

According to adjournment on Monday, October 6, 1930, the Honorable Board of County Commissioners held a meeting on Friday, October 24, 1930, assembling at 9:30 o'clock. All members of the Board were present.

The purpose of this meeting was to draw a Jury for the term of Civil Court beginning November 17, 1930.

Ordered: That the Sheriff summon the following good and lawful men to serve as Jurors during the term of Civil Court beginning November 17, 1930. Twenty-four 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. V. Sibbett	R. L. Thompson
Bolton	I. K. Clewis	Shep Ellis
Bug Hill	N. R. A. Gore H. O. Suggs	M. G. Stocks G. K. Andrews
Chadbourn	W. K. Willis Joe Thompson	John B. Frink W. B. Nobles
Cerro Gordo	J. D. Rochelle	A. T. Green
Fair Bluff	C. G. Townsend	M. D. Small
Lees	J. B. Cumbee J. K. Best	E. B. Coleman R. F. Ward
Ransom	Charles Henry Vines A. W. Holt	L. W. Malpass W. C. Page, Sr.
Tatum	D. L. Williamson W. I. West	Noah Lee Geo. M. Green
Waccamaw	S. A. Black	I. B. Sloan
W. Creek	W. H. Lewis	J. G. Pruitt
Western Prong	Roy V. Owen	Long Brown
Whiteville	A. G. Blake R. S. Britt B. L. Martin	K. P. Stephens A. T. Butler J. W. Butler
Williams	F. M. Beck Ralph Duncan	W. B. Fipps J.P. Cribb
South Williams	W. P. Cox E. L. Pridgen	Dewey C. Cox S. P. Ray

The matter of having the Clerk of Court's office audited to date was taken up with the Board by D. N. Blue at this meeting. After some discussion a motion offered by D. W. Merritt, seconded by J. R. Blake was carried by a unanimous vote to have said Clerk of Court's office audited, the audit to be

made by D. N. Blue and Company, Public Accountants, Raleigh, N. C.

It is further ordered that as the auditors cover the records they shall make whatever recommendations they deem advisable in regard to the system of keeping records in said office and shall recommend to the Board whatever changes they deem advisable in installing a more adequate system than is used at present. The understanding is that their recommendations are not in any way to obligate the County Commissioners to change the present system of records unless in their discretion they deem it advisable to make changes.

Ordered: That the following resolution be recorded relative to renewing notes of \$25,000.00 for General purposes:

"Be it ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that two notes be executed in the aggregate amount of \$25,000.00 to be in denominations of \$15,000 and \$10,000, each dated November 1, 1930, maturing in 150 days after date, and bearing interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum payable at maturity, both principal and interest payable at Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company of the City of New York, in anticipation of 1930 taxes; that said note be sold or hypothecated and the proceeds thereof turned into the General Fund of Columbus County; the said notes being renewals of a note for \$25,000 dated August 30, 1930, and maturing on November 1, 1930.

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

The Board of Commissioners discussed at length the road project which has recently been constructed and is now being completed by the Chain Gang from Highway No. 20 at Lake Waccamaw station via the north shore of Lake Waccamaw to Highway No. 20 about 2500 yards east of Wananish. It was formerly agreed upon by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County and certain officials of the State Highway Commission that at the completion of said project, which was to be done at County expense but under State Engineer's supervision, the State Highway Commission would take over the maintenance of said project. It has recently developed, however, that the County has spent approximately \$6,500.00 on the Lake project which amount is greatly in excess of that which the County Commissioners thought the State would require. At present the State Highway Engineers are asking that further filling be done before the State will assume the maintenance. It was ordered by the Board of County Commissioners at this meeting that D. W. Merritt, County Commissioner, be appointed a committee of one to consult with W. A. McGirt, State Highway Commissioner for the 3rd District, in an effort to get the State Highway Commission to take over the maintenance of said project in its present condition, thereby saving the County additional expense in construction work.

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

Approved:

G. C. Ratcliffe
Clerk

D. J. McEugan
Chairman

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Courthouse in Whiteville on the 31st day of October, 1930, with all members present except Mr. J. R. Blake.

Mr. D. N. Blue, who is auditing the affairs of the County Auditor, G. C. Ratcliffe, makes a tentative report to the Board to the effect that G. C. Ratcliffe, County Auditor, is short in his accounts in an amount tentatively shown to be in excess of \$17,000.00.

Upon the above report being made by Mr. Blue, the Board deems it advisable to relieve Mr. Ratcliffe immediately of his duties as Auditor and Clerk to the Board. It is now, therefore, on motion of Mr. ^{D. W.} ~~W. S.~~ Merritt seconded by J. C. Hooks, Sr., that Mr. G. C. Ratcliffe be and is hereby immediately relieved of his duties as County Auditor and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners. This order shall become effective today.

It is further ordered that a copy of the above order be delivered to Mr. Ratcliffe immediately.

It is further ordered that Geo. E. Collier, Register of Deeds, act as Clerk to this Board until another Auditor is appointed.

Approved:

Clerk

Geo. E. Collier
D. J. McEugan
Chairman