

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their office on Monday, December 1, 1930, in regular session, this meeting being the last of the Board of Commissioners composed of D. F. McGougan, Chairman, J. R. Blake, J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. W. Merritt and H. G. Avant, all of whom were present.

R. B. Spencer, Clerk

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Motion of D. W. Merritt, seconded by J. R. Blake that lot listed as filling station in Waccamaw Township listed in the name of P. G. Sutton for the year 1928 at a valuation of \$2500.00 be cancelled for the reason that said lot was listed by G. T. Sutton.

Motion by H. G. Avant, seconded by J. R. Blake that Angelo Norris be relieved of poll tax for 1930 on account of being feeble minded as per certificate of Dr. Floyd Johnson.

Motion by H. G. Avant, seconded by J. R. Blake that the County donate to the Old Confederate Veteran Soldiers Christmas box \$100.00 if so much be needed, the unexpended balance to be returned to the County. This donation is to be turned over to Mrs. A. W. Baldwin, Treasurer.

Ordered: That John A. Smith be refunded Special School Tax in Bogue No. 1 for 1929 and 1930 on the grounds that he is not in a Special School District.

Ordered: That S. L. Creech be refunded \$1.88, \$6.70 and \$6.58 Special School Taxes shown on receipts No. 63 for 1929 and 66 for 1930 for the reason that he does not live in a Special School District.

Motion by J. R. Blake, seconded by D. W. Merritt, that Mr. R. V. White be instructed to repair road leading from church on highway to Railroad at Bug Hill Crossing.

The following applications for poor were referred to Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt, Welfare Officer:

Ida Brigman near Cherry Grove.

Bessie Coleman near Cherry Grove.

Mrs. Kin Stevens near Bug Hill

Moved by J. R. Blake, seconded by H. G. Avant that tax of Armour and Company, 60 acres of land in Cerro Gordo Township for the year 1930 be listed at 20 acres and the remaining 40 acres be listed to C. R. Beville reason of this is on account of suit in October term of Court, it appearing

that 40 acres has been listed twice.

Moved by J. R. Blake, seconded by D. W. Merritt, that the Tax Collector refund to J. L. Yates Estate tax on \$600.00 valuation for the year 1929 and tax on \$1000.00 valuation for the year 1930 for the reason that timber was sold during the year 1928 for \$1000.00.

Motion by J. R. Blakk, seconded by D. W. Merritt that the following resolution be passed in response to telegram addressed to Mr. D. F. McGougan, Chairman, which reads as follows:

Georgetown, S. C.

Mr. D. F. McGougan, Chairman

Please approve my October voucher today if possible before old Board retires. Needing same badly. Address me McClellansville, S. C.

Regards

Ratcliffe.

Ordered that the voucher should be held until final determination of the shortage in Mr. Ratcliffe's account and if bond does not cover the alleged shortage the voucher should be retained by the County. This order was carried by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Motion by H. G. Avant, seconded by D. W. Merritt to draw refund for J. G. Cox in South Williams Township tax on \$310.00 valuation for the year 1930 on account of this property being located in South Carolina, also relieve him from paying \$2.00 poll tax for the year 1930.

A petition for financial assistance for W. H. Stocks, Dulah, N. C., dated November 20, 1930, was referred to Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Barnhardt.

A petition for assistance for Hospital bill for J. B. Stanley was referred to Dr. Johnson.

The annual report of J. L. Memory, Clerk of Superior Court was received, accepted and ordered filed.

At this time the old Board retired and the following members were duly installed, the oath being administered by J. L. Memory, Clerk of Superior Court:

D. W. Merritt

J. R. Blake

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

R. C. Benton

C. D. Garrell

The oaths of the incoming Board were ordered recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court.

The first duty of the new Board was to name some member as Chairman, nominations were in order. Mr. J. C. Hooks, Sr. was unanimously selected as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

The oath of office was administered to J. L. Memory, Clerk of Superior Court by J. C. Hooks, Sr., Chairman Board of Commissioners, and said oath ordered to be recorded.

The bonds of various officers were examined and those that the Board accepted and ordered recorded and filed in the office of the Clerk of Court were:

John H. Pigott, Constable of Lees Township
 W. E. Long, Constable of Bug Hill Township
 A. J. Britt, Jr., Constable of Tatum Township

The bond of George E. Collier, Register of Deeds, was accepted and ordered recorded and filed, those voting for the acceptance were: J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. W. Merritt, J. R. Blake, C. D. Garrell, R. C. Benton.

The bond of Rachel S. Cook, assistant to the Register of Deeds, was accepted and ordered recorded and filed, those voting for the acceptance were: J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. W. Merritt, J. R. Blake, C. D. Garrell, R. C. Benton.

The bond of John W. Hall, Sheriff, was accepted and ordered recorded and filed, those voting for the acceptance were: J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. W. Merritt, J. R. Blake, C. D. Garrell, R. C. Benton.

The bond of J. L. Memory, Clerk of Superior Court, was accepted and ordered recorded and filed, those voting for the acceptance were: J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. W. Merritt, J. R. Blake, C. D. Garrell, R. C. Benton.

The bond of R. B. Spencer, Auditor and County Accountant, was accepted and ordered recorded and filed, those voting for the acceptance were: J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. W. Merritt, J. R. Blake, C. D. Garrell, R. C. Benton.

Ordered: That R. B. Spencer be continued in office as Auditor and County Accountant and Clerk to the Board until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Motion by J. R. Blake, seconded by C. D. Garrell, that R. B. Spencer, Auditor, be authorized to cancel listing to Lucy Lennon Estate, in Tatum

Township and make valuation according to division of Lucy Lennon Estate made by Commissioners Ex-Parte on November 11, 1929 and listed as follows:

Lots No. 1 and 2	Alice L. Armstrong	value \$123.00
Lot No. 3	Ellen McKenzie	value \$39.00
Lot No. 4	Preston Lennon	value \$44.00
Lot No. 5	Minnie Williams	value <u>\$44.00</u>
Total-----		\$250.00

The oath of office was administered to John W. Hall, Sheriff of Columbus County, by J. C. Hooks, Sr., Chairman of the Board and said oath ordered recorded and filed in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court.

Motion by C. D. Garreal, seconded by D. W. Merritt that Johnson Pierce be given \$5.00 as Present Relief.

Mrs. Barnhardt, Welfare Officer, appeared before the Board in behalf of William Whitehead. Moved by D. W. Merritt, seconded by J. R. Blake that Mrs. Barnhardt purchase ticket from Whiteville, N. C., to Sycamore, Georgia, to get William Whitehead home and then request Georgia authorities to reimburse Columbus County for same.

Motion by D. W. Merritt, seconded by J. R. Blake, that Tom Freeman be admitted to the County Home upon recommendation of Mrs. Barnhardt.

Motion by D. W. Merritt, seconded by C. D. Garrell, that \$15.00 be appropriated to buy clothes for Dollie, Jack and Lucas Connor, Mrs. Barnhardt to purchase the clothing.

Motion by J. R. Blake, seconded by D. W. Merritt, to appropriate \$5.00 to buy clothes for Archie Stevens.

Motion by D. W. Merritt, seconded by J. R. Blake to appropriate \$3.00 for Mrs. Barnhardt to buy clothes for Ola Barefoot.

Motion by C. D. Garrell, seconded by D. W. Merritt, to give Ida Brigman \$10000 and request Mrs. Barnhardt to make further investigation.

The oath of office was administered to George E. Collier as Register of Deeds, by J. C. Hooks, Sr., Chairman of Board, said oath ordered recorded and filed in the Clerk of Court's Office.

Motion by J. R. Blake, seconded by D. W. Merritt, that Mr. Wulian Lewis, County Attorney be continued in office until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Motion by J. R. Blake, seconded by D. W. Merritt, that Mr. Edward K. Proctor, Solicitor for Recorder's Court be continued in office until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Motion by J. R. Blake, seconded by R. C. Benton, that Ed. Schwartz be continued as Janitor and Officer of Recorder's Court at the same pay.

Ordered: That the following General County bills be allowed and paid as of this date:

T. M. McKenzie Furniture Co.	Burial Case for Chas. McCoy	\$18.00
I. F. Green	Capturing one complete still	10.00
C. A. Farley	Curtis Moore to State Hospital	23.00
J. A. Gore	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Mrs. Eudell C. Hayes	Assisting C. S. C. 21½ days	43.00
J. L. Memory	Postage for C. S. C.	4.60
J. L. Burney	Officer R. Court & washing	7.00
One Price Store	Clothing for Jail	5.79
J. L. Burney	Support of Jail	297.00
News Reporter Company	Supplies	75.25
Columbus County News	Court Calendars and cards	8.00
Julian D. Lewis	Com. on L. S. C. collected	226.90
McNeill's Drug Store	Drugs	18.00
Tide Water Power Company	Lights	44.98
R. B. McRoy and Company	Prov. & supplies for Co. Home	13.45

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

J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight and Express for Co. Garage	\$12.52
Hyman Supply Company	Supplies for County Garage	\$9.00
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for County Garage	4.28
Sinclair Refining Co.	Gas & Oil	116.75
Standard Oil Company	Gas	173.14
Columbus Motor Company	Supplies for County Garage	17.48

Ordered: That the following Chain Gang bills be allowed and paid as of this date:

J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight for Chain Gang	\$8.88
E. H. Hickman & Company	Groceries and supplies	326.99
McNeill's Drug Store	Drugs for Chain Gang	11.60
Standard Oil Company	Gas and Oil for Chain Gang	222.14

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, adjournment was voted in order until Friday, December 5, 1930.

R. B. Spencer

Clerk

Approved:

J. B. Hooker

Chairman