chadbourn-	J. T. Koonce H. D. White Richard Bass
Cerro Gordo	Nathan Strickland B. V. Martin A. L. Griffin
Fair Bluff	A. J. Hinson G. W. Edwards C. E. Waddell
Lees	A. R. Coleman Fred L. Gore S. W. Jolly C. H. Ward
Ransom	J. L. Lennon S. E. Flynn A. A. Hilbourn W. H. Croom
Tatum	Monroe Hester Arthur Nance J. Q. Coleman
Waccamaw	Rufus Newell J. J. Carroll W. R. Reaves
Welches Creek	Bradley Batten T. G. Sessions Dan Byrd
Western Prong	D. L. Jordan J. D. Elkins W. D. Wooten, Jr.
Whiteville	W. H. McGirt D. S. Hayes Teed George
Williams	J. M. Soles G. J. Prince J. J. Norris
South Williams	J. L. Ward E. G. Baldwin J. F. Butler

Dr. Williams	8 bu. corn	\$8.00
Ed. Ward	15½ bu. corn @ 1.00	15.50
H. C. Edwards	December salary - Superintendent	125.00
J. B. Long	31 nights guard duty	40.00
Frank Britt	31 days guard duty	40.00
Fred Strickland	31 days team foreman	40.00
Otto Edwards	Guard duty & operating tractor	45.87
Alton Edwards	Operating tractor	73.13
Will Applewhite	Operating road machine	52.00
J. S. Gore	Collards	3.00
Lewis Motor Company	1 motor complete	125.00
Puritan Chemical Co.	Bug Killer	90.00
F. H. Ross & Co.	Clothing, etc.	430.90
M. B. McLamb	4 days Blacksmith work	10.00
Guiton's Drug Store	Drugs	7.20
E. H. Hickman & Co.	Groceries, clothing, etc.	640.20
G. C. Hinson	54 pieces piling	27.00
Columbus Motor Co.	Truck parts and repairs	4.77
		<u>\$1,952.87</u>

Ordered: That the following County Sinking voucher be allowed and paid for the month of December, 1929:

Bank of Whiteville	\$19,748.04
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Ordered: That the following Outdoor Poor vouchers be allowed and paid for the month of December, 1929:

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

Total Insolvent Fees for December	\$73.78
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All business transactions for this meeting not having been completed, the County Commissioners adjourned at six o'clock p. m. until Tuesday morning, January 7, at ten o'clock.

G. C. Ratcliffe
Clerk

Approved:

D. F. McGowan
Chairman

Ordered: That the Sheriff summon the following good and lawful men to serve as jurors during the Civil term of Superior Court beginning February 17, 1930. Twenty-four men are to be summoned for the first week and twenty-four men for the second week:

<u>Township</u>	<u>First Week</u>	<u>Second Week</u>
Bogue	Coy Pierce	A. R. Wayne
Bolton	G. A. Thoroughgood	E. H. Mills
Bug Hill	W. B. Stocks A. A. Long	Dewey C. Cox L. C. Best
Chadbourn	A. M. Howell Luther Hammonds	F. M. Nobles George A. Thompson
Cerro Gordo	J. A. Floyd	E. C. Richardson
Fair Bluff	B. C. Powell	J. B. Waddell
Lees	H. V. Clark D. W. Ward	Arren Ward B. C. Clewis
Ransom	Archie Love H. W. Koester	A. E. Mills John W. Beckwith
Tatum	Willie Shaw J. D. Williamson	W. M. Bullard J. A. Coleman
Waccamaw	Henry Hood	J. C. Nye
Welches Creek	J. A. Baldwin	L. N. Baldwin
Western Prong	John H. Wooten	C. D. Brown
Whiteville	A. B. Walker John M. Ward W. T. Sledge	H. H. Britt J. E. Gilmore L. P. Waters
Williams	M. C. Todd J. J. Stanley	H. C. Hunt A. P. Norris
South Williams	C. H. Fowler F. G. Kelly	J. G. Manning W. A. Fipps

C. C. Russ, County Superintendent, came before the Board in regard to a proposed \$60,000.00 bond issue for the erection of two school buildings in Columbus County during this fiscal year. After hearing Mr. Russ, the County Commissioners ordered that application be filed immediately with the State Sinking Fund Commission for the purpose of obtaining authority to issue bonds in the amount of \$60,000.00

The financial condition of the General School fund was brought to the attention of the Commissioners, whereupon the Board passed the following resolution:

Be it ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that two notes be executed in the aggregate amount of \$50,000.00 to be in

denominations of \$25,000.00 each, dated January 16, 1930, maturing ninety and one hundred and twenty days after date, and bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum payable at maturity, both principal and interest payable to BEARER at North Carolina Bank & Trust Company of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, in anticipation of 1929 taxes; that said notes 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 notes at maturity.

Mr. Martin, district representative of the Sinclair Refining Company, submitted a special bulk-purchase contract for oils and greases which the said Sinclair Refining Company was desirous of making with the County. The contract stipulated a reduced price per pound or gallon for all grease and oil products purchased under said contract. The contract was signed by D. F. McGougan, Chairman, in evidence of the acceptance by the Board of the terms embodied therein and a copy of same is on file in the Commissioners' office.

There being no further business to be transacted at this time the Board voted that adjournment was in order until 3:00 p. m. on Friday, January 10, 1930.

Approved:

G. O. Ratchiffe
Clerk

D. F. McGougan
Chairman

According to adjournment on Tuesday, January 7, 1930, the Board of Commissioners met a delegation of citizens of Williams Township at the Stewart place on Friday, January 10, 1930, at 3:00 p. m. All members of the Board were present for the meeting.

The purpose of going to the Stewart place was to meet a delegation of citizens there regarding the location of a proposed road beginning at or near the Stewart place and leading to the Chadbourn and Tabor road near Hughes' Mill. A request was made of the County Commissioners to allow the Chain Gang to remain in Williams Township for approximately four months longer in order that the aforesaid road might be constructed. The matter as to the location of the road was left entirely to the judgment of the Board of Commissioners. After discussing the proposition at length the Board of Commissioners ordered that said proposed road be built, at the same time it being distinctly understood that the Chain Gang shall not remain on said project later than June 1, 1930. If the proposed road has not been completed by that date the Chain Gang is to be moved to other parts of the County and Williams Township Road Board is to complete the building of the project. It was then proposed that the road be built via Dock Hinson's place to a point at or near Hughes' mill, from which place Williams Township Road Board is to complete the project to the Chadbourn and Tabor highway. The Board also ordered at this time that H. C. Edwards, Superintendent of Chain Gang, survey the right-of-way for the proposed road in order to see which would be the shortest and most practical course to follow.

After leaving the Stewart place, the Board returned to the Commissioners' office for the purpose of hearing Dr. J. C. and Hon. J. R. Williamson relative to effecting a settlement on back taxes now due the County on this property. Dr. Williamson asked the Board to place a flat valuation of \$5.00 per acre on the lands known as the Carolina Strawberry Farms Company containing approximately 9212 acres having yearly valuation of \$62,371.00 in 1924-25-26, the valuation in 1927 being reduced to \$46,060.00. The members of the Board held, however, that they had no authority to adjust a matter of this nature relative to the payment of back taxes. It was, therefore, ordered that the County Attorney consult the Attorney General for an opinion as to the power of the Board of Commissioners in adjusting at this time the valuation of back years for which taxes were due.

The Board of Commissioners discussed at this meeting the matter of transferring part of the County funds from the Bank of Whiteville to the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company. After the subject had been discussed fully, D. W. Merritt made a motion, which was seconded by H. G. Avant, to transfer from the Bank of Whiteville to the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company the account which carries the road funds of the fifteen townships. A vote on the foregoing motion was carried according to the following vote: For the transfer--D. W.

Merritt, H. G. Avant, J. R. Blake, Against the transfer--D. F. McGougan,
Not voting: J. C. Hooks, Sr.

After the vote was taken and the motion was carried it was further ordered that the transfer be made as of February 15, 1930, and that the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company be required to submit to the Board for acceptance, securities in the form of United States, Liberty, or North Carolina State Bonds in the amount of \$10,000.00 which the County shall hold as a depository bond of said Bank.

Ordered: That W. J. Tate be paid \$50.00 for rent of his lathe used at the County Garage during the year 1929.

The Board having no further business to transact at this time, adjournment was voted in order until Thursday, January 16, 1930.

G. C. Ratcliffe
Clerk

Approved:

D. F. McGougan
Chairman

According to adjournment, the Board of Commissioners met at the Stewart place on Thursday, January 16, 1930, at 1:30 p. m. all members being present, for the purpose of deciding which route should be followed in the construction of the proposed project leading from State Highway 23 via Dock Hinson's place and Hughes' Mill to the Chadbourn and Tabor Highway.

H. C. Edwards had made three surveys for right-of-way, these being submitted to the Board of Commissioners. One of the surveys called for a course beginning at the Stewart place on Highway 23 and ending at the Peacock road about 75 yards west of Dave Hughes' place. The second survey began approximately