

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office December 2, 1968 at 10:00 A.M., it being first Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

W. O. Johnson, Chairman

T. E. Burns

H. J. Watts

J. Roland Gore

Edward W. Williamson

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

The following Commissioners and other county officials assembled in the Superior Courtroom at 10:00 A.M. December 2, 1968 and was administered the oath of office by Honorable Edward B. Clark, Resident Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial District.

W. O. Johnson Commissioner

H. J. Watts Commissioner

J. Roland Gore Commissioner

Surety Bonds for the following Constables were approved:

E. S. Jacobs

Bobby Combs

Alton Fipps

Kenneth Smith

D. D. Barfield

Clifton O. Lewis

Ordered: that Christmas Holidays for county employees begin on Tuesday, December 24th and that work will be resumed on Friday, December 27th.

Ordered: that the chairman and clerk be authorized to release the December salary checks of county employees December 20, 1968.

J. M. Powell, representative of the North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Inc., appeared before the Board and discussed a new proposed hospitalization plan for Columbus County employees. This proposal would increase the monthly payment approximately 63%. Mr. Powell asked the Board to review the proposal and notify him of their decision as to whether Columbus County would remain on the present plan or accept the new proposed plan.

The Whiteville Merchants Association Board of Directors appeared before the Board with Mr. Gene Sears as spokesman for the group and asked that the Board endorse and make a published statement

of their support for the School Bond election December 10, 1968. The Board discussed this issue at great length with the delegation and stated to them they would discuss this action later in the afternoon. No further action was taken concerning this.

H. J. Watts was nominated and unanimously elected to serve as Chairman of the Board for the year 1969.

Edward W. Williamson was nominated and unanimously elected to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 1969.

Ordered: that all county personnel be re-appointed for the year 1969, and that surety bonds of various employees be approved as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds and the Clerk of Court.

Ordered: that the Brunswick Rescue Squadron be given the sum of \$300 out of the contingency fund to be used in the promotion of services to the people of Columbus County and that the Brunswick Rescue Squadron and all other rescue squadrons in Columbus County be complimented for the services they are rendering.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gore and seconded by Commissioner Williamson that Columbus County adopt the Food Stamp Program in place of the Surplus Food Program effective July 1, 1969 and that Alice S. Wright, Welfare Director for Columbus County appeared before the Board and explained the various aspects of the food stamp program and is hereby directed to notify appropriate State and Federal agencies and take whatever steps are necessary to put the food stamp program into operation on said date. Mrs. Wright is further directed to keep this Board advised on the action she takes from time to time on this matter.

Ordered: that renovations will begin in the Clerk of Superior Courts office December 16, 1968 under the direction of the building superintendent, J. Hubert Norris.

Ordered: that the following tax listers be appointed and that in addition to other fees, each lister be paid for three days @ \$12.00 per day and travel expense at the rate of \$.07 per mile.

Township

Bogue

Lister

Mrs. Mildred Thompson
Hallsboro, N. C.

Bolton	Mrs. Marie Jones Bolton, N. C.
Bug Hill	Clyde B. Gore Rt. 3, Tabor City, N. C.
Cerro Gordo	Mrs. H. B. Johnson Cerro Gordo, N. C.
Chadbourn	Mrs. Nora A. Dutton Chadbourn, N. C.
Fair Bluff	Mrs. Mamie Hinson Fair Bluff, N. C.
Lees	Mrs. Janice E. Ezzell Rt.1, Nakina, N. C.
Ransom	Mrs. Lucille Avant Delco, N. C.
Tatum	Raymond Kissam Evergreen, N. C.
Waccamaw	Mrs. Doris Hoffman Lake Waccamaw, N. C.
Welches Creek	Mrs. Mildred Ward Rt. 2, Whiteville, N. C.
Western Prong	Mrs. W. A. Baldwin Rt. 2, Clarkton, N. C.
Williams	Azier Cartrette Rt. 1, Chadbourn, N. C.
South Williams	Edwin E. Wright Prince Street, Tabor City, N. C.
Whiteville	Edgar H. Hinson Rt. 3, Whiteville, N. C.

It was decided that there would be no extension for tax listing in January. J. Hubert Norris, Tax Supervisor was directed to notify all taxpayers through the press of the January 31st deadline.

Ordered: that Columbus County rent office space in the Ward Building for the two full time magistrates in Whiteville and that the rent will be in the amount of \$85 per month with all utilities and janitorial services furnished.

Mr. Sankey Robinson, attorney for Mr. J. C. Lennon appeared before the Board and stated that Mr. Lennon was ready to transfer the courthouse square property described in deed dated December 2, 1968 to the County of Columbus, but specifically stated that he would convey it only if payment was made in installments as follows: \$5,000 down payment and \$5,000

each year in four consecutive payments at five per cent interest on or before December 2nd of each year. The county attorney then advised the Board they did not have the authority to pledge the credit of the county or execute a deed of trust, however, since the full purchase price was included in the budget he felt it would be proper to pay Mr. Lennon in installments if the full purchase price remained budgeted and available at all times so that any remaining balance could be paid if necessary. Thereupon Commissioner Edward W. Williamson moved that the purchase price be paid in installments as requested by Mr. Lennon but the full purchase price or any remaining balance thereof shall be budgeted and available at all times until the purchase price is paid in full and the chairman be authorized to execute installment notes and a security instrument in order to carry out the foregoing decision.

Ordered: that taxes listed in the name of J. B. Reaves Etal, Whiteville Township, be accepted with no additional penalty for the year 1957.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of J. S. Burroughs, Ransom Township, be accepted at par for the years 1927 and 1929.

Ordered: that the real estate valuation listed in the name of Edith I. Soles, South Williams Township, be reduced in the amount of \$1,320.00 for the year 1968 due to house burning.

Ordered: that the personal taxes listed in the name of Tabor City Auto Parts, South Williams Township, be cancelled for the years 1956 through 1959. The business no longer exists and there is no property remaining.

Ordered: that the following general county bills be allowed

and paid:

R. C. Soles, Jr.	November Salary	County Attorney	\$ 370.37
Venie H. Rouse	" "	Asst. Tax Supvr.	307.90
Lucille L. Stephens	@ "	Clerk Tax Supvr.	245.10
Martha L. Smith	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.	208.55
Bertha L. Long	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.	216.09
Susie M. Stone	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.	225.92
Judy Ann Mehalic	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.	209.39
Janie S. Cox	" "	Clerk Tax Supvr.	223.76
J. Hubert Norris	" "	Tax Collector & Supvr.	608.50
R. Brooks Stanley	" "	Dep. Tax Collector & Appraisal Work	556.42
Kathryn C. Harrelson	" "	Bookkeeper Tax Collector	280.00
Doris L. Ward	" "	Clerk Tax Collector	249.95
Genevieve Nobles	" "	Clerk Tax Collector	221.66

Arthur L. Duke	November Salary	Sheriff	(459)	\$ 568.55
Thurman C. Butler	" "	Deputy Sheriff		499.27
John Coleman	" "	Deputy Sheriff		527.79
Wilson C. Griffin	" "	Deputy Sheriff		520.17
Robert Simmons	" "	Deputy Sheriff		532.80
Horace Long	" "	Deputy Sheriff		539.60
Spurgeon Nobles	" "	Deputy Sheriff		487.23
Charlie C. Norton	" "	Deputy Sheriff		515.14
Kenneth M. Squires	" "	Deputy Sheriff		493.50
Donald Ray Hunt	" "	Deputy Sheriff		472.23
Laconya Reeves	" "	Deputy Sheriff		503.67
Horace L. Shaw	" "	Supt. of Bureau of Identi.		612.28
Annie Belle Powell	" "	Clerk Sheriff's Dept.		207.68
Town of Whiteville	" "	Radio Operator	(472)	140.00
Town of Chadbourn	" "	Radio Operator		140.00
Town of Tabor City	" "	Radio Operator		140.00
Betty S. Williamson	" "	County Accountant		430.94
Emogene W. Suggs	" "	Asst. County Accountant		250.86
Veneda S. Ray	" "	Asst. County Accountant		280.00
Robert L. Duncan	" "	Custodian		351.91
Helen Bethea	" "	Janitress Courthouse		142.21
Willie Mae Smith	" "	Janitress - Annex I		64.24
Leo L. Fisher	" "	Register of Deeds		406.02
Anna Belle Lane	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		258.74
Gladys G. Wooten	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		250.94
Marvelann W/ Norris	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		239.32
Myrtle N. McAlister	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		248.02
Ila Vee N. Penny	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		239.32
Sarah Faye Barker	" "	Deputy Register of Deeds		228.86
Frances Vaughn	" "	Clerical Asst.		221.66
James Blake Nance	" "	Custodian - County Hall		200.61
Alice S. Wright	" "	Welfare Director	(490)	689.70
Pearl H. Fowler	" "	Social Worker Supvr.		455.31
Helma T. English	" "	Social Worker		440.42
Margaret V. Hair	" "	Social Worker		411.95
Sally G. Marks	" "	Social Worker		258.72
Jo Anne P. Vereen	" "	Social Worker		432.32
Kathryn K. Walton	" "	Social Worker		425.71
Peggy S. Leggette	" "	Social Worker		425.71
Griffin J. Johnson	" "	Social Worker		392.26
Edwin Tatum, Jr.	" "	Social Worker		339.39
Frances R. Hawk	" "	Social Worker	(500)	396.99
John R. Woods, Jr.	" "	Social Worker		462.82
Maebelle Weaver	" "	Stenographer		331.62
Claire P. Duncan	" "	Typist		251.27
Linda P. Baldwin	" "	Typist		279.74
Peggy Ann M. Duncan	" "	Clerk		260.50
Margaret L. MacDaniel	" "	Typist		278.21
Leota H. Hodges	" "	Typist		289.30
Kathryn L. Smith	" "	Typist	(508)	228.20
Mabel Faulk	" "	Janitress Welfare Dept.		23.90
Robert C. Schulken	" "	Welfare Attorney		176.01
Garland D. McCullen	" "	Asst. County Ext. Agent		82.92
Donald Williams Baker	" "	Asst. County Ext. Agent		245.27
J. M. Spaulding	" "	Agriculture Extension Agent		183.18
Dorothy M. Reeves	" "	Administrative Asst.		201.68
Linda A. Lee	" "	Extnesion Secy.		154.88
Linda T. Hilburn	" "	Extension Secy.		80.79
C. D. Raper	" "	County Extension Chairman		261.83
Evelyn S. Wilson	" "	Asst. Home Ex. Ext. Agent		181.36
Elaine N. Blakē	" "	Home Ec. Ext. Agent		176.24
Yvonne B. Ray	" "	Home Ec. Ext. Agent		71.12
Betty C. Thompson	" "	Assoc. Home Ec Ext. Agent		167.71
Peggy H. Shaw	" "	Soil Conservation Secy.		251.43

	November Salary			
Edna Creech		Librarian (523)	\$	308.16
Jane O. Saunders	"	Bookmobile Librarian		104.50
Frances Ann Valentine	"	Bookmobile Librarian		111.45
Catherine F. Creech	"	Library Asst.		133.84
H. Hugh Nance	"	Veterans Service Officer		412.67
Jewell W. Dunivant	"	Asst. Clerk of Sup. Court		323.83
Barbara W. Blackwell	"	Asst. Clerk of Sup. Court		255.92
Hilda S. Garrell	"	Dep. Clerk of Sup. Court		236.61
Rosemary S. Williamson	"	Secretary		230.01
Ocia B. Britt	"	Dep. Clerk of Sup. Court		243.74
Linda Lanier	"	Dep. Clerk of Sup. Court		243.74
Lee J. Greer	"	Clerk of Sup. Court, Juv. Judge		559.41
Lacy R. Thompson	"	Asstg. Clerk of Sup. Court		400.82
Joe W. Brown	"	Judge of Recorders Court		424.15
Wilton Hunt	"	Solicitor of Recorders Ct.		385.36
John A. Byrd	"	Dog Warden (538)		466.43
James Davis	"	Asstg. Dog Warden		14.34
Roscoe Enzor	"	Surplus Foods Supvr.		332.43
Sallie Lou Enzor	"	Asstg. Surplus Foods		143.96
Lathal R. Wayne	"	Civil Defense Director		373.26
Brenda G. Hinson	"	Stenographer		220.70
L. V. Holt	"	Electrical Inspector		251.10
Lacy Long	"	Court Officer (546)		172.08
H. C. Covington	"	Grand Jury		19.12
Jewell W. Dunivant	"	Asstg. Supt. Bu. of Identif.		40.15
Jewell W. Dunivant	"	Overtime-Clerk of Court		51.62
Ina J. Brown	"	Clerical Asst. Bu. of Ident.		22.94
Buell E. Lanier	"	Coroner		162.25
Barbara W. Blackwell	"	Overtime-Clerk of Court		30.24
Hilda S. Garrell	"	Overtime-Clerk of Court		36.10
Ocia B. Britt	"	Overtime-Clerk of Court		32.50
Rosemary Williamson	"	Overtime-Clerk of Court		24.86
Linda Lanier	"	Overtime-Clerk of Court		30.59
W. O. Johnson, Chairman		-Meetings & Conferences held in Nov.		292.00
W. O. Johnson		-Reimbursement trip to Chapel Hill		98.90
H. J. Watts		-Meetings & Conferences held in Nov.		170.50
J. Roland Gore		-Meetings & Conferences held in Nov.		72.00
T. E. Burns		-Meetings & Conferences held in Nov.		104.80
Edward W. Williamson		-Meetings & Conferences held in Nov.		115.00
Southern National Bank of N. C.		-Federal Income Tax Withheld	3,699.50	
Hospital Care Association		-Hospital Ins. Withheld & Prepaid		468.07
Group Insurance Services, Inc.		-Life Insurance Withheld & Prepaid		175.18
Colonial Life Insurance Co. Inc.		-Accident Insurance Withheld		54.00
The News Reporter Co. Inc.		-Various accounts		792.94
W. Earl Britt		-Professional services (6535)		400.00
Olivetti Underwood Corp.		-Tax Supvr. account		366.17
Brooks Stanley		-Reimbursement trip to Chapel Hill		43.55
Atlantic Publishing Co.		-Advertising		293.71
Monroe International, Inc.		-Maintenance Contract		27.00
The National Cash Register Co.		-Maintenance Agreement		294.40
Donald R. Hunt		-Deputy Sheriff		15.75
Wilson Griffin		-Capturing Still		5.00
Clifton Lewis		-Capturing Still		5.00
A. L. Duke, Sheriff		-Reimbursement-Jail Detention Course		110.90
Townsend Builders, Inc.		-Various accounts (6545)		134.84
Columbus Motor Co.		-Account Supt. Bu. of Identif.		7.42
Carolina Police Supply		-Bu. of Identification		20.76
H. L. Shaw, Supt.		-Reimbursement for November Expense		132.18
Kathleen Pate		-Judge of Election - Bogue Precinct		20.00
Owen G. Dunn Co.		-Various accounts		335.01
The News Reporter Co. Inc.		-Various accounts	1,306.45	
Columbus County News		-Advertising Board of Elections		248.80
Best Cabinet Works		-Ballot Boxes		294.00
D. Jack Hooks		-Services to Board of Elections		50.00

Automatic Voting Machine Division	-Board of Elections	(6555)	\$ 14.15
Ellis Meares Hdwe Co. Inc.	-Board of Elections		22.25
Simmons Drug Co., Inc.	-Various accounts		1.34
Pitney-Bowes, Inc.	-Auditor's Office		42.00
Gore's Quality Shop	-Auditor's Office		1.24
Mary T. Covington, Secy-Treas.	-1969 Membership Dues		5.00
Whiteville Oil Co.	-Various accounts		589.10
Wilmar, Inc.	-Courthouse account		186.04
Hyatt Exterminating Co.	-Various accounts		45.50
Town of Whiteville	-Various accounts	(6564)	42.65
E. L. Hawks Roofing & Sheet Metal	-Courthouse		18.00
Scotts of Whiteville	-Courthouse		5.31
Collier T. V. & Appliance Co.	-Courthouse		2.63
Columbus Glass & Mirror Co. Inc.	-Courthouse		30.65
Wallace L. Clontz	-Architectural services		130.00
The Standard Supply Co. Inc.	-Account for Courthouse		130.47
Safety Equipment Sales & Service	-Various accounts		72.89
J. H. Ashley, Electrical Cont.	-Various accounts		84.20
Fletcher's Esso Station	-Account for Courthouse		1.05
McQueen Nurseries	-Courthouse	(6574)	39.14
Hub's Supply Company	-Courthouse		8.19
Chase Chemical Corp.	-Janitorial Supplies		125.91
J, C. Lennon	-Payment on lot--Deed dated 12-2-68		5,000.00
Mitchell Printing Co. Inc.	-Register of Deed accounts		13.26
Carolina Ribbon & Carbon Sales	-Register of Deed account		14.21
W. H. King Drug Co.	-Register of Deed account		61.29
Hall & McChesney, Inc.	-Register of Deed account		3.87
International Business Machines	-Register of Deed account		12.88
Pitney-Bowes, Inc.	-Register of Deed account		61.80
Beth Batten	-Stenographer - Coroner		15.00
Esau Shipman	-Juror	(6585)	5.00
George M. Anderson	-Juror		5.00
Bartley Stewart	-Juror		5.00
James M. Wallace	-Juror		5.00
Clifford Long	-Juror		5.00
Jimmy Williamson	-Juror		5.00
Pathology Associates	-Autopsy		300.00
Peoples Funeral Home	-Transportation of bodies for autopsy		72.00
Collier Gas Co.	-Jail account		46.35
G. V. Singletary & Sons	-Jail account		59.45
Misco-Care Co.	-Jail account		114.24
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	-Jail account	(6596)	91.36
Leder Brothers, Inc.	-Jail account		105.52
Dennis Williams, Jailer	-Lodging & Meals through November 1,		595.40
J. H. Kersey, Plumbing	-Jail account		12.75
Columbus Supply Co.	-Jail account		13.58
Ed Walton Williamson	-Welfare Board Meeting		11.50
W. B. Buffkin	-Welfare Board Meeting		10.60
Flora B. Singletary	-Welfare Board Meeting		10.10
Mrs. H. B. Jackson	-Boarding Home Care		50.00
Mrs. Horace Rich	-Boarding Home Care		50.00
Mrs. Louvie Hinson	-Boarding Home Care		150.00
Mrs. Henry D. Hill	-Boarding Home Care		50.00
Mamie Patrick	-Boarding Home Care		100.00
Mrs. Davis Williamson	-Boarding Home Care		50.00
Mrs. Guila Dawsey	-Boarding Home Care	(6610)	50.00
Mrs. Novella G. Williams	-Boarding Home Care		150.00
Rose's Stores, Inc.	-Indigent Children		5.12
Belk-Hensdale Co.	-Welfare account		78.37
Sally G. Marks	-November mileage & subsistence		25.80
Alice S. Wright	-Travel for November		56.80
Charles E. Tatum, Jr.	-Travel for November		40.04
Margaret V. Hair	-Travel for November & trip to Raleigh		81.84
Helma T. English	-Travel for November & trip to Welfare Inst.		42.62
John R. Wooks	-Travel for November & Institute Expenses		57.22

Griffin J. Johnson	-Travel Expenses for Nov. & Institute Exp.	\$ 62.69
Jo Anne P. Vereen	-Travel Expenses for Nov. & Institute Exp.	52.02
Kitty K. Walton	-Travel Expenses for Nov. & Institute Exp.	67.51
Dictaphone Corp.	-Welfare Department (6623)	1.23
Pearl H. Fowler	-Expenses of Public Welfare Institute	28.11
Mercer-Worthington	-Burial of Harley Sam Nobles	60.00
N. C. Commission for the Blind	--County's share of November Expenditures	781.15
C. D. Raper	-Reimbursement for November Expenses	20.29
Gray & Creech, Inc.	-Extension Service (6628)	13.69
Sylvia P. Edwards	-Court Reporter	450.00
Robert Simmons, D. S.	-Conveying prisoner	18.00
Kenneth M. Squires, D.S.	-Cpnveying prisoner	21.00
Clayton Norton, D. S.	-Conveying prisoners	92.40
Gore's Quality Shop	-Bibles for courtroom	30.96
Mitchell Printing Company	-Clerk of Superior Court (6634)	774.20
Hilda R. Smith	-Court Calendars	379.59
Harrison Typewriter Co.	-Clerk of Superior Court	12.21
Robert Simmons, D. S.	-Conveying prisoners	31.00
Dixie Farm Center, Inc.	-Dog Warden Account	16.18
Frank Tolar	-Rent per lease agreement	225.00
Lathal R. Wayne	-Travel for November	179.41
Lathal R. Wayne	-Reimbursement express expenses	2.60
Goldston's Esso Station	-Expenses for jeep	18.59
White Owl Parts Co.	-Jeep parts	34.25
Brunswick Rescue Squadron	-Per order of Board	300.00
J. C. Lennon	-Account for Board of Elections	28.90
Joe W. Brown	-Additional Judicial Duties	100.00
Wilton Hunt	-Addition Judicial Duties	100.00
Columbus Soil & Water Cons.	-Election Expense (6648)	150.00
Carolina Tel. & Tel.	-Various accounts	632.89
Broadcast & Communications	-Contract service	125.00
National School & Indust.	-Bu. of Identif.	8.85
Carolina Power & Light Co.	-Various accounts	562.39
Frances R. Hawk	-Travel for November	45.04
Peggy Leggette	-Travel for November	93.46
Waccamaw Realty & Ins. Co.	-Addition to County Library (6655)	8,675.00

Out Door Poor	5.00
Insolvents	313.11

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until December 16, 1968

at 10:00 A.M.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson
Clerk

A. J. Wells
Chairman