

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in regular monthly session on Monday, March 3, 1930. The members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

D. W. Merritt

H. G. Avant

Absent: J. R. Blake

G. C. Ratcliffe, Clerk

The routine of reading and having the minutes approved was completed after which the following orders were passed by the Board:

Ordered: That the 1929 tax receipt of Annie E. Meyers of Ransom Township be divided as follows: One tax receipt made in the name of Guy Cardwell, Jr., covering eight acres valued at \$300.00; a second tax receipt made in the name of Annie E. Meyers covering 7.6 acres valued at \$400.00 and personal property valued at \$1085.00, making a total tax valuation of \$1485.00 for the Annie E. Meyers tax receipt. It is further ordered that the said Annie E. Meyers shall pay the 1928 tax certificate as it now stands, there being no division to be made of said certificate.

Ordered: That the R. C. Lawrence, Trustee, tax certificates for the years 1925-26-27-28, in which Rexford Squires is interested, these listings being in Bolton Township, be reduced to a flat valuation of settlement at the tax rate for the various years the tax remains unpaid. This reduction in the amount of the certificate is granted in order to allow credit for a tract of land of approximately one hundred acres which was listed in Bolton Township against R. C. Lawrence, Trustee, which was also listed in Ransom Township. In order that we may have a record of the tracts of land which should be listed for 1929 and years thereafter the following list is made a part of this order: 50 acres, Freeman; 20 acres, no description; $31\frac{1}{2}$ acres, Graham; 80 acres, Freeman. ^{of 1390}

It was ordered by the Board of Commissioners after hearing J. L. Prince, Chairman of Township Board, that South Williams Township be allowed to borrow \$700.00 from the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, the note to be dated March 10, 90 days at 6%. It is understood that said note is ordered in anticipation of revenue from 1929 taxes.

At a previous meeting of the Board, date of meeting being February 3, 1930, an order was passed in regard to the location of the road leading from Highway 23 to the Vann Hinson place in Williams Township. That order named the location as beginning at Grover Hinson's place and following the old road bed as much as possible to the Vann Hinson place. That order is

rescinded by a subsequent order passed on the date of this meeting changing the location of the road in that it is now ordered that the road shall be built from B. P. Harrelson's place on Highway 23 to Vann Hinson's place, thence to the Peacock road about 75 yards west of the Dave Hughes house.

Ordered: That the monthly allowance of J. P. Allen, of Whiteville, be increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00, the increased amount to be included in the check of this date.

Ordered: That D. F. Malpass of Ransom Township be refunded by voucher for 1928 tax and be refunded on 1929 tax, said refunds being allowed on a 60-acre tract valued at \$500.00 on account of said tract being also listed by J. C. Heyer:

In order that the County Farm Demonstrator will experience as little delay as possible in obtaining the necessary hog cholera Serum and Virus from the State Veterinarian, it is hereby ordered that the County shall guarantee the payment for all supplies of this nature used by the Farm Demonstrator.

An order was passed by the Board requiring the Whiteville Telephone and Construction Company to have each person having a County telephone in his charge to approve every long distance call placed over that telephone. This is done with the idea of having some means of collecting in the future for long distance calls for which the County has had to pay in the past.

Walter H. Powell, local Attorney, and George E. Collier, Register of Deeds, came before the Board in the interest of getting the County Commissioners to place a flat amount of fee to be charged by the Register of Deeds in recording all agricultural liens handled by the Agricultural Association recently organized in the County. The Commissioners ordered that the Register of Deeds shall record all such liens at a flat rate of 50¢ per paper.

Ordered: That the widow of Zander Lewis be given one bushel of corn, ten pounds of meat, and one bushel of potatoes from the County Home for present relief.

Ordered: That Murphy Smith of Dulah, N. C., be admitted to the County Home.

Ordered: That Annie Mae Bell of _____ be admitted to the County Home.

The following resolution was introduced and after its reading said resolution was unanimously adopted regarding a \$60,000.00 bond issue for the erection of two new school buildings in Columbus County:

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

WHEREAS, the school buildings in Bug Hill and New Hope Districts heretofore used for the purpose of conducting a six months term of public school as required by the Constitution of North Carolina are now considered inadequate for said purpose, a seven-room building being necessary ^{for the needs} in Bug Hill District and a ten-room building being necessary for the needs in New Hope District, and all of the said schools being located in said County and being a part of the State system of public schools, and

WHEREAS, this Board has found and determined as necessary in order to maintain the Constitutionally required six months term of public schools in said County to erect the buildings as above described in Bug Hill District and New Hope District in said County, at a cost as follows: Bug Hill District \$25,000.00; New Hope District \$35,000.00, and

WHEREAS, no funds are at hand with which to pay for same, it is, therefore, found and determined and it is hereby found and determined and declared to be necessary that bonds of said County be issued and sold in the amount of \$60,000.00 for said purpose, in this respect the County being an administrative unit of the State.

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

Section 1. That bonds be issued in said County in the aggregate amount of \$60,000.00 for the purpose of erection of school houses in Bug Hill and New Hope Districts in said County, the said bonds to be dated, and to mature, and to be of such denominations, payable at such place or places, and to bear such rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum payable semi-annually, as the Board of Commissioners may hereafter determine.

Section 2. That G. C. Ratcliffe, County Auditor and Clerk of this Board, is hereby declared to be the proper person to prepare and file in the office of the Clerk a statement of debt of the County as required by section 13 of said Act, and that the said G. C. Ratcliffe is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the State Sinking Fund Commission at Raleigh asking for approval of the issuance of said bonds, and that the following "Order" authorizing said bonds be published in the News-Reporter, a newspaper published in the Town of Whiteville in said County as required by said Act in its issue of March 27, 1930:

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$60,000.00 BONDS OF COLUMBUS

COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTION OF SCHOOL HOUSES IN SAID COUNTY.

Be It Ordered by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina:

(1) Pursuant to the County Finance Act of North Carolina, c.81, P. L. 1927, bonds of said County are hereby authorized to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$60,000.00 for the purposes hereinafter described.

(2) The proceeds of said bonds shall be applied solely to the erection of schoolhouses in said County, the same to be divided among the schools and in the proportion as follows: New Hope \$35,000; Bug Hill \$25,000, said buildings being necessary for the establishment and maintenance of a six months term of public schools in said County required by the Constitution of North Carolina, the said schools being a part of the State system of public schools, in this respect the County being an administrative unit of the State.

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

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

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

The foregoing order has been introduced and a sworn statement has been filed under the County Finance Act, showing the assessed valuation of the County to be \$21,431,009.00, and the net debt for school purposes, including the proposed bonds, to be \$505,566.77. A tax will be levied for the payment of the proposed bonds and interest, if the same shall be issued. Any citizen or taxpayer may protest against the issuance of such bonds at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to be held at 10 o'clock a. m., April 7, 1930, or an adjournment thereof.

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

Counsel for Royster Fertilizer Company, the First National Bank in Florence, and the Bank of Columbus appeared again before the Board of Commissioners in regard to a settlement of the Williamson tax matter. It was the contention of the above named firms that this property was

excessively, unreasonably, and erroneously high-valued. It was their intention to prove to the Board that an error had been made in placing valuation on said property, and undertook to show to some extent which items in the listing of which errors had been made. On account of the ruling made by the Attorney General in which the opinion was given that the Board of Commissioners had no authority to make any change in the valuation, the Commissioners refused to entertain a motion which would adjust the valuation on said property in any way. It was then agreed upon by the County Board and the Counsel for the firms referred to above that the matter should be carried to Court for adjustment and settlement, the agreement being that the County is to receive an amount not less than \$12,000.00 in payment of the total tax with interest inclusive.

This being the date, as prescribed by law, on which the list-takers for the various townships shall be named for the year 1930, the Board of Commissioners made the following appointments:

<u>Township</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Bogue	J. E. Thompson	Hallsboro, N. C.
Bolton	J. D. Strauss	Bolton, N. C.
Bug Hill	G. C. Cox	Guide, N. C.
Chadbourn	J. A. Baldwin	Chadbourn, N. C.
Cerro Gordo	I. L. Green	Cerro Gordo, N. C.
Fair Bluff	A. E. Waller	Fair Bluff, N. C.
Lees	Louis F. Ward	Whiteville, N. C.
Ransom	J. L. Lennon	Freeman, N. C.
Tatum	Jetter H. Williamson	Evergreen, N. C.
Waccamaw	W. J. Newbold	Lake Waccamaw, N. C.
Welches Creek	H. S. High	Whiteville, N. C.
Western Prong	R. V. Owen	Clarkton, N. C.
Whiteville,	A. S. Richardson	Whiteville, N. C.
Williams	W. B. Ward	Clarendon, N. C.
South Williams	W. H. Shelly	Tabor, N. C.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Nathan Butler in Fair Bluff Township for the year 1929 on poll tax on account of his living in South Carolina. He owns no property in Columbus County, this charge being due to an error made by the list-taker in charging same.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund G. W. Stevens in Lees Township for the year 1929 on special school tax only, basis of refund being on \$2100.00 valuation at 10¢ on the \$100.00, amounting to \$2.10. Said G. W. Stevens lives in Lees No. 2 but was charged in No. 1, the district in which he lives not being a special taxing district.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Cleveland Mercer in Chadbourn Township for the year 1929 on \$385.00 valuation and \$2.00 for poll tax, amount of refund being \$8.32. This refund is granted on account of his listing personal property in both Chadbourn and Williams Township when he pays tax rightfully in Williams Township.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund L. T. Lloyd of Ransom Township for the year 1929 on poll tax, reason for refund being that he is too old to pay poll tax (57 years old).

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Walter Russ in Bogue Township for the year 1929 on poll tax; this refund is granted in lieu of the fact that he is disabled, one leg being amputated, and has since 1925 been exempted from paying poll tax.

Ordered: That the following General County bills be allowed and paid for the month of February, 1930:

J. L. Burney	Superior Court Officer	\$18.00
Frank Davis	Assisting Janitor	2.50
F. B. Foster	Unstopping sewer line at Jail	9.25
Oscar High	Supplies for Jail	2.00
J. D. Lewis	Com. on L. S. C. cancelled	44.98
D. W. Merritt	3 days on Board & mileage	26.50
D. F. McGougan	5 days on Board & mileage	27.00
H. G. Avant	5 days on Board & mileage	17.50
J. R. Blake	6 days on Board & mileage	25.75
J. C. Hooks, Sr.	6 days on Board & mileage	24.60
J. A. Baldwin	$\frac{1}{2}$ hospital of Mrs. Charles Poulas	16.00
David Smith, P. M.	Envelopes for C. S. C.	44.84
Solon V. Stanley	Reviewing body of Machona Mitchell	5.00
Susan Best	Washing at County Home	2.50
Mary Best	Scrubbing at County Home	1.00
Mack Page	Work on County Home Farm	7.50
Edd Millican	Shrubbing at County Home	1.88
D. Davis	Cutting wood at County Home	6.00
J. A. Ford	Hauling wood to County Home	2.00
Willard Bowen	Disking at County Home	1.00
David Smith, P. M.	Envelopes for Register of Deeds	23.84
Dwight McEwen	Court Stenographer	111.34
Casey Baldwin	Hauling ashes from Courthouse	4.00
David Smith, P. M.	Stamps for County Agent	10.00
Western Union Telg. Co.	Telegram for Auditor's Office	.43
Susan Best	Washing at County Home	2.00
Mary Best	Scrubbing at County Home	1.00
Mack Page	Plowing at County Home	9.63
Willard Bowen	Work on County Home Farm	99.63
D. Davis	Cutting wood at County Home	6.00
Edd Millican	Work at County Home	3.38
Dwight McEwen	Reporting Court, week of 2/24/30	90.34
J. D. Lewis	Com. on L. S. C. collected	69.84
J. P. Gore	Court Officer	28.20
Seeman Printery, Inc.	Pencils for C. S. C.	3.15
R. B. McRoy & Co.	Supplies for County Home	37.00
Leder Brothers	Clothing for Outside Poor	1.50
Schulken Brothers	Supplies	10.75
Handy Hardware House	Paint for Welfare Office	2.70
J. P. Gore	Court Officer	18.00
V. B. White	Grand Jury Officer	18.00
J. P. Long	Conveying Jack Pierce to Jail	4.85
J. T. McKenzie & Co.	Burial case for Annie Sewell	18.00
Seeman Printery, Inc.	Schedule "B" License	14.15
International Chemical Co.	Janitor Corn Brooms	12.00
C. W. Yates Company	Supplies for Auditor's Office	7.65
J. M. Hinson	Conveying Sall Davis to Jail	3.05
E. V. Watts	Conveying Alonzo Bosman to Jail	5.75
P. H. Squires	Conveying Geo. Wilson to Jail	4.70
I. S. Faulk	$\frac{1}{2}$ cost in case Wesley Allen	1.45
I. S. Faulk	$\frac{1}{2}$ cost in case George Wilson	1.27
Solon V. Stanley	Reviewing body of Cary T. Todd	50.00
Oscar High	Supplies for Farm at Co. Home	32.85

Dept. Conservation & Development	County's part Forestry Exp.	\$58.10
C. A. Farley	Conveying Sam Barber to Whiteville	27.00
C. A. Farley	Conveying prisoners to Raleigh	22.00
Alex Best	Car hire in pursuit of Floyd and Millican in shooting H. B. Smith	2.00
Souther Stamp & Stationery Company	Supplies	12.02
I. R. Norris	Burial Exp. for G. F. Mercer	12.00
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Feb. salary & Nutri. exp.	67.50
Sarah J. Williams	Feb. salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
Leona C. Winesett	Feb. salary - Stenographer	50.00
J. P. Quinerly	Feb. salary - County Agent	150.00
G. C. Ratcliffe	Feb. salary - Auditor	200.00
Mae Stanley	Feb. salary - assisting Auditor	100.00
Artemisia Smith	Feb. salary - Supervisor, Tax Books	100.00
John W. Hall	Feb. salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	Feb. salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	Feb. salary - C. S. C., etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	Feb. salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	Feb. salary - Janitor, etc.	60.00
George E. Collier	Feb. salary - Reg. of Deeds	200.00
Rachel Cook	Feb. salary - assisting R. of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maulsby	Feb. salary - Judge, R. Court	100.00
Julian D. Lewis	Feb. salary - County Attorney	75.00
Edward K. Proctor	Feb. salary - Pros. County Atty.	75.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	February Appropriation	10.00
D. L. Gore	Feb. salary - Tax Collector	200.00
Jasper Bowen	Feb. salary - Keeper of Co. Home	100.00
Pross Millican	Feb. salary - Asst. Co. Home Farm	30.00
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Feb. salary & traveling exp.	100.00
Commercial Printing Co.	Supplies for C. S. C.	84.81
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights during February	51.08
George E. Collier	Supplies for Reg. of Deeds (Paid)	6.40
Miss Pauline Toon	13 days assisting Reg. of Deeds	26.00
J. L. Burney	Officer of Recorder's Court	6.00
J. L. Burney	Support of Jail	243.70
J. L. Burney	Washing for Jail by Louisa Smith	11.00
W. J. Tate	Trip after stolen chickens	14.10
Southern Sanitary Co.	Paper towels for Courthouse	7.25
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight for Courthouse	2.77
Mrs. Eudell C. Hayes	Assisting C. S. C. 13½ days	27.00
J. L. Memory	Postage for C. S. C.	5.94
Mitchell Printing Co.	Forms and Post for Reg. of Deeds	5.62
Frank Davis	assisting Janitor during Court	4.50
Mrs. Ruth Wooten Smith	Meals for 13 Jurors @ 75¢	9.75
J. D. Lewis	Com. on L. S. C. cancelled	5.04
		<u>\$3,880.83</u>

Ordered: That the following General Road bills be allowed and paid for the month of February, 1930:

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	42.00
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	42.00
Pearl Graham	Labor at County Garage	2.00
G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	33.00
D. A. Todd	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	27.50
James Lacewell	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	22.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Pireway road	25.00
JabM. Sellers	Labor on Tabor and Pireway road	22.00
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Pireway road	33.00
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	27.00
R. V. White	Labor on Pireway and Whiteville road	27.00
P. D. White	Labor on Pireway and Whiteville road	22.50
R. E. White	Labor on Pireway and Whiteville road	18.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock & Hallsboro road	32.50
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock & Hallsboro road	22.00
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock & Hallsboro road	27.50
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
A. H. Hammond	Labor at County Garage	42.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	41.65
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	40.25
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	42.00
Howard Wallace	Labor at County Garage	8.75
Pearl Graham	Labor at County Garage	4.00
Henry Todd	Labor at County Garage	5.00

B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock & Hallsboro road	\$35.75
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock & Hallsboro road	27.50
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock & Hallsboro road	22.00
Bradley Batton	Labor on Old Dock & Hallsboro road	16.00
Luther Batton	Labor on Old Dock & Hallsboro road	16.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Pireway road	30.00
J. M. Sellers	Labor on Tabor and Pireway road	24.00
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Pireway road	36.00
H. D. Stephens	Labor on Tabor & Fair Bluff road	30.00
A. M. Stephens	Labor on Tabor & Fair Bluff road	24.00
McRay Fowler	Labor on Tabor & 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 Pireway & Whiteville road	33.00
P. D. White	Labor on Pireway & Whiteville road	27.50
R. E. White	Labor on Pireway & Whiteville road	22.00
Automobile Supply Co.	Supplies for County Garage	63.19
Smith & McKenzie	Supplies for County Garage	42.19
Hyman Supply Company	Supplies for County Garage	27.91
E. L. Taylor and Company	Supplies for County Garage	10.70
Schulken Brothers	Supplies for County Garage	6.60
E. F. Craven Company	Blades for Tabor and Pireway road	24.10
Standard Oil Co. of N.J.	Gas and Oil	216.35
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for County Garage	8.01
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight & Express for Co. Garage	2.17
W. J. Tate	Care Hire to Tabor & Pireway road	1.65
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	34.98
Automobile Supply Co.	Supplies for County Garage	6.25
		<u>\$1,767.00</u>

Ordered: That the following Chain Gang bills be allowed and paid for the month of February, 1930:

Hyman Supply Company	Supplies for Chain Gang	\$62.75
F. H. Ross & Company	Caps for convicts	20.00
Lewis Motor Company	Pulling truct out of ditch	7.50
A. J. Ellis	Chain Hame Strings	9.00
S. M. Duncan	Potatoes for Chain Gang	10.00
Bud Nealy	10 bu. corn meal	10.00
Austin-Western Road Machinery Co.	Steel Plow for Chain Gang	50.50
E. F. Craven Company	Parts for Monarch Tractor	1.17
Dr. H. L. Williamson	Dental work for Convicts	3.00
Joshie McPherson	6 pigs @ 5.00 for Chain Gang	30.00
Standard Oil Co. of N.J.	Gas for Chain Gang	92.22
Alton Edwards	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ days operating tractor	73.12
Will Applewhite	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ days operating road machine	73.12
Fred Strickland	28 days guard duty	40.00
Frank Britt	28 days team foreman	40.50
Otto Edwards	Guard duty, etc.	43.25
J. B. Long	28 nights guard duty	40.00
M. B. McLamb	5 days guard duty	7.15
H. C. Edwards	February salary- Superintendent	125.00
Bud Nealy	5 bushels of corn	5.00
Seymour Ward	Putting down pump	20.70
J. B. Pitman	Freight for Chain Gang	.76
		<u>\$764.74</u>

Ordered: That the following Outdoor Poor vouchers be allowed and paid for the month of February, 1930:

Total Outdoor Poor Vouchers	\$350.50
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Ordered: That the following Insolvent Fees be allowed and paid for the month of February, 1930:

Total Insolvent Fees	\$214.88
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Ordered: That the following Jury Tickets be allowd and paid for the month of February, 1930:

Total Jury Tickets	\$715.10
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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>
>Mrs. Ada P. Williamson	Chadbourn	\$9.12	1923	Listed regular and paid, this on Sup. list.
>Robert E. Lee	Lees	5.42	1924	Listed by Mrs. C. D. Watts
>Elva Hammond	Tatum	10.74	1925	Listed by R. J. Ellis
>J. M. Westbrook	Waccamaw	2.27	1924	Listed by Ella Carroll
>John R. Quince	Ransom	2.72	1924	Listed by Minnie Brady
>John R. Quince	Ransom	1.39	1925	Listed by Minnie Brady
>D. F. Ellis	C. Gordo	18.71	1927	Listed by Minnie Brady

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, adjournment of this meeting was voted in order until Wednesday, March 26, 1930, at 10 a. m.

Approved:

L. C. Ratcliffe
Clerk

W. J. Mayingan
Chairman