

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office in regular session on Monday, June 3, 1929, all members of the Board being present.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting, the Board entered into the transaction of the following business:

Ordered: That Sam Sibbitt be admitted to the County Home for thirty days upon recommendation of Dr. Johnson.

Miss Mary P. Bell, representative of the Hugh McRae and Company of Wilmington, N. C., came before the Board at this meeting to ask for a refund on back taxes, which were paid on erroneous listing made by Hugh McRae and Company each year since 1920. A claim was made against the County for taxes in the amount of \$1120.00 which covered a listing of 240 acres in excess of their total holdings in the County. Law barred the County Commissioners from refunding taxes on years prior to 1927; therefore, an order was passed by the Board that Hugh McRae and Company be refunded only on the excessive amount being \$55.32. A record of the vote on the foregoing order was as follows: For: J. R. Blake, D. W. Merritt, J. C. Hooks, Sr., and D. F. McGougan; against: H. G. Avant.

It was ordered by the County Commissioners that the County shall pay one-half of the Chadbourn Drainage tax and interest to date on the P. Lennon property for each of the years 1921 and 1923, the other half to be paid by J. A. Baldwin who is now owner of part of said property. The total of 1924 tax and interest is to be paid only by Columbus County. Payment of one-half of the 1921 and 1923 tax and interest, and the total of the 1924 tax and interest is to be paid by Columbus County for the purpose of protecting a \$2,000.00 mortgage which the County holds against said property of P. Lennon. The amount of payment for taxes, \$29.50, is to be included in any procedure that the County may institute relative to the mortgage and the Chadbourn Drainage certificates are to be attached to the mortgage of said P. Lennon.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund J. V(ance) Williams in Chadbourn Township on \$2600.00 valuation for the year 1928 on account of a double listing in the same name. It is further ordered, that the Tax Collector refund said J. V. Williams on 70% advertising cost.

A motion was made by H. G. Avant, seconded by J. R. Blake, and motion carried that the tax matter relative to C. P. Reeves' property be deferred until the meetings for tax adjustments beginning July 8, 1929.

Duke Jacobs appeared before the Board of Commissioners and requested that he be relieved of paying poll tax for the year 1928 on account of physical disabilities. It later developed, however, that said Duke Jacobs

is the owner of considerable property. The Commissioners took no further action, therefore, in relieving him of poll tax.

Ordered: That J. H. Malpass of Bolton, N. C., be admitted to the County Home.

Dr. Floyd Johnson, County Health Officer, presented for signature a contract to be made between the Board of County Commissioners and the State Department of Health for the continuation of his Department during another fiscal year beginning July 1, 1929. It was ordered by the Board that said contract be signed and that an appropriation of \$2500.00 be made in the 1929-30 budget, this amount being one-half of the total budget for the County Health Department during a fiscal year. At this time Dr. Johnson proposed to the County Commissioners that the employment of a County Nurse be provided for in the County budget for the year 1929-30. The Board ruled, however, their approval of the contract for \$2500.00 instead of \$3750.00 for the next fiscal year.

In consideration of the payment of \$50.00 by W. A. Thomas, the County Commissioners ordered that a release be given said W. A. Thomas on a certain part of land containing approximately 3/8 acre in Chadbourn Township, said land being a part of a tract of land against which Columbus County holds a mortgage. This release is granted in consideration of the sale of this property for use by State Entomologist in his work for this district.

Ordered: That A. C. Coleman be appointed to complete the unexpired term of J. B. Reaves, deceased, as a member of Lees Township Board of Road Supervisors.

Ordered: That Carey Chancey be appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Road Supervisors for Waccamaw Township. This appointment is made on this date to complete the membership of that Board after the appointment of J. P. Council and his failure to qualify.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund C. V. Blackman on poll tax in Lees Township for 1928, Mr. Blackman being a non-resident of the County.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund E. M. Duncan in Williams Township on his poll tax for the year 1928 on account of the fact that he is under age, he being at present 19 years old.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund M. D. Watts in Lees Township for 1928 on \$3100.00 valuation, refund being allowed on Special School tax only. Said M. D. Watts was charged in District No. 9 at 30¢ when his property lies in Lees No. 1 at 11¢.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund H. O. Suggs in Bug Hill Township on his poll tax for the year 1928 on account of being charged in both Bug Hill and Chadbourn Townships. He lives at present in Chadbourn Township.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Asa L. Ward in Lees Township on \$840.00 valuation, refund being on Special School Tax only. Said Asa L. Ward lives in Lees No. 2 which district carries no tax levy; was charged in Lees No. 10 at 30¢.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Ozro Hammond on \$505.00 valuation in Cerro Gordo Township for the year 1928, reason for refund being that a 41 acre tract of land was charged to Hammond through error.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund the following taxpayers in Lees township on their respective valuations, refund being only on Special School tax on account of being charged in Lees District No. 10 at 30¢ when in reality they do not live in any Special School District:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
W. S. Ward	\$1007.00
N. M. Ward	200.00
L. C. Reaves	1046.00
H. M. Long	1315.00
Miss Agnes Long	1735.00
D. G. Long	120.00
Callie Davis	560.00

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund C. V. Blackman in Lees Township for the year 1928 on \$300.00 valuation, refund granted only on Special School tax on account of living in no Special School District, but was charged erroneously in Lees District No. 9.

Ordered: That a record of the following resolution relative to the paving of Highway No. 23 be made in the minutes of this meeting:

On the first Monday in April, 1929, this Board passed a resolution respectfully requesting the State Highway Commission at an early date to pave highway number 23 from the South Carolina line at Tabor, North Carolina, to the Bladen County line near Clarkton, North Carolina, and whereas,

We are now reliably informed that South Carolina Highway number 40 from the North Carolina line at Tabor North Carolina, to the city of Charleston, South Carolina, is under rapid construction and will be immediately paved, now therefore,

We respectfully request that the North Carolina Highway Commission take steps to pave highway number 23 which runs from the South Carolina line at Tabor, North Carolina, to a point at or near Clinton, North Carolina, immediately, thus furnishing a much needed road locally and furnishing a trunk line from Canada to Key West, Florida. This road when completed will be one of the shortest, if not the shortest, route from the North to the South and will serve hundreds of North and South tourist daily in addition to the heavy local traffic.

Ordered: That the following General County Bills be allowed and paid for the month of May, 1929:

Dwight McEwen	Reporting Court Week 5/6/29	\$111.34
Dr. H. B. Maxwell	Expert Court Witness	10.00
Martha Royall	Washing at County Home	2.00
Mary Best	Scrubbing at County Home	2.00
E. D. Millican	Plowing on Co. Home Farm	5.62
Willie Russ	Hoeing corn on Co. Home Farm	4.37
Willard Bowen	Hoeing corn on Co. Home Farm	1.00
A. G. Best	Conveyance of Prisoners	40.00
David Smith, P. M.	Envelopes for Auditor's Office	44.12
Ed. C. Schwartz	Janitor, and Court Officer	86.00
J. L. Burney	Officer Superior & Rec. Court	48.00
Winoca Chemical Co.	Sweeping Compound	7.50
Tourist Restaurant	13 meals for Jurors	9.75
Miss Emiline Cleveland	May salary - Home Dem. Agt. (Nutr. Exp)	67.50
Sarah J. Williams	May salary - Col. Home. Dem. Agt.	25.00
Mrs. Leone Winesett	May salary - Stenographer	50.00
J. P. Quinerly	May salary - County Agent	150.00
G. C. Ratcliffe	May salary - Auditor	200.00
Mae Stanley	May salary - assisting Auditor	75.00
Artemisia Smith	May salary - Supervisor Tax Books	100.00
John W. Hall	May salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	May salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	May salary - C. S. C. etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	May salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
C. C. Russ	May salary - Welfare Officer	25.00
Geo. E. Collier	May salary - Reg. of Deeds	200.00
Catherine Vogels	May salary - assisting Reg. of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maultsby	May salary - Judge, R. Court	100.00
Julian D. Lewis	May salary - County Attorney	75.00
Edward K. Proctor	May salary - Pros. County Atty	75.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	May appropriation	10.00
D. L. Gore	May salary - Tax Collector	200.00
Jasper Bowen	May salary - Keeper, County Home	100.00
Pross Millican	May salary - Asst. Co. Home Farm	30.00
C. A. Farley	Conveyance (Insane)	24.50
Seeman Printery	Supplies for Auditor	67.21
R. B. McRoy & Co.	Fertilizer for County Home	2.25
Ed. Schwartz	1 day officer in Bradie Case	3.00
Frank Davis	9 days assisting Janitor	4.50
Charlie Baldwin	5 hrs. trimming shrubbery	1.25
New Columbus Hotel	Lodging for Jurors and Officer	19.50
J. M. Hinson	Conveying Nathan Barnes to Jail	3.05
Standard Oil Co. of N.J.	Kerosene and gas for Co. Home	4.20
Oscar High	Clothing for Co. Home & Janitor's Supplies	18.10
Mitchell Printing Co.	Supplies for Auditor	3.92
Long Motor Company	Gas & Oil for Traffic Officer	17.05
J. M. Lewis	To Chain Gang with Grand Jury	5.00
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for May (3 fans for Courtroom)	168.86
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight for month of May	1.88
I. F. Green	Capturing one complete still	10.00
V. T. Soles	Capturing one still, 1 operator	20.00
J. M. Hinson	Conveying Joe Brown to Jail	3.05
J. M. Hinson	Conveying Rosa Mackingtary to Jail	1.05
J. M. Hinson	Conveyance of prisoners	6.10
J. P. Quinerly	Vaccinating 16 hogs @ Co. Home	8.00
Chadbourn Drainage Com.	½ 1921 & 1923 Drainage tax on P. Lennon Property	29.50
News Reporter Company	Advertising and Tax supplies	761.25
Guiton's Drug Store	Drugs for Jail	1.00
Geo. E. Collier	Postage for April and May	3.30
Mrs. Gladys Wooten	Assisting Reg. of Deeds	51.00
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Advanced freight on paper	.78
J. L. Burney	Care of Prisoners for May	563.70
Memory Company	Supplies for Co. Home & Jail	8.15
Julian D. Lewis	10% Com. on L.S.C. Collected	49.38
J. L. Burney	Officer Recorder's Court 3 days	9.00
S. Skiles & Co.	Groceries for County Home	42.43
Mrs. W. C. Dixon	Assisting C. S. C. 24½ days	49.00
J. L. Memory	Postage for the month of May	1.58
Edwards & Broughton Co.	Letter Heads for C. S. C.	12.30
Commercial Printing Co.	Minute Docket for C. S. C.	38.65
Whiteville Tel. Co.	Telephone calls (all offices)	15.10
Whiteville Tel. Co.	Telephone rent for month of May	33.00
E. L. Spivey	Vaccinating 1142 hogs @ 8.00 per assisting County Agent	96.00
		<b>\$4,989.66</b>

Ordered: That the following General Road bills be allowed and paid for the month of May, 1929:

G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn & Tabor road	\$36.00
B. B. Ward	Labor on Chadbourn & Tabor road	30.00
James Lacewell	Labor on Chadbourn & Tabor road	24.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor & Fireway road	31.50
J. C. Fowler	Labor on Tabor & Fireway road	20.00
F. M. Fowler	Labor on Tabor & Fireway road	18.00
J. B. Stephens	Labor on Tabor & Fireway road	11.00
H. D. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	30.00
A. M. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	24.00
McRay Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	36.00
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
A. H. Hammonds	Labor at County Garage	35.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	33.25
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	35.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on New Britton road	35.75
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on New Britton road	20.00
D. A. Duncan	Labor on New Britton road	17.00
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway & Whiteville road	22.50
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway & Whiteville road	15.00
William McLamb	Labor on Fireway & Whiteville road	6.00
M. C. White	Labor on Fireway & Whiteville road	18.00
Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	Gas for Tabor & Fireway road	88.54
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	115.92
Standard Oil Co. of New J.	Gas for three roads	321.97
E. L. Taylor & Co.	Supplies for County Garage	41.41
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	157.35
Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	Gas for Co. Garage and 2 roads	373.48
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight for month of May	3.02
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for County Garage	4.40
Air Reduction Sales Co.	Supplies for County Garage	3.12
C. W. Suggs	Lumber for New Britton road	106.35
S. E. Grissett	Lumber for New Britton road	30.72
		<u>\$2,413.48</u>

Ordered: That the following Chain Gang bills be allowed and paid for the month of May, 1929:

E. F. Craven Company	In full of invoice No. 61761	\$437.50
Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	Invoice No. 802	99.56
General Motors Truck Co.	Truck repairs for Chain Gang	9.97
G. C. Hinson	Lumber	92.50
E. H. Hickman & Co.	Groceries, Feed for Livestock	571.47
Seth L. Smith	2733 lbs. Hay	30.44
J. M. Soles	1790 lbs. hay	24.16
C. B. Best	Turnips and cabbage	22.25
Lewis Motor Company	Truck repairs	39.75
Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	Invoices 525 and 10803	86.33
M. L. Stephens	3 hampers of beans	4.50
H. C. Edwards	Superintendent's salary for May	125.00
Charlie Powers	31 nights guard duty	40.00
Frank Britt	22 days guard duty	28.38
R. R. Turbeville	31 days guard duty	40.00
Fred Strickland	31 days guard duty	40.00
Ed. Hammonds	23 days tractor work	74.75
Alton Edwards	23 days tractor work	74.75
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight for the month of May	8.92
H. L. Williamson	Dental work for man on Co. Roads	2.00
Guiton's Drug Store	drugs for Chain Gang	17.45
Smith & McKenzie	Truck Repairs and parts	22.35
Handy Hardware House	Supplies for Chain Gang	97.70
Mager McLamb	6 days guard duty	7.74
J. W. Long	Corn	48.47
The One Price Store	Shoes and Clothing	70.23
E. F. Craven Company	Truck repairs (tractor)	506.09
		<u>\$2,622.26</u>

Ordered: That the following Outdoor Poor vouchers be allowed and paid for the month of May, 1929:

Total of Outdoor Poor vouchers for May \$408.50

Ordered: That the following Jury tickets be allowed and paid for the month of May, 1929:

Total of Jury tickets for May \$1434.30

Ordered: That the following Insolvent Fees be allowed and Paid:

Total Insolvent Fees for month of May \$68.27

Ordered: That the following Bond Interest and Sinking Fund voucher be allowed and paid for the month of May, 1929:

Bank of Whiteville      N. Y. Exchange to Chase National Bank      \$6,015.00

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, June 4, 1929.

*G. C. Ratchiff*  
Clerk

Approved:  
*D. J. McJannet*  
Chairman

The Honorable Board of Commissioners met in their said office on Tuesday, June 4, according to adjournment of meeting on Monday, June 3, 1929. All members of the Board were present.

The Board at this time began the transaction of all unfinished business of the meeting on first Monday.

It was ordered by the County Commissioners: That the necessary ~~and~~ repairs be made at the jail and that the floors be painted wherever needed.

The Board ordered at this meeting: That the wood posts supporting the chain around the Courthouse be replaced by 2-inch piping equipped with tees and that a chain be extended along the border of the drive around the Courthouse.

The Board at this time heard Mr. McDaniel Lewis, bond broker, in a proposition of handling a proposed bond issue of \$50,000.00 for a hospital to be erected in Columbus County in the near future. His proposition was