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| Horace Shaw | 5 days Court Officer @ 2.00 | \$10.00 |
| Horace Shaw | Conveying Prisoners to St. Prison | 20.00 |
| H. B. Bruton | Conveying Prisoners to Jail | 4.70 |
| Dwight McEwen | Reporting Court Week of 8/24/31 | 93.34 |
| P. H. Squires | Conveying Gather Patrick to Jail | 4.70 |
| J. D. Norment | Conveying Prisoners to Jail | 15.25 |
| M. B. Callihan | Conveying Pink King to Jail | 4.10 |
| L. P. Blackman | Conveying Robt. Soles to Jail | 4.85 |
| I. F. Green | Conveying Monroe Duncan to Jail | 5.15 |
| Bill Hooks | Supplies for County Home | 46.84 |
| D. W. Merritt | 4 days on Board and mileage | 21.20 |
| C. D. Garrell | 4 days on Board and mileage | 22.00 |
| R. C. Benton | 4 days on Board and mileage | 19.60 |
| J. R. Blake | 4 days on Board and mileage | 17.20 |
| J. C. Hooks, Sr. | 5 days on Board and mileage | 20.00 |
| R. F. Covington | Expense re Tide Water Power Co. | 127.20 |
| F. B. Foster | Unstopping sewer line | 4.25 |
| Pearl Graham | Digging sewer ditch | 2.00 |
| J. E. Dick | Bond for B. W. Hammond | 10.00 |
| E. A. Maulsby | Selling mules at Public Auction | 5.00 |
| A. W. Baldwin | Back salary - Auditor | 50.00 |
| D. L. Gore | Back salary - Tax Collector | 50.00 |
| Mrs. Sallie J. Mears | Refund 1931 tax paid thru error | 47.66 |
| Jackson Greer | Service in Ratcliffe Case | 50.00 |
| Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt | Supplies bought for Outside Poor | 52.72 |
| Western Union Telg. Co. | Telegrams for July and August | 10.03 |
| Outside Poor for Aug. | | 310.00 |
| Jury Tickets for Aug. | | 557.35 |
| Insolvent Fees for Aug. | | 67.75 |

Ordered: That the following General Road bills be allowed

and paid as of this date:

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| Tide Water Power Co. | Lights for County Garage | \$7.88 |
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| Sinclair Refining Co. | Gas and Oil | 11.82 |
| Air Reduction Sales Co. | Supplies for County Garage | 3.26 |
| J. E. Thompson & Company | Supplies for Red Hill Road | 7.80 |
| Whiteville Motor Co. | Supplies for County Garage | 6.00 |
| W. J. Tate | Gas collecting road machinery | 25.27 |
| C. L. Lynch | Taking inventory at Co. Garage | 6.00 |

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

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| McGougan Electric Co. | Supplies for Chain Gang | \$3.40 |
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There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, adjournment was voted in order until Sept. 8, 1931.

Approved:

A. W. Baldwin Clerk *J. C. Hooks Sr* Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office September 8, 1931, according to adjournment. Members of the Board present were:

J. C. Hooks, Sr., Chairman

D. W. Merritt
J. R. Blake
R. C. Benton
C. D. Garrell

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

The Following business was transacted:

Ordered: That the following resolution be recorded
all Commissioners being present and voting therefor:

Resolution

WHEREAS, Gadye C. Ratcliffe was heretofore and on
September 7, 1927, appointed or elected to the office of Auditor of
Columbus County and thereafter continued to hold or occupy said
office until on or about October 31, 1930; and,

WHEREAS, said Ratcliffe was required by the Board of
Commissioners of Columbus County to give bond in the sum of Five
Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars and/on or about September 7,
1927, executed such bond with The Fidelity & Casualty Company of
New York as surety, said bond having thereafter been recorded in
Columbus County; and,

WHEREAS, it is claimed by the Board of Commissioners of
Columbus County that said Ratcliffe during the time of his holding
or occupancy of said office misappropriated, misapplied, or em-
bezzled certain monies belonging to the County of Columbus and
claim has been made by said County and by this Board of Commissioners
against said Ratcliffe, as principal, and the said Fidelity and
Casualty Company of New York, as surety; and,

WHEREAS, an action was brought against said Ratcliffe and
said surety on behalf of this Board and said County in the Superior
Court of said County based upon alleged defalcations, misappropria-
tions, misapplication, and embezzlements on the part of said Rat-
cliffe, which action was thereafter and upon petition of the Fid-
elity & Casualty Company of New York removed to United States District
Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, for trial, and
is now pending in said United States District Court; and,

WHEREAS, serious doubt exists as to the liability of the
Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York, as surety, and as to the
extent or amount thereof and if the litigation hereinbefore refer-
red to be carried to final conclusion will involve great delay and
large expense to the County of Columbus in the prosecution thereof
with the ultimate outcome uncertain; and,

WHEREAS, The Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York has
offered to pay to the Board and/or the County of Columbus the
sum of Seven Thousand and no/100 (\$7,000.00) Dollars and the
Court costs of the action hereinbefore mentioned in full compro-
mise and settlement of any and all claims, demands, suits, actions,
or rights of action which this Board and/or the County of Columbus
may now have or claim to have against it as a result of the matters
and things hereinbefore mentioned and under and by virtue of its

bond hereinbefore mentioned, said bond being number 1175455 and being dated September 7, 1927;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County at regular meeting on this 8th day of September, 1931, that the offer of compromise and settlement made by the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York and hereinbefore referred to be and the same is hereby approved and accepted by this Board.

Resolved further that the Chairman and the Clerk to this Board be and they are hereby authorized and directed, upon the payment by the said Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York of the aforesaid sum of Seven Thousand and no/100 (\$7,000.00) Dollars and Court Costs to execute and deliver in the name of the County of Columbus and of this Board and under the seal of said County a release in due form to said Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York releasing and discharging said Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York of and from any and all of the claims, demands, suits, actions or rights of action hereinbefore mentioned.

Ordered: That D. L. Gore and A. W. Baldwin be given a salary of \$175.00 per month, salary beginning July 1, 1931 and that they be given vouchers for \$50.00 for back pay for July and August.

Ordered: That D. L. Gore be appointed as Tax Collector to collect the 1931 taxes.

Ordered: That if receipt from Mrs. Sallie J. Meares for payment on 1931 taxes is presented the Auditor is authorized to give her voucher for said amount to pay 1930 taxes.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, adjournment was voted in order until the next regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 1931.

Approved:

A. W. Baldwin Clerk *J. G. Hooks* Chairman