

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their office at the Courthouse in regular session on Monday, April 1, 1929. Members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

D. W. Merritt

J. R. Blake

H. G. Avant

G. C. Ratcliffe, Clerk

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, then the Board began the transaction of the following business:

Ordered: That Gibson Hinson, Gus Hinson, and Anna Hinson of Cerro Gordo, N. C., be given \$3.00 each per month from the Outdoor Poor Fund, first payment to begin as of the date of this order.

Ordered: That Mrs. Lee Collum's allowance of \$5.00 a month from the Outdoor Poor Fund be increased to \$10.00 on account of a patient in the family having to go to Sanatorium for treatment. This increase is to be made as of the date of this order.

Ordered: That the wife of Thurman Strickland, he being on the roads, be moved to a house at the County Home in order that she may have house rent-free. Mr. Bowen of the County Home is to move her at whatever time she desires.

Ordered: That the name of Martha Ward of Guide, N. C., be placed back on the Outdoor Poor list to receive \$2.00 per month, first payment to begin as of the date of this order.

Ordered: That Mrs. Elizabeth Babson's allowance of \$3.00 from the Outdoor Poor Fund be increased to \$5.00 per month.

It was ordered by the Board of Commissioners that the order passed relative to W. G. Holmes's name being discontinued from the Outdoor Poor list and that he be admitted to the County Home be repealed, and that the following order be recorded: That W. G. Holmes be allowed \$5.00 per month from the Outdoor Poor Fund with the distinct understanding that this shall be the only expense each month that the County will pay. The first payment in the amount of \$5.00 is to be made as of April 1, 1929.

Ordered: That a bill placed with the Commissioners by Dr. T. Formyduval in the amount of \$68.00 for services to W. G. Holmes and family be paid as of this date.

Ordered: That W. F. (Dock) Wilson's hospital expenses for fractured ankle as received while on Chain Gang be paid to the Thompson Memorial Hospital.

Ordered: That Mrs. Mittie Ward Soles be allowed \$25.00 each month from the General County Mothers' Aid Fund, for half of which Columbus County is to be reimbursed by the State Mothers' Aid Fund.

Ordered: That a refund voucher be drawn payable to Mrs. A. C. Bullard refunding her on a basis of \$400.00 valuation for 1927, and that the Tax Collector refund also on a basis of \$400.00 for the year 1928. Refund for these years is made on the property of A. C. Bullard in Whiteville Township, School District No. 1, on account of over-valuation through error.

Ordered: That the request of Mrs. Seth Smith, Mrs. Homer Lyon, and Mr. K. B. Council be granted by the County paying the expenses of carrying all Confederate Veterans to Charlotte and back, it being distinctly understood that the U. D. C. Chapter of Whiteville is to secure passage for Veterans which will in no way make Columbus County responsible in the case of any accident.

The matter of drawing an increased number of jurors was discussed by the County Commissioners. The Board finally ordered that 48 jurors be drawn instead of 36 for the term of Criminal Court and that 24 instead of 18 be drawn for the term of Civil Court.

Ordered: That the Sheriff summon the following good and lawful men to serve as Jurors during the term of Criminal and Civil Court beginning January 29, 1929.

<u>Township</u>	<u>First Week</u>	<u>Second Week</u>
Bogue	B. F. Batten J. B. Barefoot Luther Shipman J. W. Dorse	T. N. Barefoot
Bolton	W. H. Parker L. T. Grice M. J. Dale	R. H. Colvin
Bug Hill	C. H. Faulk E. M. Gore D. K. Suggs	A. O. Hardee Foster Stanley
Chadbourn	Jesse Turner J. L. Koonce Luther Hammonds	C. I. Stone C. H. Hinson
Cerro Gordo	Zebra Strickland D. J. Strickland D. F. Green	D. C. Collins
Fair Bluff	B. F. Worley G. W. Edwards W. M. Edwards	J. H. Lovette
Lees	John B. Ward J. H. Soles O. D. Ray W. E. Simmons	J. W. Soles O. L. Formyduval
Ransom	R. I. Becker J. H. Gainey A. A. Hilburn J. F. Blake	P. D. Cowan W. C. Page, Jr.
Tatum	J. H. Jenerette J. S. Wells N. Nance	R. N. Brown Dock W. Nance

Waccamaw	J. P. Council Ode Todd K. G. Sloan	G. T. Sutton
Welches Creek	Noah Penny H. Clay Baldwin Henry Sykes	E. C. Heustus
Western Prong	W. S. Britt J. T. Wooten L. W. Ransom	Luther Hobbs
Whiteville	Marion Stephens S. L. Nealy Dr. W. R. Davis	W. B. Hobbs L. L. Walker P. V. Buffkin
Williams	R. R. Hinson E. J. Hinson James Mercer	C. L. McPherson E. D. Mills
So. Williams	J. M. McGougan R. D. Stephens J. C. Fowler	J. A. Cartrette A. D. Fipps

It was ordered by the Board of County Commissioners that the following resolution relative to a State maintained highway leading from Whiteville to Southport be recorded:

Whereas, there is at the present time no State Highway connecting Whiteville and Southport, the county seats of Columbus and Brunswick Counties, respectively, except by a very devious route; and

Whereas, the county of Columbus has an improved road leading from Whiteville by Soles Swamp and Old Dock extending to the Columbus and Brunswick County lines and

Whereas, the road leading from Whiteville by Soles Swamp and Old Dock to Southport would be a saving in mileage of around twenty miles; and

Whereas, the proposed road would furnish an outlet for produce from the most fertile sections of Brunswick and Columbus Counties, and would serve several thousand people between the two points in addition to the through traffic that would be benefitted; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County realized the necessity on account of heavy traffic for paving the road from the city limits of the town of Whiteville, did cause to be paved the road from the limits of the Town of Whiteville to a point one mile South of Whiteville where Highway No. 23 intersects with the Old Dock road; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County realizing the necessity for a state maintained highway from the intersection of Highway No. 23 with the Old Dock road to Southport which would connect the county seat of Columbus County with the County seat of Brunswick County:

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County:

That the State Highway Commission be urgently requested to take over and maintain the road known as the Old Dock road, commencing one mile South of the Town of Whiteville on Highway No. 23 and extending by way of Old Dock to the line of Columbus and Brunswick Counties;

And be it further resolved: That the State Highway Commission be further

urgently requested to take over and maintain a road from the Columbus and Brunswick County line by way of the most practical route to Southport so as to be a continuous road from the intersection of the Old Dock road at Highway No. 23 one mile South of the Town of Whiteville to the Town of Southport;

And be it further resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Board and a copy sent to Honorable W. A. McGirt, Third District Highway Commissioner, and a copy to Honorable R. A. Doughton, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, and a copy to Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, Southport, N. C.

On motion made by J. R. Blake and seconded by D. W. Merritt the Board unanimously adopted the foregoing resolution.

It was also ordered by the Board of Commissioners: That the following resolution be recorded relative to the paving of Highway No. 23 from Clarkton to the South Carolina line: Minutes of the meeting of this date:

Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County in regular session on April 1, 1929:

That the State Highway Commission be requested and urged to hard-surface the road from Bladen County line near Clarkton on Highway No. 23 to the South Carolina line near Tabor via Whiteville as the next project to be let in Columbus County. Said hard-surface to be on Highway No. 23 as now located leading from South Carolina line via Whiteville and Clarkton to Elizabethtown, the County Seat of Bladen County;

That a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Board and a copy sent to Honorable R. A. Doughton, Chairman of State Highway Commission and a copy to Honorable W. A. McGirt, member of said Commission.

On motion made by J. R. Blake and seconded by H. G. Avant the Board unanimously adopted the foregoing resolution.

Ordered: That the following Agreement As To Highway Location between North Carolina State Highway Commission and the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of this date:

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this the 25th day of March, 1929, by and between the NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, party of the first part, and the County of Columbus, acting by and through its Board of Commissioners the Road Governing body of said County, party of the second part, Witnesseth:

That whereas, the State Highway Commission has agreed to take over and place under maintenance that certain road in said County, described as follows:

From Bolton in a northwesterly direction toward Clarkton to the Bladen County Line, a distance of approximately 6 miles.

And Whereas, the present location of said road has not been surveyed or examined with sufficient care to enable the State Highway Commission to determine to what extent, if at all, said present location may be the most

practicable route for the permanent location of a state highway to serve the traffic between said termini;

And Whereas, the said County is desirous of being relieved of the maintenance of the existing road prior to the determination of a permanent location;

Now, Therefore, it is agreed that the State Highway Commission shall take over as a temporary route, the said County road, as now existing, and the said County, through its road governing body, hereby consents and agrees to waive all rights to protest or contest such change, alteration, or complete new location, as the State Highway Commission may hereafter determine upon, to serve the traffic between the stated termini;

And, after such new location may be made, to absolve the State Highway Commission from any and all claims on the part of the said County as to the further maintenance of such portion, or the whole of said road, as may fail to coincide with the new location.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed in their name and behalf, the day and year first above written.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

By R. A. Doughton  
CHAIRMAN

COLUMBUS COUNTY

By D. F. McGougan  
CHAIRMAN

The adoption of the foregoing Agreement was unanimous by the Board of County Commissioners.

Ordered: That the bill placed before the Board by J. D. Strauss in the amount of \$30.00 for the killing of nine sheep be referred to the Board of Education for payment as approved by the Board of County Commissioners in lieu to "The Sheep Husbandry Bill" which provides for payment in such cases.

Ordered: That a new Chevrolet Coupe be purchased for use by the County Home Demonstrator, Miss Emiline Cleveland. The Ford Coupe which she is now using is to be traded for an allowance of \$153.00 on the purchase price of a Chevrolet, \$703.00, the payment of \$550.00 is to be remitted by check as of this date to Fridgen and McGougan.

Ordered: That K. B. Council be paid the amount of \$20.00 for a Bosch magneto which W. J. Tate of the County Garage used from one of Mr. Council's boat motors about four years ago.

Ordered: That the following men be appointed as list-takers in their respective townships for the year 1929.

(over)

<u>Township</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Bogue	J. E. Thompson	Hallsboro, N. C.
Bolton	I. S. Faulk	Bolton, N. C.
Bug Hill	G. C. Cox	Guide, N. C.
Chadbourn	J. A. Baldwin	Chadbourn, N. C.
Cerro Gordo	Troy Boswell	Cerro Gordo, N. C.
Fair Bluff	A. E. Waller	Fair Bluff, N. C.
Lees	Louis F. Ward	Vineland, N. C., R. F. D.
Ransom	J. L. Lennon	Freeman, N. C.
Tatum	Jetter H. Williamson	Evergreen, N. C.
Waccamaw	J. C. Nye	Bolton, N. C.
Welches Creek	H. S. High	Whiteville, N. C., R. F. D.
Western Prong	R. V. Owen	Clarkton, N. C., R. F. D.
Whiteville	K. D. Hardee	Vineland, N. C.
Williams	W. B. Ward	Clarendon, N. C.
South Williams	W. H. Shelly	Tabor, N. C.

Ordered: That the following land sale certificates now in the hands of Lewis and Baldwin be cancelled in the various amounts and for reasons as set out below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
John George Est.	Whiteville	1926	\$0.98	Listed on regular and penalty--purchased by <del>W. H. Hardee</del> Alford
John A. Batton	Bogue	1921	54.73	Listed by R. M. Carroll and Julia Coleman
Donald McRackan, Trustee	Waccamaw	1926	65.66	Listed by Mrs. Carl Singer
L. D. Smith	Waccamaw	1924	4.30	Listed by D. L. Smith
S. E. Shipman	Bogue	1921	17.41	Party not known--no deed
S. E. Shipman	Bogue	1922	29.26	" " " " "
S. E. Shipman	Bogue	1923	38.53	" " " " "
S. E. Shipman	Bogue	1924	29.49	" " " " "
S. E. Shipman	Bogue	1925	36.16	" " " " "
S. E. Shipman	Bogue	1926	35.48	" " " " "
Mrs. S. E. Smith	Bogue	1924	40.89	" " " " "
Mrs. S. E. Smith	Bogue	1925	53.23	" " " " "
Mrs. S. E. Smith	Bogue	1926	51.21	" " " " "
J. L. Shipman	Bogue	1921	5.42	" " " " "
J. L. Shipman	Bogue	1923	6.31	" " " " "
L. J. Shipman	Bogue	1924	4.96	" " " " "
L. J. Shipman	Bogue	1925	5.96	" " " " "
L. J. Shipman	Bogue	1926	5.86	" " " " "
Pinkey A. George	Whiteville	1921	15.01	Listed by Sarah A. George
Pinkey George	Whiteville	1922	8.35	" " " " "
Pinkey A. George	Whiteville	1923	18.12	" " " " "

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund J. N. Cox of Bug Hill Township on \$5400.00 valuation on 1928 tax, reason for refund being that \$600.00 was

read and recorded as \$6000.00.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund C. F. Reaves on \$50.00 valuation in Lees Township for 1928, error being caused by listing at \$50.00 when it should have been at \$500.00.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Mrs. E. L. Baldwin of Chadbourn Township on \$500.00 valuation for the year 1928 on account of a reduction being made in 1927 but the reduction was not applied to 1928 taxes also.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund H. O. Suggs in Bug Hill Township \$2.00 for poll tax. Was listed on regular list in Chadbourn Township.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund C. E. White Lumber Company on \$1300.00 valuation in Ransom Township for the year 1928 on account of the moving of mill, mules, and equipment from the County prior to May 1, 1928.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund A. A. Wright on \$700.00 valuation of property in South Williams Township for 1928 on account of error in listing money on hand.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund E. J. Howard on \$900.00 valuation in Whiteville Township for 1928 in order to correct error from \$1000.00 to \$100.00

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund D. M. Smith on \$1940.00 valuation of property in Welches Creek Township for the year 1928, refund to be calculated only on Special School Tax, District No. 2 at 10¢ on account of an error made in preparing the scrolls by confusing the valuation on some of Miss Sallie Smith's property with that of D. M. Smith. D. M. Smith's property is all located in Special School District No. 1 at 15¢; he was also charged with \$1940.00 valuation of Miss Sallie Smith's property in District No. 2 at 10¢.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund F. W. Carroll on \$395.00 valuation in Waccamaw Township for the year 1928 on account of error in listing personal property.

(See pages 32A, 32B, and 32C for bills allowed and paid during month of March, 1929.)

On motion the Commissioners adjourned their meeting until Tuesday, April 2, 1929.

*G. C. Patecliffe*  
Clerk

Approved:

*D. J. Morgan*  
Chairman