

300 yards north of the Stewart place on Highway 23 and ended at the aforesaid point near Dave Hughes' place. The third proposed route began on Highway 23 at G. C. Hinson's place and followed the old road-bed for the most part to a point about 75 yards west of the Dave Hughes' place on the Peacock road. On account of the fact that it would be less expensive for the Chain Gang to construct a road along the old road-bed, this being the route which would necessitate the least clearing of a right-of-way and being also the shortest route for the Chain Gang to complete, it was ordered that the third proposed route shall be the site of the proposed road.

Ordered: That John Hawes of Nakina, N. C., be allowed \$3.00 as present relief, and that his name be added to the Outdoor Poor list to receive \$3.00 per month from the Outdoor Poor fund.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, January 21, 1930, at 1:30 p. m.

Approved:

G. C. Ratcliffe
Clerk

D. F. McQuinn
Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met according to adjournment, in the Commissioners' office on Tuesday, January 21, 1930, at 1:30 p. m. All members of the Board were present.

The purpose of this meeting was to hear a delegation of approximately 75 citizens of Williams Township who came before the Board in regard to the location of the proposed road leading from Grover Hinson's place to a point on the Peacock road about 75 yards west of Dave Hughes' place. Some of the persons appearing before the Board were in favor of having the road constructed along the route beginning at G. C. Hinson's place as ordered by the County Commissioners while others were very much dissatisfied with the designated

location and were very desirous of having the location changed in order that the proposed road would leave Highway 23 at the Stewart place instead of Grover Hinson's. After the Board had heard the delegation, a vote was taken as to which route the majority of the citizens desired. Those voting for the road to be built from Grover Hinson's place were 42 in number, while those voting that the road be built from the Stewart place on Highway 23 were 20 in number. Since it seemed to be an impossibility to reach a compromise between the two delegations, the County Commissioners ordered that the Chain Gang begin its work at or near the Beaver Dam church on the Peacock road and work toward Highway 23 as far as Vann Hinson's place, then to await further instructions from the Board as to the remainder of the right-of-way.

At this meeting J. D. Lewis, County Attorney, read to the Board a letter which he received from the Attorney General in regard to his opinion as to the authority of the Board of County Commissioners in adjusting back taxes on the J. C. and J. R. Williamson property in Columbus County. From the opinion as given in that letter the County Commissioners have no authority to adjust the valuation on property on which back taxes are due. The only relief that could be granted a taxpayer in a case of this kind is that the County Commissioners have the right under the present State law to accept full payment of taxes with interest added at the rate of 6% instead of charging the full 12% as prescribed by law. In order that no discrimination may be made in the case of one taxpayer and that of another, the County Commissioners ordered that the basis of settlement for the J. C. and J. R. Williamson back taxes due Columbus County shall be the full amount of tax plus interest at the prescribed rate of 12% per annum to the date of payment.

There being no further business to come before the attention of the Board of County Commissioners at this time, adjournment was voted in order until the Commissioners' regular monthly meeting to be held on Monday, February 3, 1930.

J. C. Patchiff
Clerk

Approved:

D. J. Morgan
Chairman