

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse on Monday, April 7, 1930. The members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman

J. C. Hooks, Sr.

J. R. Blake

H. G. Avant

D. W. Merritt

G. C. Ratcliffe, Clerk

The minutes of the meetings held during the month of March were read and approved, after which the following orders were passed:

Ordered: That R. C. Applewhite, Deputy Sheriff, of Ransom Township be paid \$30.00 as an advance payment on fees to which he is entitled through serving summons in the pending tax foreclosure suits.

This being the date set for hearing any taxpayer who should desire to protest against the issuance of \$60,000.00 School Building bonds, Dr. L. Baggett appeared before the Board to file a petition, said petition having been signed by approximately 998 voters, citizens, and taxpayers of the County. The Board accepted the petition for information, the sufficiency of same regarding the 15% of total votes cast in the last election for the office of Governor (the number required being 978) and the eligibility of the signers of same to be determined at a later meeting of the Board. It was later decided that a Board meeting would be held on April 14 for the purpose of deciding the sufficiency of the petition.

Ordered: That C. F. Burns be refunded \$13.25 by General County voucher for 1928 land sale certificate No. 2159 in Western Frong Township, reason for refund being that said C. F. Burns paid the certificate covering tax under the listing of D. J. Singletary when later it was learned that R. L. Brown was listing the same property and had paid taxes on same. This automatically cancels the D. J. Singletary certificate No. 2159.

By a motion made by J. R. Blake, seconded by H. G. Avant, it was ordered that H. C. Edwards, Superintendent of the Chain Gang, be instructed to proceed with the construction of a road leading from the Stewart place to Van Hinson place and that immediately after the completion of said road the Chain Gang is to be moved to other sections of the County with no further projects to be undertaken in Williams Township. The vote on the foregoing order was recorded as follows: For--J. R. Blake, H. G. Avant, J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. F. McGougan; voting no, none; not voting, D. W. Merritt.

Ordered: That \$20.00 be paid to W. B. Rabon of Tatum Township, this amount to be applied on the burial expenses of Mrs. Minnie Lawson who recently died on the said W. B. Rabon's place.

Ordered: That Minnie Reaves, Bug Hill, N. C., be given \$6.00 as present relief.

Ordered: That the 1929-30 budget for Lees Township be increased \$300.00, thereby raising the present budget from \$1,850.00 to \$2,150.00. It was also ordered, on account of poor tax collection for the year 1929, that Lees Township be authorized to issue a note in the amount of \$900.00 in anticipation of the collection of 1929 taxes. This note is to be dated April 10, 1930, 90 days, 6% interest, payable to Bearer at Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company.

Ordered: That the 1929-30 budget for Tatum Township be increased \$250.00. It is further ordered that Tatum Township be authorized to issue a note in the amount of \$500.00 in anticipation of 1929 taxes and that same be dated April 10, 90 days, with interest at 6%, payable to Bearer at Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company.

Ordered: That Ransom Township be authorized to issue a note in the amount of \$1,400.00 in anticipation of 1929 taxes. This note is to be dated April 10, 1930, 90 days, at 6% interest, payable to Bearer at Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company.

Ordered: That Ressie Arp Seegars, under judgment of Recorder's Court, be hired out to her brother, Jee Watts, by the Board of County Commissioners, upon the payment of the Court cost of \$39.40 and \$6.25 per month for four months, the Court cost payable as of the date of this order. The said \$6.25 is to be paid on each first Monday commencing today. It is recommended that the Judge of Recorder's Court require a good behavior bond of the said Ressie Arp Seegars. The order is to take effect upon the condition that the Judgment record be amended by the Clerk on April 8, 1930, so as to show the same record as the Solicitor's and Recorder's docket.

Ordered: That the Sheriff summon the following good and lawful men to serve as Jurors during the term of Criminal and Civil Court beginning April 28, 1930. Forty-eight men for the first week and twenty-four men for the second week:

<u>Township</u>	<u>First Week</u>	<u>Second Week</u>
Bogue	S. W. Pierce Geo. A. Priest J. F. Creech M. M. Teddar	C. R. Rowe

Bolton	J. L. Carr D. M. Brown E. J. Carroll	A. B. Ward
Bug Hill	W. R. Williamson J. H. V. Gore A. J. Andrews	R. M. Williamson J. H. Lay
Chadbourn	B. W. Peele Andrew F. Britt E. J. Jolly	J. C. Rabon J. F. Suggs
Cerro Gordo	F. M. Hayes C. H. V. Hayes John Hilburn	L. B. Nance
Lees	W. M. Norris J. W. Hayes C. W. Suggs C. W. Formyduval	Randal Ward O. L. Smith
Ransom	W. H. Applewhite W. L. Wallace J. H. Gainey R. T. Ellis	Jasper W. Smith A. A. Peterson
Tatum	Thomas R. Britt R. M. Ballard R. N. Brown	Preston McClary Claude Inman
Waccamaw	H. J. Haney J. F. Stephens R. J. Pate	J. L. Flynn
Welches Creek	Joseph Brown H. P. Creech J. S. Creech	O. H. Baldwin
Western Prong	J. H. Walters Charles W. Baldwin R. M. Wooten	Alex Gibson
Whiteville	C. C. Horne C. O. Gore Leo Fisher	Archie Buffkin F. B. Hill Dan L. High
Williams	A. Marshall Hinson M. M. Hewett M. Mears	J. B. Long J. A. Gore
South Williams	J. F. Garrell H. M. Garrell C. M. Cox	J. K. Soles H. S. Stevens
Fair Bluff	D. W. Anderson J. P. Waddell, Jr. R. C. Grainger	C. F. Dudley

Ordered: That Joseph Richard Gowens of *Fair Bluff* be allowed \$5000 per month from the Outdoor Poor fund, first voucher to be drawn as of this date.

Ordered: That R. L. Davis of Waccamaw Township be refunded on \$1,200.00 valuation for the year 1929. This refund is granted for the reason that a mortgage of \$2,400.00 is outstanding against property of the said R. L. Davis. Council Tool Company lists the mortgage. The said

R. L. Davis, is, therefore, entitled to a refund on 50% of the face value of said mortgage.

The financial condition of the General School fund was brought to the attention of the County Commissioners, whereupon the following resolution was passed:

Be it ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that two notes be executed in the aggregate amount of \$50,000.00 to be in denominations of \$25,000.00 each, dated April 15, 1930, maturing July 30, 1930, and bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum payable at maturity, both principal and interest payable to Bearer at the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company of the City of New York, in anticipation of 1929 taxes; and that said notes be sold or hypothecated and the proceeds thereof turned into the General School fund of said County of Columbus.

Be it further resolved that the full faith and credit of the County of Columbus be pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest of said notes at maturity.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Rosa Baker in Bolton Township on \$575.00 valuation for the year 1929. This refund is allowed for the reason that a 410-acre tract was sold to the Waccamaw Lumber Company, the same tract of land ~~being~~<sup>being</sup> charged against the said Rosa Baker.

On account of the recent death of W. D. Wooten who was Registrar of Vital Statistics in Western Prong Township, it is hereby ordered that Miss Elvira Wooten, daughter of the late W. D. Wooten, be appointed as Registrar in said Township to complete the unexpired term under the present administration.

The Board of County Commissioners discussed at length a plan by which the work on the tax books will be performed in the Tax Department for 1930. The following orders were passed by the Board:

That the County Auditor shall be designated as the Tax Supervisor for the year 1930.

That Mrs. W. R. DeVane is to be in charge of the work in compiling the 1930 tax records and receipts.

That Mrs. DeVane's services with the County shall be continuous from March to November both months inclusive at a salary of \$100.00 per month, a total yearly salary amounting to \$900.00.

That the services of Mrs. DeVane shall be discontinued during the months December, January, and February.

That during the months of May and June, 1930, Mrs. DeVane shall be allowed four helpers; namely, Mrs. P. K. Avant, Mrs. W. G. Prevatte, Miss Pauline Toon, and Miss Cassie Williamson.

That during the months of July, August and September, 1930, three helpers shall be employed in the Tax Department.

That as the work in the Tax Department is completed the services of the helpers shall be discontinued accordingly.

That the compensation for the services of all helpers shall be \$3.00 each, per day.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund McLean Spaulding in Welches Creek Township on \$155.00 valuation. The purpose of this order is to cancel receipt No. 380 and to set up receipt No. 466 in order to charge him with poll tax.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Ned C. Watts in Lees Township for the year 1929 on \$1,500.00 valuation, refund to allowed only on special school tax, he being charged special tax in Lees No. 10 when a certificate signed by the school committee in that district certifies that he does not live in a special school district.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Early B. Watts in Lees Township for the year 1929 on \$300.00 valuation, special school tax only. Said Early Watts was charged special tax in Lees No. 10. A certificate signed by the committee in said district certifies that he does not live in a special taxing district of Lees Township.

Ordered: That the following General County bills be allowed and paid for the month of March, 1930:

News Reporter Company	General Supplies	\$5.00
Town of Whiteville	Water during March	33.75
F. B. Foster	Unstopping sewer at Jail	4.50
Whiteville Tel. & Const. Co.	Long Distance calls	15.20
Whiteville Tel. & Const. Co.	Telephone Rent	33.00
News Reporter Company	Supplies for Welfare Officer	17.80
D. F. McGougan	2 days on Board and mileage	10.80
D. W. Merritt	2 days on Board and mileage	10.60
J. C. Hooks, Sr.	3 days on Board and mileage	12.70
H. G. Avant	3 days on Board and mileage	12.50
H. W. Marlowe	Refund on 1925-26-27 taxes	14.02
Western Union Telg. Co.	Telegram for Auditor's office	.88
Susan Best	Washing & scrubbing at Co. Home	3.00
John McClellon	Cutting posts at Co. Home	99.25
Mack Page	Work on County Home Farm	7.88
Susan Best	Washing & scrubbing At Co. Home	3.80
Mack Page	Labor on Farm at County Home	10.25
Willard Bowen	Labor on Farm at County Home	4.50
Edd Millican	Work at County Home	5.13
G. R. McNeill	Drugs	7.55
Oscar High	Bedding for Co. Home and Jail	21.80
Seeman Printery, Inc.	14000 abstracts	63.00
O. B. Davis	Conveying John Beaufort to Jail	5.75
Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co.	Supplies for C. S. C.	1.95
C. A. Farley	Capturing one complete still	20.00
N. M. Ward	To capturing one complete still	10.00
H. F. Wolfe	Repair to typewriter	12.50
H. V. Cook, J. P.	Examining Mrs. Ella McGwigan	3.65
I. F. Green	Conveying Isabelle Page to Jail	4.55
C. A. Farley	Conveying Sam Thompson to Jail	8.25
C. A. Farley	Conveying Armanda Gause to Jail	4.50
C. A. Farley	Conveying L. C. Logan to Raleigh	22.00
P. H. Squires	Cpturing one complete still	20.00
J. P. Long	Conveying Wesley Allen to Jail	2.00
I. F. Green	Conveying Murray Robinson to Jail	4.25
Ed. Inman	Conveying Thurman Rice to Jail	5.75

I. F. Green	Conveying Murry Roberson to Jail	\$4.25
G. A. Farley	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Memory Company	Misc. supplies	10.05
I. F. Green	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights during March, 1930	38.47
R. B. McRoy & Co.	Groceries and supplies	147.05
Town of Whiteville	Water for Courthouse	33.50
Wiggins Drug Store	Truss for Bradley Nobles	5.00
News Reporter Co.	General Supplies	88.00
David Smith, P. M.	Envelopes for Auditor's Office	44.84
Dept. Conservation & Development	County's part Forestry Expenditures	123.39
Southern Stamp & Stationery Co.	Supplies for Auditor's Office	12.72
Commercial Printing Co.	200 placards for Tax Department	13.95
J. L. Memory	Postage for C. S. C.	4.10
Mrs. Eudelle C. Hayes	Assisting C. S. C. 11½ days @ 2.00	23.00
I. F. Green	Capturing one complete still	10.00
R. B. McRoy & Co.	Clothing and Groceries - Co. Home	35.79
Western Union Telg. Co.	Telegram for Auditor's Office	.45
Miss Emiline Cleveland	Salary and Nutrition appropriation	67.50
Sarah J. Williams	Mar. salary - Col. Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
Leona C. Winesett	Mar. salary - Stenographer	50.00
J. P. Quinerly	Mar. salary - County Agent	150.00
G. C. Ratcliffe	Mar. salary - Auditor	200.00
Mae Stanley	Mar. salary - assisting Auditor	100.00
Mrs. W. R. DeVane	Mar. salary - Supervisor, Tax Books	100.00
John W. Hall	Mar. salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	Mar. salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	Mar. salary - C. S. C, etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	Mar. salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	Mar. salary - Janitor, etc.	60.00
Geo. E. Collier	Mar. salary - Reg. of Deeds	200.00
Rachel Cook	Mar. salary - assisting Reg. of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maulsby	Mar. salary - Judge, Recorder's Court	100.00
Julian D. Lewis	Mar. salary - County Attorney	75.00
Edward K. Proctor	Mar. salary - Pros. County Atty.	75.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	March appropriation	10.00
D. L. Gore	Mar. salary - Tax Collector	200.00
Jasper Bowen	Mar. salary - Keeper of County Home	100.00
Pross Millican	Mar. salary - Asst., County Home Farm	30.00
Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt	Mar. salary and traveling expense	100.00
Columbus Telephone Co.	Tel. rent and long Distance calls	45.90
Julian D. Lewis	Com. on \$154.18 L. S. C. collected	15.42
Geo. E. Collier	Postage for Reg. of Deeds	2.90
Miss Pauline Toon	26 days assisting Reg. of Deeds @ 2.00	52.00
J. L. Burney	4 days Officer Recorder's Court	12.00
J. L. Burney	Support of Jail during March	304.00
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight for Tax Department	5.87
Oscar High	Maintenance and repairs - Co. Home	99.05
Edwards & Broughton Co.	Supplies for C. S. C.	9.45
		<u>\$3,893.71</u>

Ordered: That the following General Road bills be allowed and paid for the month of March, 1930:

News Reporter	500 sheets paper for Co. Garage	\$1.50
Whiteville Tel. & Const. Co.	Long Distance calls for Co. Garage	1.90
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
A. H. Hammond	Labor at County Garage	42.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	39.55
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	42.00
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	24.50
G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	36.00
D. A. Todd	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	30.00
James Lacewell	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	24.00
H. D. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	27.50
A. M. Stephens	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	22.00
McRay Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fair Bluff road	33.00
L. R. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	15.00
J. M. Sellers	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	24.00
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	36.00
F. M. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	12.00
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	34.50
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	28.75
R. E. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	23.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	34.12
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	26.25
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	20.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	34.12
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	22.50
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Old Dock and Hallsboro road	20.00
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00

A. H. Hammonds	Labor at County Garage	\$42.00
H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	42.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	42.00
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	36.05
R. V. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	19.50
P. D. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	26.25
R. E. White	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	21.00
Willie Ward	Labor on Fireway and Whiteville road	8.00
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
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	36.00
J. M. Sellers	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	30.00
F. M. Fowler	Labor on Tabor and Fireway road	24.00
G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	36.00
D. A. Todd	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	30.00
James Lacewell	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	24.00
E. L. Taylor & Co.	Supplies for County Garage	37.36
N. C. State Highway Com.	Supplies for County Garage	110.32
Smith & McKenzie	Supplies for County Garage	43.33
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	162.52
Automobile Supply Co.	Supplies for County Garage	95.28
Air Reduction Sales Co.	Supplies for County Garage	22.17
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights for County Garage	7.91
Columbus Tel. Co.	Long Distance calls for Co. Garage	1.65
Schulken Brothers	Supplies for County Garage	14.24
Hugh A. Barnes	Supplies for County Garage	75.90
W. J. Tate	Car Hire to Different Road Projects	9.98
Air Reduction Sales Co.	Freight on drum returned from Garage	.50
Standard Oil Co.	Gas and Oil	427.01
Sinclair Refining Co.	Gas and Oil	84.31
Thompson Hardware Co.	Supplies for Fireway and Whiteville Rd.	8.80
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight and Express for Co. Garage	3.15
Columbus Motor Co.	Supplies for County Garage	8.58
		<u>\$2,394.00</u>

Ordered: That the following Chain Gang vouchers be allowed and paid for the month of March, 1930:

Smith and McKenzie	1 ford motor for Chain Gang	\$125.00
Tabor Motor Company	Truck parts & repairs	2.01
McGougan Electric Co.	Trip and Labor on Plant	7.50
E. H. Hickman & Co.	General supplies	417.44
W. C. Richardson	Hay for Chain Gang	83.21
Dave Hughes	Potatoes for Chain Gang	12.50
Grover McKee	Hay for Chain Gang	13.50
Von Duncan	Hay for Chain Gang	3.36
Bud Nealy	Corn meal for Chain Gang	10.00
McGougan Electric Co.	Parts for Delco Plant	14.00
Guiton's Drug Store	Drugs for Chain Gang	5.60
E. F. Craven Company	Parts for Monarch Tractor	466.31
W. J. Tate	Car Hire for trips to Chain Gang	21.45
Grover McKee	2000 lbs. hay for Chain Gang	18.00
Alton Edwards	23 days operating tractor @ 3.25	74.75
Will Applewhite	23 days operating Road Machine @ 3.25	74.75
Frank Britt	Team foreman and Road Machine duty	47.25
Otto Edwards	Guard duty & operating Nash Truck	54.51
Fred Strickland	31 days guard duty at Chain Gang	40.00
J. B. Long	31 nights guard duty at Chain Gang	40.00
M. B. McLamb	Guard duty & Blacksmith work	44.39
Seymour Ward	Washing out well at Chain Gang	5.00
H. C. Edwards	Superintendent's salary	125.00
B. P. Harrelson	26 gal. kerosene for Chain Gang	5.20
Handy Hardware House	Supplies for Chain Gang	10.56
E. H. Hickman & Co.	Groceries and supplies	269.35
Standard Oil Company	Gas and Oil	183.08
G. C. Hinson	Lumber for Chain Gang	319.11
J. F. Barkley, Agt.	Freight for Chain Gang	6.56
		<u>\$2,499.39</u>

Ordered: That the following Outdoor Poor vouchers be allowed and paid for the month of March, 1930:

Total Outdoor Poor vouchers for March \$349.50

Ordered: That the following Insolvent Fees be allowed and paid for the month of March, 1930:

Total Insolvent Fees for March \$171.81

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Hattie West on her 1929 tax receipt in Whiteville Township on \$950.00, cancelling receipt No. 1757, this refund being allowed on account of the said Hattie being blind.

There being no further business to be transacted by the Board at this time, adjournment was voted in order until Monday, April 14, 1930.

*G. C. Ratcliffe*  
Clerk

Approved:

*D. J. McIngan*  
Chairman

According to adjournment on Monday, April 7, 1930, the Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in the Commissioners' office on Monday, April 14, at 2:00 p. m. All members of the Board were present.

The purpose of this meeting was to determine the sufficiency of the petition as filed by Dr. L. Baggett in a measure to have the issuance of \$60,000.00 in school building bonds placed before the people in a special election in order that the will of the taxpayers and voters of the County may be learned. After a close examination of the petition by the County Commissioners a motion offered by J. R. Blake, seconded by D. W. Merritt was carried for the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas a petition was filed by certain citizens of Columbus County requesting that the Board of County Commissioners submit to the voters of said county the question of the issuance of any bonds of said county;

And Whereas, the petition was filed by a citizen of Columbus County on the 1st Monday in April, 1930, and orally purported to be a protest of the citizens who had subscribed their names on said petition to the issuance of bonds for the purpose of erecting two school houses known as New Hope and Bug Hill schools;