

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office March 7, 1932, it being first Monday. Members of the Board present were:

J. C. Hooks, Sr., Chairman

J. R. Blake

D. W. Merritt

R. C. Benton

C. D. Garrell

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

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

Ordered: That Flora King be allowed \$2.00 present relief and \$2.00 per month.

Ordered: That William Fipps be allowed \$2.00 present relief.

Ordered: That Mrs. Arch Smith be allowed \$4.00 present relief.

Ordered: That Willie A. White be allowed \$2.00 present relief and \$2.00 per month.

Ordered: That Clemmie Simmons be allowed \$3.00 present relief and \$3.00 in April.

Ordered: That Iron Barnes be admitted to County Home.

Ordered: That Jacob Williamson be allowed \$2.00 present relief and \$2.00 per month for three months.

Ordered: That Jennie Connor be allowed \$1.50 present relief and \$1.50 per month for three months.

Ordered: That Troy M. Thompson, World War Soldier, be allowed to peddle Raleigh Products in Columbus County without License.

Ordered: That M. F. McLamb be allowed \$2.00 present relief and \$2.00 per month.

Ordered: That N. B. Clewis be allowed \$10.00 present relief.

Ordered: That Mrs. W. F. Butler be allowed \$2.00 present relief and \$2.00 per month for three months.

Ordered: That J. L. Lewis be allowed to pay taxes on 74 acres of land in Fair Bluff Township listed in the name of Hugh Strickland at a valuation of \$1200.00 plus six per cent interest and no court cost.

Ordered: That P. H. Squires be appointed as Rural Policeman of Columbus County for three months as provided in Chapter 229 Public Local Laws of N. C. Session, 1931.

On motion J. R. Blake, seconded by R. C. Bent on the following resolution was adopted and ordered recorded:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County have at various times and more particularly during the years 1930 and 1931 employed D. N. Blue to audit the books of Columbus County; and

Whereas, the said D. N. Blue engaged to assist him in the said audit work E. R. Jones, a certified public accountant, who had previous to the said time, borne an excellent character and reputation as a man of high moral character, as well as an accurate and painstaking accountant; and;

Whereas, during the period of said audit a certain Columbus County School Building Bond, # 1, in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, was taken from its proper place among the valuable papers of the county, and appropriated by E. R. Jones, to his use and benefit; and

Whereas, the said E. R. Jones, in a written statement, dated July 13, 1931, admitted under his own signature, that he took the said bond, and placed the same with the Morris Plan Bank of Raleigh as collateral to a note executed by himself and his wife in the sum of Four Hundred(\$400.00) Dollars; and

Whereas, the County of Columbus has had to expend the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-four (\$324.45) Dollars and Forty-Five Cents in the payment of the said note, in order to recover the possession of said bond, and

Whereas, the said E. R. Jones in his own statement above referred to, further admits that D. N. Blue was away at the time he took the bond, and had no knowledge whatever or connection with the taking of the bond by the said E. R. Jones; and

Whereas, the said Board of Commissioners of Columbus County and D. N. Blue are fully advertent to the fact that there is no legal liability on the part of the said D. N. Blue for the loss to

the county on account of the money expended in repossessing the said bond in the payment of a note for which it was placed as collateral, but there may be a moral obligation on the part of D. N. Blue to take care of the aforesaid loss to the county on account of the conduct of a person in his employment; and

Whereas, the said D. N. Blue desires to save Columbus County harmless on account of said transaction and to repay Columbus County the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty Four (\$324.45) Dollars and Forty-Five Cents, it being the exact amount the county paid the Morris Plan Bank of Raleigh in order to recover the aforesaid bond:

Now, therefore, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, at its regular meeting on this the 7th day of March, 1932, in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-Four (\$324.45) Dollars and Forty-Five Cents paid by D. N. Blue, hereby releases and discharges the said D. N. Blue from all claims and demands of every nature which Columbus County has or might have against him in law, good morals or equity arising out of the transaction hereinbefore related or any acts and omissions in the past or future which may result on account of the taking and appropriating of the said bond by E. R. Jones.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Columbus has caused its corporate name to be signed hereto by the Chairman of its Board of County Commissioners and the corporate seal to be hereto affixed and attested by the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, this March 7th, 1932.

Ordered: That the following be appointed Tax Listers of Columbus County for the year 1932:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Township</u>
Rhodes Wayne	Bogue
J. D. Strauss	Bolton
Glenn F. Holmes	Bug Hill
J. A. Baldwin	Chadbourn
I. L. Green	Cerro Gordo
A. E. Waller	Fair Bluff
J. A. Formyduval	Lees
W. R. Love	Ransom
Page Benton	Tatum
W. J. Newbold	Waccamaw
T. G. Sessions	Welches Creek
Mrs. Edell Collier	Western Prong
P. D. Collier	Whiteville
G. C. Hinson	Williams
J. W. Joyner	South Williams

Ordered: That for a valuable consideration Columbus County hereby transfers its bid, ^{on A. S. Smith's wife} to The Bank of Bladen.

Ordered: That for a valuable consideration Columbus County hereby transfers its bid, ^{on R. R. Smith's wife} to R. R. Smith.

Whereas, a petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County signed by certain citizens of Lees Township, requesting this Board to ask the State Highway Commission to take over and maintain a road which leads from the Fish Pond Road near the old Crusoe Schoolhouse to the Old Dock and Juniper Creek main road near the J. T. Simmon's place in Lees Township, a distance of about one and three-fourths miles; and

Whereas, the said road is practically impassable at the time and would be of great benefit to the citizens and school children of that vicinity;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway Commission be requested to take over and maintain the said road.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution, together with a copy of the petition, be sent to the State Highway Commission, and a copy of the resolution recorded on the minutes of this Board.

Whereas, certain citizens of Columbus County have appeared before the Board of County Commissioners and requested that said Board of County Commissioners petition the State Highway Commission to take over and maintain a certain road beginning at B. S. Cook's, in Western Prong Township, and extending a distance of about one mile to the Rose Hill Church, and also an extension of the same road beginning at the Weldon Bass place, running to C. O. Gore's place, connecting with the road from C. O. Gore's and Locky Byrd's farm;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners that the State Highway Commission be requested to take over and maintain the said two roads.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Highway Commission and a copy recorded on the minutes of this Board.

Whereas, a committee of citizens of Whiteville Township have appeared before this Board and asked that the said Board request the State Highway Commission to take over and maintain a certain road leading from Frazier White's, in Whiteville Township, to Oscar Hilburn's

and,

Whereas, a petition has been filed with twenty five names signed thereto, asking for the maintenance of the said road:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners that the State Highway Commission be requested to take over and maintain the said road above described:

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution together with a copy of the petition, be sent to the State Highway Commission and a copy of the resolution be recorded on the minutes of this Board.

Whereas, certain citizens and tax payers of Columbus County have appeared before the Board of County Commissioners, asking that said board request the North Carolina State Highway Commission to take over and maintain a certain road which begins on the Silver Spoon Road, at Alex Gibson's house to the Mt. Cavalry Church in Western Prong Township, a distance of about one mile, and connects with the Whiteville and Bladenboro Public Road; and

Whereas, the road which is now on the State Highway map, but which is not being maintained, is an old road which is practically never used, and which begins at the Silver Spoon Road by the old John Eli Powell Mill and runs North by Dirk Powell's shack to where the said road enters the Bladenboro and Whiteville Road.

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the said new road be maintained and that the old road be abandoned.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Highway Commission and a copy recorded on the minutes of this Board.

Ordered: That four notes in the sum of \$5,000.00 each dated December 7, 1931, be cancelled and destroyed, said notes being torn to pieces and burned by J. R. Blake and Ed. Schwartz.

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

Name	Township	Amount	Year	Reason for Cancelling
David Scheer	So. Wms.	\$8.97	1923	Deeded to E. H. Hickman
David Scheer	So. Wms.	10.75	1924	Deeded to E. H. Hickman
David Scheer	So. Wms.	13.58	1926	Deeded to E. H. Hickman
David Scheer	So. Wms.	13.84	1927	Deeded to E. H. Hickman

David Scheer	So. Wms.	\$14.02	1928	Deeded to E. H. Hickman
David Scheer	So. Wms.	11.24	1929	Deeded to E. H. Hickman
Walter P. Lynch	Whiteville	43.17	1929	Owms no lot.
M. L. Spaulding	W. Creek	29.75	1926	Error, listed on Penalty list.
M. L. Spaulding	W. Creek	30.05	1927	Error, listed on Penalty list.

Ordered: That the following Bills be allowed and paid:

American Employers Ins.Co.	Bal. due on Compensation Insurance	762.35
Dwight McEwen	Court Stenographer	111.34
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	January salary - Welfare Officer	58.35
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Salary & Nutrition expense	61.25
Sarah J. Williams	Salary-Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
Eva Mae Hooks	Salary--Stenog. for Demonstrators	35.00
J. P. Quinerly	Salary--County Agent	150.00
A. W. Baldwin	Salary--Auditor & Looking Tax Books	200.00
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--Reg. of Deeds	200.00
Rachel Cook	Salary--assisting Reg. of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maulsby	Salary--Judge, Recorder's Court	75.00
Julian D. Lewis	Salary--County Atty.	75.00
Jackson Greer	Salary--County Pros. Atty.	75.00
D. T. Lawson	Salary--Keeper of County Home	75.00
D. L. Gore	Salary--Tax Collector	175.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	February Appropriation	10.00
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Salary--Welfare Officer	58.33
Tide Water Power Company	Lights	58.20
A. J. Britt, Jr.	Conveying Prisoners	2.20
J. M. Hinson	Conveying Prisoners	3.60
H. O. McCumbee	Conveying Prisoners	1.70
G. S. Livingston	Conveying Prisoners	1.70
C. T. Hargrove	Conveying Prisoners	4.00
E. L. "atts	Conveying Prisoners	10.00
L. P. Blackman	Conveying Prisoners	7.80
T. Willoughby	Conveying Prisoners	5.70
M. B. Kellihan	Conveying Prisoners	5.00
W. H. McMillan	Holding inquest over Emma Jane Floyd	5.00
Byson Powell	Juror, inquest Emma Jane Floyd	1.50
J. C. Gaskin	Juror, inquest Emma Jane Floyd	1.50
Etnese Gaskin	Juror, inquest Emma Jane Floyd	1.50
V. L. Faircloth	Juror, inquest Emma Jane Floyd	1.50
R. L. Graham	Juror, inquest Emma Jane Floyd	1.50
W. D. Simmons	Juror, inquest Emma Jane Floyd	1.50
J. W. Brown	Services in case Harvey Cato	40.00
N. C. Galloway	Bailiff, inquest Dock Monroe	2.00
Ella Hilburn	Washing at County Home	4.50
Western Union Telg. Co.	Telegrams for January	.72
Thomason-Ripple Lmbr.Co.	Lumber for County Home	1.57
Local Government Com.	Ins. & Po. on \$90000 note	5.50
Jos. C. Shepard	Supplies for C. House & C. Home	12.69
R. E. Dunn	Copy of plat made by A. A. Troy	2.50
Worrell Shoe Shop	Repairing shoes for County Home	1.00
V. B. White	5 days officer of Grand Jury	15.00
Town of Whiteville	Water for Court House	35.75
Oscar High	Supplies for County Home	4.30
Shipping Room Ser.Inc.	Supplies for Court House	4.00
H. H. Horton	Repairing Motor on adding Machine	1.00
C. W. Yates Co.	Erasers for Auditor's Office	1.00
Pine-No-Ca Chemical Co.	Supplies for Court House/Jail	15.75
A. T. Massey Coal Co.	51.10 coal for Court House	56.21
Avant & Sholar	Hauling 51.10 tons coal	51.10
N. B. Chesnutt	pecan trees for County Home	5.00
News Reporter Company	Supplies, etc.	174.60
Garrell Brothers	Supplies for County Home & Jail	63.45
R. B. McRoy & Co.	Supplies for County Home	46.65
Dwight McEwen	Court Stenographer	87.34
Edwards & Broughton	Ledger sheets for Auditor's Office	18.44
Western Union Telg. Co.	Telegrams for February	3.51
I. L. Green	Conveying Prisoners	15.10
Robert Lewis	Capturing complete still	10.00
I. R. Norris	Conveying Prisoners	4.10
James Norment	Conveying Prisoners	21.00
Sheriff Brunswick Co.	Conveying Prisoners	8.35
H. B. Bruton	Conveying Prisoners	4.70
J. H. Pigott	Conveying Prisoners	7.70
L. P. Blackman	Conveying Prisoners	32.90
Frank Davis	Assisting Janitor during Court	7.00

Signal Service Corp.	$\frac{1}{2}$ expense reflectors at C. House	50.00
Burkhead-DeVane Ptg. Co.	Supplies for Reg. of Deeds	39.40
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight during February	174.42
Mitchell Ptg. Co.	Supplies for Register of Deeds	22.29
Handy Hardware House	Supplies	86.79
J. L. Memory	Postage	1.55
Edwards & Broughton	Supplies for C. S. C.	35.42
Columbus Drug Store	Drugs for Outside Poor	.85
David Smith, P. M.	Envelopes for Tax Collector	21.96
Morris Baldwin	Helping Tax Collector 15 days	30.00
Handy Hardware House	mop and handle for Court House	1.10
Horace Shaw	Officer Superior Court, etc.	13.00
Wac. Bank & Trust Co.	Telephone calls re Notes of Co.	1.90
C. A. Farley	Support of Jail during February	252.90
Columbus Telephone Col	Telephone rent and L.D. calls	44.25
W. J. Tate	Welding stove at County Home, etc.	6.00
Bill Hooks	Trip to Florence re Ratcliffe case	9.80
Jno. P. Gore	Court Officer Superior Court	27.00
O. D. Clewis	Conveying Prisoners	2.40
Memory Company	Supplies for Jail, etc.	22.92
M. B. Kellihan	Capturing one still	10.00
J. D. Lewis	Com. on L.S.C. collected & cancelled	82.14
J. C. Hooks, Sr.	5 days on Board and mileage	20.00
R. C. Benton	3 days on Board and mileage	14.70
C. D. Garrell	3 days on Board and mileage	16.50
J. R. Blake	4 days on Board and mileage	17.20
D. W. Merritt	4 days on Board and mileage	21.20
F. B. Foster	Unstopping sewer line at Jail	4.50
Dr. J. F. Blake	Medicine, etc. Ellen Joyner	15.00
C. A. Farley	Conveying Prisoners	50.00
Chancey Walker	Painting at Jail	6.75
Thos. L. Parker	Painting at Jail	6.75
C. J. Baldwin	Painting at Jail	6.50
McNeill's Drug Store	Drugs for County Home	18.35
Dr. Jos. W. Hooper	Professional Service Lonnie Owens	10.00
J. D. Edge	Bloodhound service 10/31/31	40.00
Sheriff Jno. R. Morris	Jail fees for Demer Williamson	12.60
J. A. Baldwin	Premium on police-Mrs. R.E. Buffkin	44.88
Capital Printing Co.	L.S.C. record for County Atty.	31.32
Chancey Walker	Painting at Jail	3.25
C. J. Baldwin	Painting at Jail	3.37
T. L. Parker	Painting at Jail	1.12
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Food & clothing for Outside Poor	102.09
J. T. McKenzie & Co.	Supplies for County Home	32.00
J. R. Pridgen	Superior Court Officer	15.00
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Clothing for Outside Poor	3.78
A. W. Baldwin, Auditor	Cash paid out of Petty Cash Fund	62.00
J. C. Hooks, Sr.	Extra service on Board	18.60
David Smith, P. M.	Stamps for Tax Department	5.00

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, adjournment was voted in order until April 4, 1932.

Approved:

A. W. Baldwin
Clerk

J. C. Hooks, Sr.
Chairman