

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners held the regular monthly session in the Commissioners' office at the Courthouse on Monday, May 5, 1930. Members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

J. R. Blake

D. W. Merritt

H. G. Avant

G. C. Ratcliffe, Clerk

The minutes of all the meetings held during the month of April were read and approved, after which the Board transacted the following business:

Ordered: That Sallie Blackwell, of Chadbourn, be given \$5.00 per month, first check to be issued as of this date.

Ordered: That J. E. Williams of Ransom Township be given credit for \$9.28 on 1928 taxes because of his paying James Williams' tax by mistake in Ransom Township when he desired to pay his tax; it is further ordered that James Williams' taxes for 1928 be advertised along with the Tax Collector's 1929 tax sale.

Ordered: That Fair Bluff Township be allowed to change from a 12¢ tax rate and free labor to an all-tax system, on account of the filing of a petition signed by a majority of citizens and taxpayers in said township asking for permission to levy a higher rate for necessary road work.

Mrs. W. R. DeVane made a request before the Board of County Commissioners that she be allowed a leave of absence from her work in the Tax Department, whereupon the County Commissioners passed the following order:

That Mrs. W. R. DeVane be allowed a leave of absence for thirty days without pay.

That Mrs. P. K. Avant be placed in charge of the tax work during Mrs. DeVane's absence at the same salary received by Mrs. DeVane.

That Mrs. M. S. Barksdale be employed to work in the Tax Department during the time Mrs. DeVane is away from her work.

The foregoing order was carried by a motion made before the Board by D. W. Merritt and seconded by J. C. Hooks, Sr., Those voting for adoption of the order were--J. R. Blake, J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. W. Merritt, D. F. McGougan. Voting no, none; not voting, H. G. Avant.

Ordered: That the valuation on the stock of merchandise and store fixtures listed by S. P. Stanley in Whiteville Township be reduced from \$4,000.00 to \$3,000.00, this reduction being allowed on account of over-valuation.

Ordered: That the road from Jones' Cross-roads to H. K. Gore's place via Cypress Swamp in Bug Hill Township (about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in distance) be added to the mileage of the road project now maintained by R. V. White's road force.

Ordered: That a road leading from the Stewart place to the Chadbourn and Tabor road in Williams Township be added to the mileage of the road project now being maintained by G. C. White's road force.

A delegation of so-called "Indians" made a complaint before the County Commissioners on account of the list-taker in Waccamaw Township refusing to allow them to list as Indians for the year 1930. On account of the fact that those persons making complaint have never produced records which would substantiate their contention that they are really Indians, the Board of County Commissioners ordered that they be allowed to list this year, as was the case in 1928 and 1929, as "colored under protest". By listing in this manner, it does not necessarily class them as Negroes and would also give them the privilege of producing records to substantiate their racial lineage, after which a satisfactory plan of listing could be agreed upon.

Ordered: That Johnson Pierce, of Whiteville, be given \$6.60 as present relief.

Several persons living in Welches Creek No. 4 (Burney School District) asked the Board of County Commissioners to refund them on special school tax charged against them in Bogue No. 1 School District without ever having been allowed the privilege of voting the rate for said district on themselves. As was the case in Lees Township, the County Commissioners ordered that all persons who hereafter present certificates signed by the School Committee from Bogue No. 1 School District stating that those persons do not reside or own land in said district, shall be refunded the amount of special school tax charged against them, Welches Creek No. 4 District not being a special taxing district.

Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt made her report to the Board of County Commissioners on the date of this meeting, whereupon an order affecting the following persons was passed:

That W. G. Holmes, of Bolton, N. C., who has been receiving \$5.00 per month, be dropped from the Outdoor Poor list.

That A. J. Merritt, of Cerro Gordo, N. C., who received \$3.00 per month, be dropped from said list.

That the allowance of \$2.00 made to Wash Butler, of Whiteville, N. C., be discontinued.

That the name of Mrs. Amanda Ward of Clarendon be dropped from said list, the amount she received being \$4.00 per month.

It was further ordered that Hicks Pate and family be placed back on the Outdoor Poor list to receive \$15.00 per month, first check to be issued as of the date of this order; each monthly check is to be given to Mrs. Barnhardt in order that she may supervise the expenditures of the money for the welfare of the family.

Ordered: That the bills presented to the Board by Mrs. Barnhardt be paid, a record of said bills and their amounts being made below:

R. B. McRoy and Company, clothing for Poor	\$3.90
C. C. Moore - 1 load of wood for Poor	1.50
Collins Department Store - Exchange 1 pair shoes	1.00

Ordered: That Mrs. Mollie Evans, of Chadbourn, R. F. D., be admitted to the County Home.

A petition requesting the submission to the voters in the matter of a bond issue of \$60,000.00 for the purpose of erection of school-houses at Bug Hill and New Hope, which petition was tendered on April 26, 1930, was presented to the Board by the Clerk with a certificate showing his findings; the Board deemed the petition to be sufficient to order a referendum in accordance with the provisions in the County Finance Act.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Quinn-Brown Furniture Company on \$7,376.00 in Whiteville Township for the year 1929, reason for refund being that Corporation receipt No. 11 is hereby cancelled and another Corporation receipt bearing the No. 179 has been drawn at the direction of the State Board of Assessment which certified to us a change in the above named corporation's original listing.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Henry B. Schumaker in Bolton Township for the year 1929 on \$7,200.00 valuation and 25¢ for listing fees, this order being to cancel receipt No. 548 and to set up receipts No. 622 in the name of Thomas Gallivan carrying a valuation of \$3,900.00 and No. 623 in the name of Henry Schumaker carrying a valuation of \$3,300.00.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund W. B. McKinney in Waccamaw Township for the year 1929 on \$450.00 valuation, reason for refund being to cancel receipt No. 129 on account of double listing, the lot covered by this listing being included in the valuation of receipt No. 130.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Harvey Baldwin in Bug Hill Township for the year 1929 on \$1,008.00 valuation. This refund is allowed on account of error in listing. Valuation should be \$100.00. Receipt No. 434 is hereby cancelled and receipt No. 558 has been drawn.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Mrs. Annie Meyers in Ransom Township for the year 1929 on \$4,485.00 valuation and \$2.00 dog tax. This order is to cancel receipt No. 296 and to set up receipt No. 845 in the name of Guy Cardwell, carrying a valuation of \$3,000.00, and receipt No. 846 in the name of Annie E. Meyers carrying a valuation of \$1,485.00.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Mrs. George W. Brown in Tatum Township for the year 1929 on \$16,625.00 valuation, this refund being to cancel receipt No. 862 and set up receipt No. 928 in the name of Mrs. George W. Brown, Agt., carrying a valuation of \$11,875.00 and receipt No. 929 in the name of Mrs. George W. Brown, carrying a valuation of \$4,750.00

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund L. C. Bonkemeyer in Chadbourn Township for the year 1929 on \$485.00 valuation, this refund is allowed on account of error in listing, Personal Property exemption not deducted properly on abstract.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund F. D. Martin in Whiteville Township for the year 1929 on \$4,250.00, reason for refund being that an error of \$4,000.00 in listing Solvent Credits, which were listed at \$10,000.00 but should have been \$6,000.00, was made by the list-taker; an error was also made in valuing automobiles at \$500.00 when they were given in at \$250.00.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund O. H. Moffitt in Whiteville Township for the year 1929 on \$100.00 valuation, this refund being allowed on account of over-valuation on his automobile. At the time of listing his car was believed to be a 1928 model, whereas it is really a 1927 model Chevrolet.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund J. W. Jordan in Williams Township for the year 1929 on \$1,875.00 valuation, this refund being allowed in order to cancel receipt No. 902 which covers the listing of a 70-acre tract of Garrell land carried on the penalty list in the name of J. W. Jordan. This property is listed and the taxes paid under name of D. H. Jordan.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Frank Smith of Lees Township for the year 1929 on one penalized poll tax. This refund is ordered to cancel receipt No. 740 on account of said Frank Smith being too old to pay poll tax, he being 53 years old, and the tax on his land having already been paid under the name of Mrs. Mary M. Smith.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund N. B. Stephens in Chadbourn Township for the year 1929 on \$400.00 valuation. This refund is ordered on account of two lots being listed through error against N. B. Stephens, taxes on same being paid under the name of J. S. Crawford.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Mrs. Fannie Best in Bug Hill Township for the year 1929 on \$750.00 valuation on account of double listing. A 32-acre tract of Best land was listed, 12 acres against C. Floyd Faulk and 20 acres against J. W. Williamson. This order, therefore, is to cancel Bug Hill Township receipt No. 518.

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

David Smith, P. M.	Envelopes for Sheriff	\$21.96
Columbus County News	Tax Listing Notice	20.00
R. C. Applewhite	Advance cost in Tax Complaints	30.00
C. F. Burns	Refund on 1928 tax	13.25
W. B. Rabon	On Burial expense of Minnie Lawson	20.00
G. R. McNeill	Drugs	3.75
D. F. McGougan	2 days on Board and mileage	10.80
J. R. Blake	3 days on Board and mileage	12.10
J. C. Hooks, Sr.	3 days on Board and mileage	12.10
H. G. Avant	2 days on Board	7.00
D. W. Merritt	2 days on Board and mileage	10.60
Susan Best	32 hrs. work at County Home	3.20
Mack Page	Work at County Home	7.50
Willard Bowen	Plowing at County Home	8.63
John McClellon	Putting up fence at County Home	3.00
P. H. Squires	To cost arrest of Edgar Weeks	29.55
Baker Sanatorium	Donation on H. B. Smith's bill	500.00
Ed. E. Spivey	Unloading car of coal for County	46.05
Susan Best	Washing & scrubbing at Co. Home	3.50
Willard Bowen	Plowing at County Home	10.63
D. Davis	Cutting wood at County Home	6.00
Mr. Hayes	Rent of Wagon used at County Home	2.00
J. L. Lewis, Mayor	Conviction & sentence of Dozier Watts	5.60
Dwight McEwen	Court Stenographer April Term (4/28/30)	87.34
V. B. White	Grand Jury Officer	9.00
John P. Gore	3 days Court Officer	9.00
News Reporter Company	General Supplies	53.50
Commercial Printing Co.	Record of Deeds for Reg. of Deeds	34.50
Columbus Telephone Co.	Rent & Long Distance calls	39.25
R. B. McRoy & Company	Supplies for County Home	55.24
Ed. Inman	Capturing one complete still	20.00
E. L. Watts	Conveying James Lambert to Jail	5.15
I. R. Norris	Conveying Dan Strowd to Jail	4.70
C. A. Farley	Conveying Amanda Gause to State Hospital	20.00
J. L. Burney	Conveying Dortch Nobles to Whiteville	50.00
I. R. Norris	Conveying Hammer Bellamy to Jail	4.70
C. A. Farley	Expense to Richmond for Dortch Nobles	9.10
J. M. Hinson	Capturing one complete still	10.00
I. F. Green	Capturing one complete still	10.00
C. A. Farley	Capturing one complete still	10.00
J. M. Hinson	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Mitchell Printing Co.	Supplies for Reg. of Deeds	121.10
Dept. Conservation & Development	County's part Forestry Expenditures	137.26
Seeman Printery, Inc.	Scroll Sheets for Tax Department	125.00
A. T. Massey Coal Co.	46.05 tons coal for County	69.08
J. T. McKenzie & Co.	Burial case for Fannie Ellis	18.00
Town of Whiteville	Water for Courthouse	37.00
Ed. Schwartz	2 days Court Officer @ 3.00	6.00
Mrs. Eudelle C. Hayes	Assisting C. S. C. during April	12.00
J. L. Memory, C. S. C.	Postage during April	1.56
J. L. Burney	Court Officer	21.00
J. D. Burney	Washing for Jail	2.00
H. S. High	List-taker for Welches Creek Twp.	58.25
J. L. Burney	Support of Columbus County Jail for Apr.	350.40
Mrs. Ruth Wooten Smith	Meals for Jurors	19.50
Emiline Cleveland	April salary & Nutrition Expense	67.50
Leona C. Winesett	April salary - Stenographer	50.00
Sarah J. Williams	April salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
J. P. Quinerly	April salary - County Agent	150.00
G. C. Ratcliffe	April salary - Auditor	200.00
Mae Stanley	April salary - assisting Auditor	100.00
Mrs. W. R. DeVane	April salary - Supervisor, Tax Books	100.00
John W. Hall	April salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	April salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. D. Memory	April salary - C. S. C., etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	April salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	April salary - Janitor & Court Officer	60.00
Geo. E. Collier	April salary - Register of Deeds	200.00
Rachel Cook	April salary - assisting Reg. of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maultsby	April salary - Judge, Recorder's Court	100.00
Julian D. Lewis	April salary - County Attorney	75.00

Edward K. Proctor	April salary - Pros. County Atty.	\$75.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	April Appropriation	10.00
D. L. Gore	April salary - Tax Collector	200.00
Jasper Bowen	April salary - Keeper of County Home	100.00
Pross Millican	April salary - Asst. Co. Home Farm	30.00
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	April salary & traveling expense	100.00
Varser, Lawrence, Proctor and McIntyre	Taking death bed statement of H.B. Smith	25.00
Memory Company	Supplies for Jail	5.90
New Columbus Hotel	Lodging for 13 Jurors @ 1.25	16.25
		<u>\$4,684.22</u>

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

G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn & 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
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	36.00
J. M. Sellers	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	30.00
Sam West	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	24.00
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
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	35.75
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	27.50
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	21.00
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	31.50
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	26.25
R. E. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	21.00
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	40.25
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	40.25
Automobile Supply Co.	Supplies for County Garage	49.21
Hyman Supply Company	Garden Hose coupled for County Garage	6.25
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for County Garage	4.28
Raleigh Road Machinery Co.	Blades for Hallsboro & Old Dock road	35.20
Columbus Tel. Company	Long Distance calls for Co. Garage	2.25
Dr. L. Baggett	Timber for Tabor & Fireway road	24.84
G. C. Hinson	Lumber	212.79
Standard Oil Company	Gas and Oil	169.02
Newport Metal Culvert Co.	Payment for culverts used on Co. roads	243.70
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
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	33.00
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	27.50
R. E. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	22.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	35.75
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	22.50
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	21.00
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
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	36.00
Jl M. Sellers	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	30.00
Sam West	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	24.00
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
		<u>\$2,048.54</u>

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

E. F. Craven Company	Supplies for 10-Ton Monarch Tractor	\$232.00
Thomason-Ripple Lumber Co.	Lumber for Chain Gang	12.16
H. L. Williamson	Dental work for F. C. Spivey (Convict)	3.00
Alton Edwards	22 days operating Tractor	71.50
B. P. Harrelson	Gas and kerosene for Chain Gang	3.11
H. C. Edwards	April salary- Superintendent	125.00
Otto Edwards	Operating Tractor & guard duty	53.87
J. B. Long	Guard duty	40.00
Fred Strickland	Guard duty	33.54
Frank Britt	Team Foreman	40.00

Will Applewhite	Operating Road Machine	\$73.13
J. C. Stanley	Repair to tobacco barn moved by Ch. Gang	25.00
Wilson Edwards	5 bu. corn meal	5.00
Bud Nealy	5 bu. corn meal	5.00
J. W. Ward	947 lbs. hay @ .90	8.52
Edgar Nobles	380 lbs. fodder @ 1.50	5.70
Whiteville Motor Company	Supplies for Chain Gang	17.90
Standard Oil Company	Gas and Oil for Chain Gang	251.99
E. H. Hickman & Company	Greceries and supplies	292.50
		<u>\$1,298.92</u>

Ordered: That the following Bond Interest & Sinking Fund voucher be allowed and paid for the month of April, 1930:

Bank of Whiteville	\$10,335.28
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Ordered: That the following Insolvent Fees be allowed and paid for the month of April, 1930:

Total Insolvent Fees for April	\$119.67
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Ordered: That the following Jury Tickets be allowed and paid for the month of April; 1930:

Total Jury Tickets for April	\$507.90
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Ordered: That the following Outdoor Poor vouchers be allowed and paid during the month of April, 1930:

Total Outdoor Poor for April	\$303.00
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There being no further business to be brought to the attention of the County Commissioners at this meeting, adjournment was voted in order until Monday, June 2, 1930, at which time the Board of Commissioners will hold the regular monthly Commissioners' meeting.

Approved:

G. C. Ratcliffe
Clerk

S. F. W. W. W. W. W.
Chairman