

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;

And whereas, at an adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on this the 14th day of April, 1930, after the petition had been examined by the clerk and presented to the Board of County Commissioners, it was determined by the said Board that the said petition did not make specific mention of any bond issue and referred in no way to the Bug Hill and New Hope bond issues; that the date the petitioners signed has not been determined to be within the thirty days relative to this issue; that each page of the petition was not verified, and that the address of each signer was not affixed to said petition opposite the signers name or any other place as prescribed by law.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the petition above referred to be declared insufficient and invalid in that it contains the defects above referred to.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was recorded as follows:

For adoption of the resolution--J. R. Blake, D. W. Merritt, H. G. Avant, D. F. McGougan; voting against adoption, none; not voting, J. C. Hooks, Sr.

Mrs. W. G. Perkins, representative of the Columbus County News, a newspaper published in the Town of Chadbourn, placed a bid with the Board in regard to the Commissioners' giving to said Columbus County News a portion of the advertising of foreclosures of land suits now pending in the Clerk of Court's office. After a discussion of the matter the Board of Commissioners ordered that the Columbus County News be given the advertising of all tax foreclosure notices covering property lying in Chadbourn Township and that the said Columbus County News shall be paid the same rate for this advertising that the News Reporter, a newspaper published in the Town of Whiteville, will receive for such advertising.

Ordered: That the County Attorney investigate the correctness of the tax charge represented by a land sale certificate against Addie P. Williams Estate in Fair Bluff Township for the year 1920, and if no error in the records of listing is found the said Addie P. Williams taxes shall be collected in ^{the} full amount of taxes and all costs.

Ordered: That a voucher be issued to Baker Sanatorium in the amount of \$500.00, this being the amount of a County donation on the Hoke B. Smith Hospital bill which now amounts to \$843.50. A vote was recorded as follows on the foregoing order: For making a donation--J. R. Blake, D. W. Merritt, H. G. Avant; not voting--J. C. Hooks, Sr., D. F. McGougan.

Mrs. Agnes Barnhardt filed a report to be read to the Board, recommending certain changes in amounts paid several persons on the Mothers Aid Fund, also that certain other names be stricken from the Outdoor Poor list. A

motion offered by H. G. Avant, seconded by D. W. Merritt, was carried in the way of an order to drop from the Outdoor Poor list the following names: Mrs. Andrew Bright, \$10.00 per month; Mrs. Hicks Pate, \$20.00 per month; W. L. Graves, \$3.50 per month. It was further ordered that the following names who are on the list of the Mothers Aid Fund be paid in the future according to the following amounts: Mrs. Rebecca Cashwell, \$20.00 per month; Mrs. Lou Chestnutt, \$15.00 per month; Mrs. Mittie Ward Soles, \$10.00 per month; Mrs. Clarence Young, \$10.00 per month; Mrs. Kate Bonum, \$10.00 per month; Also that Mrs. Bettie Needham Young, of Hallsboro, N. C., be added to the list of Mothers' Aid Fund to receive \$25.00 per month, beginning first Monday of May, 1930.

After completing the transaction of the foregoing business, adjournment of the Board was voted in order until Saturday afternoon, April 26, 1930, at 2:00 p. m.

G. C. Patchiffe
Clerk

Approved:

D. J. McInnes
Chairman