

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office January 15, 1931, according to adjournment. Members of the Board present were:

J. C. Hooks, Sr., Chairman

J. R. Blake

C. D. Garrell

D. W. Merritt

R. C. Benton

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: That R. C. Carson be allowed a refund on \$400.00 valuation, Personal Property and a refund on \$300.00 on Silverware, providing the County Attorney finds its legal to refund the Silverware.

Ordered: That the bid of Columbus County on the H. H. Horton land which was bid in by said County be transferred for a valuable consideration to K. M. Watts and wife as of December 31, 1930.

Ordered: That the bid of Columbus County in the case of Columbus County in the case of Columbus County vs Dunk Lewis be transferred by said County for a valuable consideration to J. J. Harvey.

Ordered: That the following good and lawful men be drawn as Jurors for the February term of Court 1931:

<u>Township</u>	<u>First Week</u>	<u>Name</u>
Bogue		Charlie Wilson
Bolton		Homer Ellis
Bug Hill		W. A. Stevens J. H. Lane
Chadbourn		J. H. Stanley A. G. Marshall
Cerro Gordo		M. Wallace
Fair Bluff		J. F. Waddell
Lees		J. M. Harrelson W. G. Suggs
Ransom		M. F. Wilkins F. D. Wells
Tatum		W. T. O'Berry J. O. Williamson
Waccamaw		K. K. Nye
Welches Creek		R. H. Shipman
Western Prong		J. D. Elkins
Whiteville		J. M. Thompson A. S. Richardson Clarence Thompson

Williams	C. H. Fowler O. Z. Faircloth
South Williams	R. T. Brunton J. A. Cartrett

Second Week

Bogue	G. P. Burney
Bolton	H. M. Little
Bug Hill	M. L. Long J. T. Gore
Chadbourn	A. W. Lewis M. F. Lowe
Cerro Gordo	Henry Stephens
Fair Bluff	J. P. Enzor
Lees	J. R. Carroll H. M. Long
Ransom	John H. Alford Q. M. Lennon
Tatum	J. M. Grooms I. D. Williamson
Waccamaw	S. C. Chancey
Welches Creek	H. S. High
Western Prong	J. D. Singletary
Whiteville	S. T. Benton F. D. Martin W. J. Tedder
Williams	A. B. Cribb J. W. Jordan
South Williams	E. H. Hickman J. M. Soles

Ordered: That the order regarding Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company as County Depository on Minute Book # 9, page 262, be amended so that said Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company shall be allowed to place as part of security for County funds two \$25,000.00 notes which it now holds of Columbus County rather than only surety, State or Government Bonds, said notes of Columbus County were authorized and executed prior to the time Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company was designated County Depository.

The County holds a letter from N. C. Bank & Trust Company with receipt attached to Columbus County for a \$60,000.00 Depository bond which letter and receipt read as follows:

LETTER

Wilmington, N. C.

January 13, 1931

Board of County Commissioners,
Columbus County
Whiteville, N. C.

Gentlemen:

You are advised that the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company has deposited with us in escrow the following notes and securities which are to be held subject to your order and released only to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners in person and in company with each other upon a certified copy of an order of the Board of Commissioners of the following described notes and securities:

Note signed "County of Columbus" dated December 22, 1930, in amount of \$25,000 payable to bearer at the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, Whiteville, N. C., with interest from date at the rate of 6%. The obligation matures March 23, 1931.

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5 - \$1,000 State of North Carolina 4% Highway Serial Bonds due July 1, 1933 Nos. B91245 to 91249 inclusive.

5 - \$1,000 State of North Carolina Public School Building Bonds 4 1/2% due January 1, 1933, Nos. 10425, 10377-78-79-80.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Corbett
Vice-President.

HMC/RS

CC to - Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co.,
Whiteville, N. C.

RECEIPT

1		Original	I
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I	NORTH CAROLINA BANK & TRUST COMPANY		I
I			I
I	Wilmington, N. C., January 13, 1931	No. 416	I
I			I
I	NON-NEGOTIABLE RECEIPT		I
I			I
I	We have this day received from Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company, White-		I
I	ville, N. C. subject to conditions on back of this receipt. the		I
I	following described bonds, certificates, notes or other valuable		I
I	securities, to-wit:		I
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I	5 - \$1000 State of N. C. Public School Building 4 1/2% Bonds 1933		I
I	Nos. 10377- 8-0-80 and 10425		I
I			I
I	5 - \$1000 State of N. C. Highway Serial 4% 1933 Nos. B91245-6-7-8-9.		I
I	All bonds have July 1931 and S.C. A.		I
I			I
I	2 - \$25,000 Columbus County ninety day notes dated December 22, 1930.		I
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I	In receiving the above securities aggregating \$60000.00, face value		I
I	in amount, we undertake to give such securities the protection of the		I
I	vaults wherein we have provided boxes for renting customers and to		I
I	exercise the same care and diligence as is used in safeguarding the		I
I	property of box renting customers. We assume no liability for circum-		I
I	stances or eventualities beyond our control; and will deliver the said		I
I	securities to the above named depositor, or his or their order, ONLY		I
I	UPON THE SURRENDER OF THIS RECEIPT PROPERLY ENDORSED.		I
I	NORTH CAROLINA BANK & TRUST CO.		I
I	BY: ROBT. STRANGE		I

Note on back of receipt

"These bonds are held to protect deposits of Columbus County N. C. in the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, Whiteville, N. C. and subject to the order of said county, not to be released without a certified copy of an order of the Board of Commissioners directing such release, and then to be released only to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners in person and in company with each other, and only in company with each other."

The County holds a letter from N. C. Bank and Trust Company with receipt attached to Columbus County for a \$10,000.00 Depository bond which letter and receipt reas as follows:

LETTER

Wilmington, N. C.

January 13, 1931.

Mr. J. C. Hooks, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Columbus County
Whiteville, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Tabor, North Carolina, we wish to advise you that they have deposited here for your account as a guarantee of any deposits of Columbus County, Tabor, North Carolina, \$10,000 North Carolina Highway 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Bonds due January 1, 1948, Nos. A84158 to A84167 inclusive, subject only to the order of J. C. Hooks, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, A. W. Baldwin, Auditor of Columbus County and J. D. Lewis, Attorney for Columbus County jointly in person.

Very truly Yours,

H. M. Corbett, Vice-President.

Note on back of Receipt

"These bonds are deposited to protect deposits of Columbus County, North Carolina in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Tabor, N. C., and subject only to the order of J. C. Hooks, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, A. W. Baldwin, Auditor of Columbus County, and J. D. Lewis, Attorney for Columbus County, jointly in person."

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RECEIPT

Original

NORTH CAROLINA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

Wilmington, N. C., January 13, 1931

No. 417

NON-NEGOTIABLE RECEIPT

We have this day received from Farmers and Merchants Bank, Tabor, N. C., subject to conditions on back of this sheet. The following described bonds, certificates, notes or other valuable securities, to-wit:

10 - \$1000 State of N. C. Highway Serials 4½s 1948
Nos. A84158 to A84167 inclusive, with July 1931
and S. C. A.

In receiving the above securities aggregating \$10,000, face value in amount, we undertake to give such securities the protection of the vaults wherein we have provided boxes for renting to customers and to exercise the same care and diligence as is used in safeguarding the property of box renting customers. We assume no liability for circumstances or eventualities beyond our control; and will deliver the said securities to the above named depositor, or his or their order, ONLY UPON THE SURRENDER OF THIS RECEIPT PROPERLY ENDORSED.

NORTH CAROLINA BANK & TRUST CO.
By: Robt. Strange

Ordered: That G. Fields be allowed a refund order for his 1930 poll tax and an exemption order from paying poll tax on account of disability.

Ordered: That all County maintenance food forces shall be reduced in salary 10% of their salaries beginning January 15, 1931, and that each foreman be notified of this order and that the foreman shall notify his helpers.

Ordered: That Ed. Schwartz be advanced \$40.00 on his salary as Janitor, said Schwartz to give a note endorsed by J. O. Ammons due May 1st to secure the County.

Ordered: That B. A. Marlowe be employed as Superintendent of Chain Gang at \$100.00 per month, to begin February 1, 1931.

Ordered: That W. J. Tate and assistants working at County Garage be cut 10% in salary beginning January 15, 1931, Mr. Tate to notify his assistants.

Ordered: That E. S. Clark be appointed Township Road Commissioner of Waccamaw in place of K. B. Council, deceased.

Ordered: That the following resolution be recorded:

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that a bill has been proposed for introduction in the General Assembly whereby the Board of Education of Columbus County will be required to provide separate schools for the Cherokee Indians of Columbus County in a certain District in Bolton and Waccamaw Townships; and

Whereas, for the past several years efforts have been made by certain mulattoes of Columbus County to be designated as Cherokee Indians and in each instance it has been proved that there are no Cherokee Indians in Columbus County; and

Whereas, an Act was passed by the General Assembly in 1927 demanding the Board of Education to lay out certain school Districts for the said so called Cherokee Indians and establish separate schools for them; and the Board of Education and Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County refused to take any action toward complying with the said Act; and a Mandamus proceeding was instituted by the so called Cherokee Indians; and when the merits of the case were gone into by Johnson & Johnson, Attorneys of Lumberton, N. C. a voluntary non suit was taken by the plaintiffs; and

Whereas, an investigation was made in August or September of 1929 by the Director of School Accounting of the State of North Carolina, J. L. Hathcock, which disclosed the fact that these self styled Indians are of mixed blood and were free previous to 1865, but were not then and are not now regarded as Indians; and

Whereas, the General Assembly of 1929 repealed the Act requiring the Board of Education of Columbus County to set up separate schools for the so called Indians; and

Whereas, there are now in the hands of Julian D. Lewis, County Attorney, affidavits made by citizens of Columbus County who have known the self styled Indians for many years, the said affidavits setting out that there are no Indians and have been none within the territorial limitations set out in the Act passed by the General Assembly; that the said self styled Indians are either negroes or mulattoes; that they have always been regarded in the community in which they live as negroes or mulattoes; that they have associated with negroes, attended the same churches, visited in negro homes and have until only in recent years claim to have any Indian blood in them; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners realizes that in other sections of Columbus County they are people with more Indian blood in them than the ones in the territorial limitations in the proposed Act to be passed by the General Assembly, and that to establish separate schools in this territory would cause a situation to arise in Columbus County which would not only be a large expense but would start misunderstandings and strife, which would be a detriment to Columbus County.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that Senator Walter H. Powell and Representative D. F. McGougan be requested to use their influence in the General Assembly to prevent the passage of any bill which would set up separate schools for any Indians in Columbus County, at least until it has been proved that these self styled Indians actually should be classed as Indians to the satisfaction of the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education of Columbus County.

And be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Senator Powell and Representative McGougan and be recorded upon the minutes of this Board.

Ordered: That the following resolution be recorded:

"BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS" that five notes of County of Columbus be executed in the sum of \$5,000.00 each dated January 27, 1931, maturing ninety days after date and bearing interest from date, interest payable at maturity. Both interest and principal payable to BEARER at Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, bank of the City of Whiteville, N. C., in anticipation of taxes for the year 1930 and that said note be sold or hypothecated by the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company of Whiteville, N. C. and the proceeds thereof turned into the General Fund of said County of Columbus.

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

Ordered: That the following General County bills be allowed and paid:

G. O. Boyett	Loan from General County Fund	\$1200.00
Ella Hilburn	Washing & scrubbing at Co. Home	4.00
Hemmingway Russ.	Cutting wood for County Home	3.75
Ned C. Watts	Refund Special School Tax Lees 10	2.25
Ed. Schwartz	Advance on salary	40.00
Memory Company	Supplies for Jail	6.72
A. W. Baldwin, Auditor	Petty Cash fund	100.00
R. F. Covington	Advance on salary for January	25.00
D. N. Blue and Co.	Advance on Audit	500.00
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Ordered: That the following General Road bills be allowed and paid:

R. V. White	Labor on Whiteville & piroway road	28.50
P. D. White	Labor on Whiteville & Piroway road	23.75
R. E. White	Labor on Whiteville & Piroway road	19.00
McRay Fowler	Labor on Tabor, F. Bluff & Piroway rd.	41.25
H. D. Stevens	Labor on Tabor, F. Bluff & Piroway rd.	27.50
L. E. Jones	Labor on Tabor, F. Bluff & Piroway rd.	27.50
A. M. Stephens	Labor on Tabor, F. Bluff & Piroway rd.	22.00
J. C. Fowler	Labor on Tabor, F. Bluff & Piroway rd.	22.00
J. M. Sellers	Labor on Tabor, F. Bluff & Piroway rd.	22.00
W. J. Tate	Labor at County Garage	60.00
A. H. Hammonds	Labor at County Garage	42.00
Willie Green	Labor at County Garage	40.25

H. C. Brown	Labor at County Garage	38.50
W. L. Beasley	Labor at County Garage	42.00
G. C. White	Labor on Chadbourn & Tabor road	36.00
D. A. Todd	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	23.75
B. B. Ward	Labor on Chadbourn and Tabor road	24.00
B. A. Marlowe	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	33.75
L. M. Marlowe	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	20.50
Cordis Blackman	Labor on Hallsboro and Old Dock road	18.00
V. A. Marlowe	Labor on Red Hill Swamp Road	22.50
J. W. Hayes	Labor on Red Hill Swamp Road	<u>14.40</u>

Bill Hooks	Lard for Chain Gang	31.35
Bill Hooks	Hay and Corn for Chain Gang	<u>88.25</u>

Ordered: That the following Courthouse Bond voucher be allowed and paid:

Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. Int. on Courthouse bond	\$1253.13
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There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment was voted in order until the next regular meeting to be held on Monday, February 2, 1931.

Approved:
J. B. Hooks
 Chairman

Alv. Baldwin Clerk