

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office October 5, 1931, it being first Monday.

Members of the Board present were:

J. C. Hooks, Sr., Chairman

J. R. Blake

D. W. Merritt

C. D. Garrell

R. C. Benton

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

Minutes of last meeting being read and approved, the following business was transacted:

Ordered: That Joe Gilmore's allowance be increased to \$4.00 per month.

Ordered: That John Edwards 1926 tax be paid by A. J. Edmond without any court cost, and he be allowed to pay tax and interest for one year at 10%.

Ordered: That Charles G. Reese land be sold to W. B. Marlowe at \$150.00 and he be allowed to pay 1931 taxes at a valuation of \$300.00.

Ordered: That John Harper, Ex-Spanish American War Veteran be granted License to peddle and sell herbs in Columbus County.

Ordered: That Tilman Powell be admitted to the County Home.

Ordered: That the County take no action in matter of buying the Bruce Pierce home place from Carolina Mortgage Company in order to protect the County's interest.

Ordered: That the following be admitted to the County Home:

Gus Hinson and wife

Mrs. Chapman Alford and two children.

Ordered: That Mrs. Albert McLamb be allowed \$4.00 present relief and \$4.00 per month.

Ordered: That Francis Huffham be allowed \$2.00 present

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Ordered: That Hattie West be allowed a refund from paying tax for the years on account of being blind.

D. L. Gore, Tax Collector, tendered his bond for the collection of school taxes in the sum of Fifteen Thousand(\$15,000.00) Dollars with the Royal Indemnity Company as sureties, approved accepted, and ordered recorded, all Commissioners being present and voting therefor.

D. L. Gore, Tax Collector tendered his bond for the collection of all county taxes in the sum of Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars with the Royal Indemnity Company as sureties, approved, accepted and ordered recorded, all Commissioners being present and voting therefor.

Ordered: That the County pay \$25.00 as part payment on Richard Bass's hospital bill for his two children.

Ordered: That the valuation on Henry Pierce Estate in Bogue Township on 18 acres of land be valued at \$400.00 for the years 1925 to 1931, both inclusive, and that F. B. Gault be permitted to pay the taxes on \$400.00 valuation in settlement of these taxes.

Ordered: That the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company, Depository, be paid for their services.

Ordered: That the 1931 tax books be delivered to D. L. Gore, Tax Collector, soon as they are completed by the Tax Supervisor for collection as required by law.

Ordered: That the 1929 Land Sale Certificates be delivered to Julian D. Lewis, County Attorney, by D. L. Gore, Tax Collector, for collection as required by law.

Ordered: That for a valuable consideration Columbus County hereby transfers its bid on Emma Fagan, Estate to Edward Smith.

Ordered: That for a valuable consideration, Columbus County hereby transfers its bid on Charles G. Reese and wife, Lucinda Reese land to W. B. Marlowe.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the road leading from the Old Dothan Crossing back into the Tabor and Fireway highway near the Guideway school house, covering a distance of about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, is a well traveled road with two school busses and a mail route going over same daily; and

WHEREAS, the said road is in bad condition, is only about twelve feet wide, is practically a one-way drive, and greatly in need of improvement;

Now, therefore, Be it Resolved, by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway Commission be requested to improve said road by widening same and making other improvements which it needs; and

Be it further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Highway Commission and a copy recorded on the minutes of this Board.

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County has been informed that the State Highway Commission proposes to pave State Highway # 23, extending South from Whiteville to the South Carolina line, in the near future.

And whereas, the said Board of County Commissioners has been informed that the State Highway Commission has caused to be laid out a road which it proposes to pave, other than the present Highway # 23; and

Whereas, the laying out and paving of the entirely new road, or practically new road as proposed by the Highway Commission will work a hardship and inconvenience to quite a number of people, who are now living on Highway # 23; and

Whereas, there is fifty odd families on the new proposed route and seventy odd on the old route on the proposed Highway # 23 which the State Highway Commission proposes to pave; and

Whereas, quite a number of permanent bridges have been built on the present Highway # 23 and the road has been widened and the road bed, in the opinion of this Board, is now in a condition to be paved;

Now, therefore, Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County in a regular meeting assembled on this the 5th day of October, 1931, that the State Highway Commission be requested and urged to pave State Highway # 23 as it is now located and to abandon the proposed change as is the intention of said Highway Commission, according to the information of the Board of Commissioners.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Highway Commission; and a copy thereof to Honorable James H. Clarke, Highway Commissioner, at Elizabethtown, N. C.

Ordered: That the following land sale certificates now in the hands of the County Attorney for investigation be cancelled:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
E. J. Grimsley	Ransom	1926	\$25.00	✓ Paid to G. C. Ratcliffe
E. J. Grimsley	Ransom	1926	9.59	✓ Poll & Personal tax
E. J. Grimsley	Ransom	1927	10.82	✓ Poll & Personal tax
G. A. Powell & A. G. Floyd	C. Gordo	1928	63.34	✓ Valuation reduced 6/15/31
P. Lennon	Chadbourn	1923	58.05	✓ Farm foreclosed & deeded to Columbus County
P. Lennon	Chadbourn	1928	42.17	✓ Farm foreclosed & deeded to County - J.O. Williamson paid $\frac{1}{2}$
Mary E. Long	Bug Hill	1928	19.40	✓ Board accepts 36.00 in payment cost paid 19.18.
H. O. Peterson	Bolton	1928	31.61	✓ No land, timber int. mill moved.
Mary Powell	Tatum	1922	5.46	✓ Error, listed twice.
Sallie Stevens	Tatum	1923	7.03	✓ Listed by Lizzie Stevens.
Sallie Stevens	Tatum	1924	9.67	✓ Listed by Lizzie Stevens.
R. M. Williamson	Bug Hill	1928	15.19	✓ Listed by A.J. Suggs
James Spears	Bogue	1927	6.90	✓ Error, owns no land.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Lillie High in Whiteville Township for the year 1929 on \$400.00 valuation on account of house being removed.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Dan Byrd in Bogue Township for the year 1930 on \$1125.00 on account of his not living in a special school district.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Albert Edwards in Cerro Gordo Township for the year 1930 one poll tax on account of disability.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Lillie High in Whiteville Township for the year 1930 on \$400.00 valuation on account of house being torn down.

Ordered: That Major Miller in Cerro Gordo Township be refunded \$3.00 dog tax for the year 1930 on account of his not owning dogs in 1930.

Ordered: That C. H. Fowler be refunded on \$1500.00 in Williams Township for the year 1930 on account of listing note for \$1500.00 against H. J. Green for forty five acres of land, then had to take land back and pay 1930 taxes.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund H. J. Green \$3.04 Special School tax in Williams Township for the year 1930.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Mrs. M. A. Smith in Bug Hill Township for the year 1930 on \$1250.00 valuation on account of property being listed by L. P. Suggs.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Walter Bullard in Tatum Township for the year 1930 \$5.81 on account of his living in Robeson County in 1930.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund H. C. Faulk in Bug Hill Township for the year 1930 \$2.30 special school tax on account of his not living in a special district.

Ordered: That the Tax Collector refund Lacy Long in Bug Hill Township for the year 1930 on account of his not living in a special school district.

Ordered: That Chas. G. Reese be refunded \$1.37 penalty and cost in South Williams Township for the year 1930.

Ordered: That C. P. Worley in Williams Township for the year 1930 be refunded on \$175.00 valuation on account of property being penalized when it should not have been.

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

Miss Emiline Cleveland	Salary & Nutrition Expense	\$61.25
Sarah J. Williams	Sept. salary-Col.Home Dem. Agt.	25.00
Leona C. Winesett	Salary - Stenographer	35.00
J. P. Quinerly	Salary - County Agent	150.00
A. W. Baldwin	Salary - Auditor	175.00
Mae S. Rooks	Salary - assisting Auditor	100.00
John W. Hall	Salary - Sheriff	225.00
C. A. Farley	Salary - assisting Sheriff	100.00
J. L. Memory	Salary - C. S. C., etc.	225.00
Mary Memory	Salary - assisting C. S. C.	100.00
Ed. Schwartz	Salary- Janitor, etc.	60.00
Geo. E. Collier	Salary - Reg. of Deeds	200.00
Rachel Cook	Salary - assisting R.of Deeds	100.00
E. A. Maulsby	Salary - Judge Rec. Court	75.00
Julian D. Lewis	Salary - County Attorney	75.00
Jackson Greer	Salary - Pros. County Atty.	75.00
R. F. Covington	Salary - Tax Supervisor	150.00
Jasper Bowen	Salary - County Home Keeper	75.00
D. L. Gore	Salary - Tax Supervisor	175.00
#117 Motor Transport Co.	September appropriation	10.00
Mrs. Lina Horne	$\frac{1}{2}$ months work on Tax Books	37.50

Mrs. Blanche Lewis	Work on Tax Books	\$37.50
Mrs. L. F. Lewis	Work on Tax Books	18.75
Mamie Brown	Work on Tax Books	65.00
Pauline Toon	Work on Tax Books	65.00
R. S. Covington	Work on Tax Books	52.50
Mrs. Leona C. Winesett	Work on Tax Books	10.00
Lois Cook	Typing tax receipts	2.50
Mrs. Gladys Wooten	Work on Tax Books	17.50
Miss Elizabeth Merritt	Work on Tax Books	7.50
J. A. Baldwin	1 day listing delinquent taxes	3.50
G. F. Holmes	1 day listing delinquent taxes	3.50
W. E. Long	1 day listing delinquent taxes	3.50
A. S. Richardson	1 day listing delinquent taxes	3.50
G. C. Hinson	2 days listing delinquent taxes	7.00
F. G. Sessions	1 day listing delinquent taxes	3.50
J. D. Norment	Conveying Prisoners to Jail	14.00
G. R. Nelson	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Carl Sasser	Capturing one complete still	10.00
Albert Sasser	Capturing two stills	30.00
J. M. Hinson	Capturing one complete still	20.00
McNeill's Drug Store	Drugs	11.50
Tide Water Power Co.	Lights during September	35.64
Commercial Ptg. Co.	Supplies for Reg. of Deeds	28.04
Town of Whiteville	Water during September	41.25
Columbus Drug Store	Pens for Tax Department	6.00
Garrell Brothers	Supplies for County Home	23.17
F. M. Canady	13 meals for Jurors @ 50¢	6.50
J. J. Powell	2 bags meal for County Home	3.20
Margaret Gore	Assisting Tax Collector 5 days	15.00
A. L. Pridgen	Burial Expense Jodie Edwards	5.00
Dept. Conservation, Dev'lp.	Forestry Expenditures	101.34
L. P. Blackman	Conveying Dow Todd to Jail	3.65
Ed. Schwartz	Juror, inquest Braeford Moore	2.50
S. P. Faircloth	Juror, inquest Braeford Moore	2.50
J. R. Spivey	Juror, inquest Braeford Moore	2.50
J. D. Norment	Juror, inquest Braeford Moore	2.50
H. D. Norment	Juror, inquest Braeford Moore	2.50
George C. Nunnery	Juror, inquest Braeford Moore	2.50
E. W. Williamson	Witness, Inquest Joda Edwards	.70
James Register	Witness, inquest Joda Edwards	.70
H. C. Richardson	Witness, inquest Joda Edwards	.70
W. H. McMillian	Holding 2 inquests	10.00
R. B. McRoy and Co.	Supplies for County Home	72.65
Burkhead-DeVane Ptg. Co.	Supplies	420.84
News Reporter Co.	Supplies and advertising	541.22
Walker, Evans & Cogswell	Summons Docket	31.33
C. A. Farley	Conveying Prisoners	23.40
J. D. Norment	Conveying Prisoners	38.50
H. L. Lyon	1 bbl. fish for County Home	7.00
C. T. Hargrove	Conveying Prisoners	3.50
L. P. Blackman	Conveying Prisoners	10.60
J. M. Hinson	Conveying Prisoners	3.05
J. D. Norment	Conveying Prisoners	6.85
C. A. Farley	Support of Jail	349.00
Horace Shaw	Washing at Jail, etc	9.00
Edd Millican	Labor at County Home	3.00
Ella Hilburn	Washing at County Home	6.00
Willard Bowen	Work at County Home	4.00
H. G. Walters	Milk for County Home	2.80
Mrs. Jasper Bowen	Fresh fish for County Home	2.85
Columbus Telephone Co.	Rent & Long Distance Calls	39.75
T. Willoughby	Conveying Prisoners	5.90
W. A. Cribb	Conveying Prisoners	4.10
O. D. Clewis	Conveying Prisoners	9.10
State Hospital	Clothing for Jessie Thompson	6.75
Charlie Baldwin	Work on Court House Grounds	1.50
Julian D. Lewis	10% com. on L. S. C.	119.95
T. M. McKenzie	Caskets for Outside Poor	72.00
Handy Hardware House	Supplies	44.02
Schulken Brothers	Supplies	7.00
J. L. Memory	Postage during September	3.43
Dr. W. Ross Davis	Extracting teeth	2.00
Vineland Ice Co.	Ice	16.04
Columbus County News	Advertising	139.20
Memory Company	Supplies	7.64
J. F. Barkley	Freight for Tax Department	7.85
H. H. Horton	To repair work	1.50
Thompson Hd'we Co.	Supplies	31.51
J. A. Formyduval	1 day listing delinquent taxes	3.50
H. C. Faulk	Refund Special School Tax 1929	1.90
Lacy Long	Refund Special School Tax 1927	.64
Powell & Lewis	Service in Ratcliffe Case	100.00
D. W. Merritt	2 days on Board and mileage	10.60
C. D. Garrell	2 days on Board and mileage	11.00
R. C. Benton	2 days on Board and mileage	9.80
J. C. Hooks, Jr.	3 days on Board and mileage	12.00
D.N. Blue & Company	Auditing	1270.00
Avant & Sholar	Repair on Home Dem. Agt. CAR	10.50

J. R. Blake	2 days on Board and mileage	9.40
D. L. Gore, Tax Col.	1931 taxes collected by Auditor	13,445.30
Outside Poor	Payments for September	314.00
Insolvent Tickets	Payments for September	<u>248.61</u>

Ordered: That the following General Road Vouchers be allowed and paid:

Air Reductions Sales Co.	Rent on Act. for County Garage	1.25
Standard Oil Company	Gas for Tabor, Fairbluff & Pireway road	73.44
Handy Hardware House	Supplies for County Garage	<u>3.93</u>

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time adjournment was voted in order until Thursday, October 15, 1931.

Approved:

A. W. Baldwin
Clerk *J. C. Hooks Sr.*

Chairman

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

J. C. Hooks, Sr., Chairman
J. R. Blake
D. W. Merritt
C. D. Garrell
R. C. Benton

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: That the County Home Keeper be notified that he must dispose of hogs owned by him and kept at County Home, and he not be permitted to keep any live stock at the County Home Farm unless said stock belongs to Columbus County.

Ordered: That J. C. Hooks be empowered to purchase some hogs for the County Home.

Ordered: That R. C. Benton be empowered to purchase two milch cows for County Home.