

Whereas, on several occasions said bank has aided the county in financial matters as well as having aided in an advisory capacity; and,

Whereas, it has been requested by said bank that during this period of depression that only 3% interest be paid the county rather than  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that North Carolina Bank & Trust Co. be instructed to pay temporarily 3% on said deposit rather than  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ , and that this arrangement continue in force at least until notes of Columbus County held by said bank are retired; and that said new interest rate is to commence as of April 1, 1931.

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The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office May 4, 1931, it being first Monday. Members of the Board present were:

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

J. R. Blake

D. W. Merritt

C. D. Garrell

R. C. Benton

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

Minutes of last meeting being read and approved the following business was transacted:

Ordered: That Polly Morgan c/o Luther Hammond be allowed \$3.00 present relief and \$3.00 per month.

Ordered: That William B. Fipps be allowed \$3.00 present relief and \$3.00 per month.

Ordered: That Rock Smith be allowed not to pay poll tax for 1931 on account of disability.

Ordered: That the following be allowed present relief by request of Mrs. Barnhardt:

Pency Clark \$5.00

Chas. Henry Long \$5.00

Ordered: That 60 acres of land in Lees Township listed by L. Baggett be valued at \$200.00 for the year 1931.

Ordered: That W. H. McMillian be appointed Coronor to fill out the unexpired term of Solon V. Stanley, deceased.

Ordered: That the County pay one-half the expense on fill in Simmons Bay provided the total cost does not exceed \$400.00, Lees Township to pay one-half of the expense.

STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES AND PUBLIC WELFARE  
MOTHERS' AID FUND

Columbus County wishes to be included in the counties that will administer Mothers' Aid during the year 1931-32.

Therefore, Columbus County agrees

1st. To set aside in its budget for 1931-32 a sum of money equal to the quota received from the State, appropriated on a per capita basis, this sum to be used for no other purpose;

2nd. To issue no check to a prospective recipient of this Aid until notification has been received that application for this help has been approved by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare;

3rd. To take no definite (final) action in reducing or discontinuing the grant of any recipient of this Aid until such action or plan is mutually agreed upon with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector be notified not to advertise delinquent tax list for next thirty days.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector accept \$18.30 plus interest from Dr. L. Baggett for 1930 taxes on one town lot in South Williams Township valued at \$1000.00 listed by Pridgen and Pridgen.

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County deem it the best interest of the people of this section of the state to hard surface State Highway No. 23 from the South Carolina line at a point near Tabor to Whiteville; and

Whereas, a previous request has been made of the State Highway Commission for the hard surfacing of the said road; and

Whereas, the road leading from the railroad station at Lake Waccamaw to the Lake side; thence by the Lake side for about a mile and thence back to State Highway No. 20 East of Wananish should be improved by putting some type of hard surface thereon; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County during the past year have made certain improvements on the said road, which the board understood would be required before the State

Highway Commission would take the said road over; and

Whereas, the said Lake road is one of the most widely travelled roads in Columbus County during certain seasons of the year; and

Whereas, the said road becomes in a poor state of repair, unless maintained by the county.

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, that the State Highway Commission be requested, (1) to hard surface Route No. 23 from the South Carolina line at a point near Tabor to Whiteville, and (2) to hard surface the so-called Lake road or put some other type of improved surface thereon.

And Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Highway Commission, a copy sent to District Highway Commissioner James H. Clark, and a copy recorded in the minutes of this board.

Whereas, the road leading from the railroad station at Lake Waccamaw to the Lake side; thence by the Lake side for about a mile and thence back to Highway No. 20 East of Wananish should be improved by putting some type of hard surface thereon.

And whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County during the past year have made certain improvements on the said road, which the board understood would be required before the State Highway Commission would take the said road over.

And whereas, the said Lake road is one of the most widely travelled roads in Columbus County during certain seasons of the year.

And whereas, the said road is always dusty and becomes in a poor state of repair, unless maintained by the County.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway Commission be requested to hard surface the so-called Lake road or put some type of improved surface thereon.

And be it further resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Highway Commission and a copy recorded in the minutes of this board.

Motion of J. R. Blake, seconded by D. W. Merritt to reopen consideration of the affairs of County Superintendent of Public Welfare and Home Demonstration Agents for both white and colored races. The motion was voted down. Those voting "Aye" Blake and Merritt, voting "no" Garrell, Benton, Hooks.

Whereas, it appears that on the books of the defunct Bank of Whiteville, there is an account listed in the name of Julian D. Lewis, County Attorney, showing a balance of \$1,435.84 in said bank at the time of its closing on March 9, 1931; and

Whereas, the said county attorney has come before the Board of County Commissioners and explained that the account was a clearing account which arose by reason of part payments to him on tax sales certificates in his hands for foreclosure, which could not be cleared out; and that the account was made up of tax money, and court costs due the Clerk of the Court, the news papers and county attorney in the tax foreclosure suits; and

Whereas, the said county attorney has stated that he feels that he is at least morally responsible for said account and has signified his willingness to pay the said sum in order that the county may stand no loss, provided however, that the county will transfer and assign to him any right it may have in the said account.

It is now, therefore, ordered by the Board of County Commissioners, that upon the payment of the sum of \$1,435.84, the said sum to be deposited in the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company to the credit of Julian D. Lewis, County Attorney, and to be protected by the county depository bond furnished by Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company, now held by North Carolina Bank & Trust Company for safe keeping, that the county of Columbus assign and release any right or claim it may have in and to said account to Julian D. Lewis, to the end that the said Julian D. Lewis, may be entitled to and receive for his own use any dividends that may be paid by any liquidating officer or receiver of the said Bank of Whiteville.

Ordered: That the following land sale certificates in the hands of the County for foreclosure and investigation be cancelled:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Reason</u>
>George McLelland	Chadbourn	\$4.45	1921	Land now negro cemetery
>Kelly McMillian	Whiteville	19.28	1926	Listed twice this on White list.
>J. E. Williams	Ransom	9.28	1928	This paid by J. E. Williams which was James Williams tax.
>Mrs. G. W. Brown	Tatum	79.56	1928	Paid to G. C. Ratcliffe.

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Ordered: That the Deputy Sheriffs be paid for serving tax foreclosure papers for Columbus County.

Ordered: That D. D. Ethridge be given a refund in the amount of \$2.00 in Lees Township for the year 1930 on account of his not owning dogs at listing time.

Ordered: That J. G. Thompson and E. F. Powell Est.

in Whiteville Township be refunded for the year 1930 in the amount of \$32.94 on account of being penalized in error.

Ordered: That Young Soles be refunded \$2.00 dog tax in Williams Township for the year 1930 on account of error in listing dogs.

Ordered: That Dr. L. Baggett be given a refund on \$240.00 valuation in Lees Township for the year 1930 on account of over-valuation, amount of refund being \$4.87.

Ordered: That McDaniel and Byrd be granted a refund on \$375.00 valuation in Tatum Township for the year 1930 on account of three mules being listed twice, amount of refund being \$7.21.

Ordered: That the following General County Teachers be allowed and paid;

J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight for County Home	\$8.94
A. W. Baldwin	Expense trip re County notes	7.00
R. F. Covington	Advance salary -Tax Supervisor	50.00
Sarah J. Williams	Mar.salary-Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
E. A. Maultsby	advance sal. Judge, R.Court	50.00
Ella Hilburn	Washing at County Home	3.50
J. C. Nye	advance on Listing Taxes	15.00
A. S. Richardson	Advance on Listing Taxes	25.00
D. N. Blue & Co.	Attendance at Court in Ratcliffe Case	150.00
Avant and Sholar	Hauling 49.8 tons coal	49.80
Miss Emiline Cleveland	April salary & Nutri. Exp.	67.50
Leona C. Winesett	Salary - Stenographer for Dem.	35.00
Sarah J. Williams	Salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
J. P. Quinerly	Salary - County Agent	150.00
A. W. Baldwin	Salary - Auditor	150.00
Mae S. Rooks	Salary - assisting Auditor	100.00
John W. Hall	Salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	Salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	Salary - C.S.C., etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	Salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	Salary - Janitor, etc.	50.00
Geo. E. Collier	Salary - Register of Deeds	200.00
Rachel Cook	Salary - assisting R. of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maultsby	Salary - Judge, Recorder's C.	25.00
Julian D. Lewis	Salary - County Attorney	75.00
Jackson Greer	Salary - Pros.County Atty.	75.00
D. L. Gore	Salary - Tax Collector	150.00
Jasper Bowen	Salary - County Home Keeper	75.00
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Salary - Welfare Officer & Exp.	100.00
R. F. Covington	Salary - Tax Supervisor	100.00
#117 Motor T. Co.	April appropriation	10.00
News Reporter Co.	Supplies	212.10
R. B. McRoy and Co.	Supplies for County Home	83.57
David Smith	Envelopes for Reg. of Deeds	45.76
William H. Dyson	Repairing light switch	1.25
Burkhead-DeVane Ptg.Co.	Binder and index	30.00
Smith & McKenzie	Repairs for Disc at Co. Home	5.80
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights	32.74
A. T. Massey Coal Co.	49.8 tons coal @ 1.50	74.70
P. H. Squires	Conveying Prisoners to Jail	11.40
C. T. Hargrove	Conveying Prisoners to Jail	19.90
J. M. Hinson	Conveying Prisoners to Jail	12.60
T. Willoughby	Conveying Ras Gore to Jail	5.75
L. P. Blackman	Conveying Hammer Bellamy to Jail	4.70
H. B. Bruton	Conveying Lena Reeves to Jail	4.70
J. H. Piggott	Conveying Prisoners to Jail	5.00
Dwight McEwen	Court Stenographer	111.34
Eudell C. Hayes	Making list of summons served by D. S. on Tax suits @ 3.00	27.00

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Ordered: That the following General County vouchers be allowed and paid;

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A. W. Baldwin	Expense trip re County notes	7.00
R. F. Covington	Advance salary -Tax Supervisor	50.00
Sarah J. Williams	Mar.salary-Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
E. A. Maultsby	advance sal. Judge, R.Court	50.00
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Sarah J. Williams	Salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
J. P. Quinerly	Salary - County Agent	150.00
A. W. Baldwin	Salary - Auditor	150.00
Mae S. Rocks	Salary - assisting Auditor	100.00
John W. Hall	Salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	Salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	Salary - C.S.C., etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	Salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	Salary - Janitor, etc.	50.00
Geo. E. Collier	Salary - Register of Deeds	200.00
Rachel Cook	Salary - assisting R. of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maultsby	Salary - Judge, Recorder's C.	25.00
Julian D. Lewis	Salary - County Attorney	75.00
Jackson Greer	Salary - Pros.County Atty.	75.00
D. L. Gore	Salary - Tax Collector	150.00
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William H. Dyson	Repairing light switch	1.25
Burkhead-DeVane Ptg.Co.	Binder and index	30.00
Smith & McKenzie	Repairs for Disc at Co. Home	5.80
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights	32.74
A. T. Massey Coal Co.	49.8 tons coal @ 1.50	74.70
P. H. Squires	Conveying Prisoners to Jail	11.40
C. T. Hargrove	Conveying Prisoners to Jail	19.90
J. M. Hinson	Conveying Prisoners to Jail	12.60
T. Willoughby	Conveying Ras Gore to Jail	5.75
L. P. Blackman	Conveying Hammer Bellamy to Jail	4.70
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Eudell C. Hayes	Making list of summons served by D. S. on Tax suits @ 3.00	27.00

Town of Whiteville	Water for Courthouse	\$33.75
Jackson Brothers Co.	Lumber for McRackan Place	18.28
Memory Company	Supplies for Jail	3.97
Mitchell Ptg. Co.	Supplies for R. of Deeds	11.65
C. A. Farley	Support of Jail during April	314.60
C. T. Hargrove	Capturing 2 stills	20.00
P. H. Squires	Capturing complete still	10.00
Ed. Schwartz	Capturing complete still	20.00
RaeFord Jones	Washing for Jail during Mch.	2.00
Frank Wooten	To painting Jail	3.00
James Walker Mem. Hosptl.	Bill of Mrs. Hattie Stephens	100.00
Thompson Hardware Co.	Supplies for County Home	4.50
Dept. Conservation & Development	County's part forestry Exp.	172.48
L. P. Blackman	Capturing stills, etc.	59.40
J. A. Hartness, Sec.	Copy of acts passed by Leg.	12.90
O. C. Clewis	Capturing one still	10.00
Evelyn Baldwin	Assisting Tax Collector	30.00
Morris Baldwin	Assisting Tax Collector	36.00
Margaret Gore	Assisting Tax Collector	30.00
Geo. E. Collier	Postage & Envelopes	11.00
Columbus Drug Store	Truss for H. Lawrence	4.50
J. L. Memory	Postage for C. S. C.	3.82
Columbus County News	Supplies	16.00
Western Union Telg. Co.	Telegrams	2.43
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight on Coal	164.34
N. C. Bank & Trust Co.	Interest on County Note	375.00
G. C. Hinson	Tax Lister for Williams Twp.	91.90
A. S. Richardson	Tax Lister for Whiteville Twp.	66.00
J. C. Turner	Tax Lister for Tatum Twp.	88.90
J. C. Nye	Tax Lister for Waccamaw Twp.	60.70
T. C. Boxwell	Tax Lister for Cerro Gordo Twp.	89.00
J. A. Formyduval	Tax Lister for Lees Twp.	70.60
W. R. Love	Tax Lister for Ransom Twp.	90.30
Roy V. Owens	Tax Lister for Western Prong Twp.	78.00
J. W. Joyner	Tax Lister for So. Wms. Twp.	85.80
J. D. Strauss	Tax Lister for Bolton Twp.	75.50
Rhodes Wayne	Tax Lister for Bogue Twp.	81.50
T. G. Sessions	Tax Lister for W. Creek Twp.	70.50
T. M. McKenzie & Co.	Caskets	36.00
F. B. Foster	Unstopping Sewer Line	3.75
Dr. T. Formyduval	Drugs for Pency Clark	9.50
G. F. Holmes	Tax Lister for Bug Hill Twp.	90.10
Julian D. Lewis	10% com. on L.S.C. collected	25.43
L. P. Blackman	Conveying W. Strickland to Jail	5.00
C. A. Farley	Conveying Prisoners	26.80
R.B. McRoy and Co.	Supplies for County Home	26.15
R. M. McEwen	Refund for 1926	40.53
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Food bought for Outdoor Poor	21.10
R. C. Applewhite	Serving Tax notices	28.20
A. E. Waller	Tax Lister for Fair Bluff Twp.	68.60
J. A. Baldwin	Tax Lister for Chadbourn Twp.	88.20
P. H. Squires	Serving Tax Notices	99.60
J. E. Thompson & Co.	Burial Equipment for O. Poor	10.00
News Reporter Co.	Balance due advertising tax notices as per agreement with Board	6,293.40
J. M. Hinson	Capturing one still	10.00
J. R. Blake	5 days on Board and mileage	21.50
R. C. Benton	2 days on Board and mileage	9.80
D. W. Merritt	3 days on Board and mileage	15.80
C. D. Garrell	4 days on Board and mileage	22.00
J. C. Hooks, Sr.	10 days on Board and mileage	47.50
Insolvent Tickets	Total as of this date	73.67
Outdoor Poor	Total Outdoor Poor as of this date	<u>298.00</u>

Ordered: That the following Chain Gang bills be allowed and paid:

Garrell Brothers	Groceries for Chain Gang	40.43
R. B. McRoy & Co.	Groceries and clothing	117.71
Schulken Brothers	Laterns and collar pads	7.00
American Jobbing Co.	Blankets and union suits	177.00
Mrs. O. M. Stephens	30 doz. eggs @ 20¢	6.00
J. E. Thompson & Co.	Supplies for Chain Gang	2.83
G. A. Priest	100 lbs. turnips @ 2½¢	2.50
T. F. Collier	2475 lbs. hay @ 90¢	22.27
W. N. Wilson	10 bushels potatoes @ 75¢	7.50
Sinclair Refining Co.	Gas for Chain Gang	90.64
Cox Milling Co.	8 bushels meal @ 1.00	8.00
S. W. Garrell	Supplies for Chain Gang	139.94
Schulken Brothers	2 plow points for Chain Gang	1.10
Bill Hooks	Hay for Chain Gang	87.84
J. C. Hooks, Jr.	40 bushels corn @ 1.00	40.00
J. C. Fowler	23½ days operating Tractor	68.74
J. M. Simmons	Guard duty for April	40.00
W. L. Burchett	Guard duty for April	40.00

M. B. McLamb	Guard duty for April	\$40.00
J. I. Hardee	Team Foreman for April	40.00
O. M. Stephens	Truck Driver for April	40.00
B. A. Marlowe	Salary of Superintendent for April	100.00
Thompson Hd'we. Co.	Supplies for Chain Gang	28.55
Bill Hooks	68 lbs. meat @ 20¢	13.60
Garrell Bros.	Groceries	<u>73.86</u>

Ordered: That the following General Road Bills be allowed and paid:

Sinclair Refining Co.	Gas for Chadbourn & Tabor Road	\$112.70
Standard Oil Company	Gas and Oil	242.22
E. F. Craven Company	Supplies for Chad. & Tabor Road	5.00
Hyman Supply Company	Supplies for County Garage	14.13
E. L. Taylor & Co.	Supplies for County Garage	25.05
Motor Bearings & Parts Co.	Supplies for County Garage	14.84
E. F. Craven Company	Supplies for County Garage	.75
Automobile Supply Co.	Supplies for County Garage	24.14
Chadbourn Hdwe. Co.	Supplies for Chad. and Tabor road	4.00
Thomason-Ripple Lmbr. Co.	Lumber for County Garage	4.32
Air Reduction Sales Co.	Freight on cys returned	1.71
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight for County Garage	3.09
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for County Garage	4.20
Columbus Telephone Co.	Long Dist. calls for Co. Garage	<u>2.00</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time adjournment was voted in order until Thursday, May 14, 1931.

Approved:

*A. W. Baldwin*

Clerk

Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office May 14, 1931, according to adjournment. Members of the Board present were:

J. C. Hooks, Sr., Chairman  
D. W. Merritt  
C. D. Garrell  
R. C. Benton  
J. R. Blake

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

W. H. McMillian, Coronor, tendered his Bond in the sum of \$2000.00 with W. F. Cox and F. P. Wright as surities, approved, accepted, and ordered recorded, all Commissioners except J. R. Blake being present and voting therefor.