

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office January 4th, 1937, it being First Monday. Members of the Board present:

H. G. Avant, Chairman

R. C. Benton

W. L. Hobbs

W. M. Stephens

Z. V. Williamson

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

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

Ordered: that persons, firms or corporations owing 1932 and prior years taxes be given until first Monday in February 1937 to pay said taxes by paying 10% interest flat.

W. C. Cotten, Constable of Bolton Township, tendered his bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars with Hackett Applewhite, J. N. Dawson and Z. V. Jones as sureties, approved, accepted and ordered recorded, all Commissioners being present and voting therefor.

C. T. Hargrove, Constable of Ransom Township, tendered his bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, with J. F. Heinzl and B. F. Applewhite as sureties, approved, accepted and ordered recorded, all Commissioners being present and voting therefor.

Ordered: that Thomas Lewis' two lots in Ransom Township be valued at \$400.00 for 1934-1935 and 1936.

Ordered: that J. W. Bullock's lot in Chadson Township for 1936 and prior years be valued at \$200.00 and tax be paid at par and \$3.00 court cost on a \$200.00 valuation.

Ordered: that 60 acres tract of land in Chadbourn Township listed by D. R. Connor, be separated so R. B. Hilburn may pay 1/3 of tax on said tract of land which he has purchased.

Ordered: that L. Page Benton and F. B. Foster contracts for addition to jail be signed by Chairman.

Ordered: that the Sheriff summon the following good and lawful men to serve as Jurors at the February term of Court 1937:

FIRST WEEK

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| Bogue | Jesse Dew |
| Bolton | Walton McKeithan |
| Bug Hill | F. E. Lay |
| Chadbourn | S. Meares Jr. Jesse Blackman |
| Cerro Gordo | L. Allen |
| Fair Bluff | M. D. Small |
| Lees | L. J. Clewis |
| Ransom | R. G. Burns |
| Tatum | Fulton Powers S. V. Griffin |
| Waccamaw | C. E. Stephens |
| Welches Creek | A. V. Baldwin |
| Western Prong | D. R. Nance |
| Williams | Seymore Ward |
| South Williams | J. J. Watts |
| Whiteville | Stanley White S. T. Benton |

SECOND WEEK

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| Bogue | Albert Batten |
| Bolton | H. A. Paxton |
| Bug Hill | J. H. Lay |
| Chadbourn | D. V. Williamson G. A. Meckstroth |
| Cerro Gordo | Jess Hilbourn |
| Fair Bluff | Gordon Strickland |
| Lees | D. A. Duncan |
| Ransom | F. J. Wilson |
| Tatum | Troy W. Brown A. F. Britt |
| Waccamaw | S. C. Chancey |
| Welches Creek | E. T. High |
| Western Prong | L. L. Baldwin |
| Williams | S. C. Long |
| South Williams | L. J. Norris |
| Whiteville | G. P. Thompkins E. H. Buffkin |

Ordered: that the following contract of Dwight McEwen, Court Stenographer, be accepted and recorded.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COLUMBUS COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 4th day of January, 1937, by and between Dwight McEwen, of the City of Wilmington, New Hanover County, and State of North Carolina, party of the first part; and the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County, said State, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH:-

THAT, Whereas, said party of the second part is desirous of securing the services of a good and competent Stenographer to serve as, and to do the work of, Court Reporter in the County of Columbus, from the 1st day of January, 1937, until the 30th day of December, 1937;

And, Whereas, the said party of the first part has, for a number of years held such position, and is of the opinion that he can do the work required by said party of the second part of the Court Reporter for Columbus County, in a manner equally as satisfactory to the said party of the second part as heretofore:

Now, Therefore, for and in consideration of the premises and for the purposes aforesaid, said party of the first part and said party of the second part agree, and do hereby agree and bond himself and itself as follows:

1. The said Dwight McEwen, party of the first part, agrees to report all terms of the Superior Court, both civil and criminal, both regular and special, which may be held in the County of Columbus from the 1st day of January, 1937, until the 30th day of December, 1937, and to make and to retain in his office, subject to the demand of the Solicitor of, or the Judge presiding in, the Eighth Judicial District, one copy of transcript of all appeal cases; it being distinctly understood and agreed by both parties hereto, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to mean that the party of the first part shall furnish, or be required to furnish, such copy of transcript, or any original transcript, for the use and benefit of either Counsel or their clients unless and until such copy, or original, shall have been paid for at the regular prevailing rate; and the party of the first part agrees to report, and transcribe, said notes when requested by the Solicitor, Judge presiding, or Counsel, in a neat satisfactory and prompt manner, and subject at any and all times to the inspection by, and approval or disapproval of, said party of the second part; of, of, said party of the first part agrees to do all of said work in the manner aforesaid, at his own expense, including his own transportation and board, for the sum of Seventy Five (\$75.00) Dollars per week, and for each regularly calendared or special term of Court held, with the distinct understanding and agreement that the party of the first part shall receive nothing for any regularly calendared weeks of Court not held, except that it is distinctly understood that if any part of a week shall be consumed by Court the same shall be, for the purposes of this contract, construed to mean a week, so long as the said

party of the first part performs and does the work as, and in the manner, he has agreed to do, until the 30th day of December, 1937.

2. The party of the second part, upon condition that the said party of the first part shall at all times faithfully keep and perform each and all of the covenants and agreements just hereinbefore recited, and by said party of the first part herein made, agrees to pay to said party of the first part the sum of Seventy Five (\$75.00) Dollars per week for each week, or part thereof, of regularly calendared Court, or Special Court, which may be held so long as said work and services are done and completed according to his agreement; it being mutually understood and agreed that for any week upon which Court is not actually held at all, the party of the first part shall be entitled to no payment whatever.

3. It is distinctly understood and agreed between the parties hereto that should said party of the first part, at any time, fail to fulfill, keep and perform any of the covenants and agreements by him herein made, then, and in that event, the party of the second part shall have the authority to declare this contract null and void, and should the party of the first part, at any time, because of sickness, or any other reason, be unable to discharge the duties hereinbefore set out, he shall provide a thoroughly competent substitute, at his own expense, and in the event he should fail to provide such substitute, then, and in that event, the party of the second part is authorized and empowered by the party of the first part to secure the services of another Reporter to do and perform the work and services hereinbefore mentioned, and to pay such Reporter out of any money or monies that he may be due, or which may become due, to said party of the first part, under and by virtue of this agreement.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, the day and year first hereinbefore written.

Dwight McEwen (SEAL)

WITNESS:

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY

By H. G. Avant Chairman

Attest:

A. W. Baldwin

Clerk

Ordered: that Daniel Jacobs Est. 1936 and prior years taxes be separated so Henry L. Jacobs may pay 1/7 of said taxes, as he owns 6 acres of 42 acres listed. It is also agreed that the taxes be cut one-half as valuation should be cut on account of house being burned. The valuation for 1937 to be \$800.00.

RESOLUTION

ORDERED: that the following resolution be recorded relative to borrowing Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars for General School purposes, same being renewal note.

Be it ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that one note of the County of Columbus for General School purposes be executed in the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars, dated January 10th, 1937, maturing July 10th, 1937.

The above note bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum, interest payable at maturity; both principal and interest of said note payable to BEARER at the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, of the City of Whiteville, N. C., in anticipation of 1936 taxes, and that said note be sold or hypothecated 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 the County of Columbus be pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest of said note at maturity.

NOTE

\$2,000.00

January 10, 1937.

On July 10th, 1937, the County of Columbus for value received, promises to pay to the BEARER hereof at the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company of the City of Whiteville, N. C., the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars with interest at 6% per annum from date.

This note is issued in pursuance of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of County of Columbus on the 4th day of January, 1937, and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk of said Board as required by law.

It is hereby certified and recited that each and every act, condition, and thing required to be done, to have happened and to be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this note, has been done, has happened and has been performed in full and strict compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina and that this note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and the faith and credit of County of Columbus are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the Principal and Interest of this note, according to its terms.

In witness whereof, the County of Columbus has caused its corporate name to be signed hereto by Chairman Board of Commissioners and the Corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by Clerk to Board of Commissioners, this the 4th day of January, 1937.

RESOLUTION

Ordered: that the following resolution be recorded relative to borrowing Fifty Five Thousand and no/100 (\$55,000.00) Dollars for General School purposes, same being renewal note.

Be it ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that one note of the County of Columbus for General School purposes be executed, in the sum of Fifty Five Thousand (\$55,000.00) Dollars, dated January 14th, 1937., maturing July 14th, 1937.

The above note bearing interest at the rate of six (6%) per-cent per annum, interest payable at maturity, both principal and interest of said note payable to BEARER at the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, of the City of Whiteville, N. C. in anticipation of 1936 taxes, and that said note be sold or hypothecated 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 the County of Columbus be pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest of said note at maturity.

NOTE

\$55,000.00

January 14th, 1937

On July 14th, 1937, the County of Columbus for value received, promises to pay to the BEARER hereof at the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company of the City of Whiteville, N. C., the sum of ^{Fifty Five} ~~1/10~~ Thousand (\$55,000.00) Dollars with interest at 6% per annum from date.

This note is issued in pursuance of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of County of Columbus on the 4th day of January, 1937, and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk of said Board as required by law.

It is hereby certified and recited that each and every act, condition and thing required to be done, to have happened and to be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this note, has been done, has happened and has been performed in full and strict compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina and that this note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and the faith and credit of County of Columbus are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest of this note, according to its terms.

In witness whereof, the County of Columbus has caused its corporate name to be signed hereto by Chairman Board of Commissioners and the corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by Clerk to Board of Commissioners, this the 4th day of January, 1937.

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RESOLUTION

Whereas, certain citizens of Williams Township have petitioned the Honorable Board of County Commissioners to recommend the taking over and maintaining of a certain road in said Township by the State Highway Commission; and,

Whereas, said road which it is desired by said citizens that the State Highway Commission take over and maintain is described as follows: A joint of road leading from the Mill Branch road (at the old ^{Wright} Lucian/place) and running in a Northernly direction to intersect State Highway #23 at or near East Tabor Filling Station, a distance of about 7/8 mile; and,

Whereas, said road has been used as a rural mail route for the past thirty years:

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway Commission be and it is hereby requested to take over and maintain said road; and,

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Highway Commission in Raleigh and a copy be recorded on the Minutes of this Board.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, certain citizens of Bug Hill Township have petitioned the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County to recommend the construction and maintenance of a certain road in said Township by the State Highway Commission; and,

Whereas, said road which it is desired by said citizens that the State Highway Commission construct and maintain is described as follows: Beginning at a point on the State Highway leading from D. C. Gore's to Reaves Ferry, a distance of about 1/2 mile; and,

Whereas, said road would accomodate the public greatly:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners that the State Highway Commission be and it is hereby requested to construct and maintain said road; and,

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Highway Commission in Raleigh and a copy be recorded on the Minutes of this Board.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, a certain number of citizens and taxpayers of Western Prong Township have petitioned the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County to recommend the re-instatement of a certain road in said Township by the State Highway Commission; and,

Whereas, said ^{road} leading from the Page Road to the hard-surface through the Nance Farm, was approved by the Highway Commission and put on the State map when the State took over the roads; and,

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners and the Road Commission allowed the road to be closed; and,

Whereas, it now appears that the Superior Court has opened said road; and,

Whereas, it is now deemed advisable that said road be re-instated and kept up by the State Highway Commission:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway Commission be and it is hereby requested to re-instate and keep up said road; and,

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution, together with the petition, be sent to the State Highway Commission in Raleigh and a copy be recorded on the Minutes of this Board.

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

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| North Car. Industrial Home | Board and treatment for Pearlle Mae Taylor | \$ 5.00 |
| Mrs. Johnsie R. Nunn | Out of County mileage | 24.40 |
| Whiteville Cabinet Works | Repairing chairs | 1.00 |
| H. F. Wolfe | Repairing typewriters | 6.50 |
| F. B. Richardson | Inquests and investigations | 43.00 |
| L. H. Williams | Summoning witnesses at inquest | 4.00 |
| R. Q. Bannerman | To 2 days juror - Will Dores inquest | 6.00 |
| Volley Soles | To 2 days juror - Will Dores inquest | 6.00 |
| Murray Pate | To 2 days juror - Will Dores inquest | 6.00 |
| Will Memory | To 2 days juror - Will Dores inquest | 6.00 |
| Lon Ward | To 2 days juror - Will Dores inquest | 6.00 |
| C. F. Bowen | Tom2 days juror - Will Dores inquest | 6.00 |
| Mrs. Rachel C. Davis | Taking evidence - Will Dores inquest | 5.00 |
| Duke Hospital | Treatment for County patients | 67.37 |
| City Optical Co. | Glasses for County patients | 8.00 |
| A. T. Massey Coal Co. | Coal for Court House, County Home and Jail | 126.54 |
| Mrs. Mary A. Schulken | Dec. rent of building | 32.50 |
| Baxter Durham, State Auditor | Amount due by County for indigents | 87.50 |
| Henry E. Williams | To treatment for Troy Boswell | 2.00 |
| Columbus County Hospital | To Oct-Nov-Dec accounts | 219.00 |
| Schulken Bros. | To Dec. account | 5.55 |
| J. L. Powell and Co. | To Dec. account | 10.00 |
| Puritan Chemical Co. | Supplies for Court House | 22.96 |
| Homer Harrelson | Wood for library | 2.00 |
| E. H. Hickman and Co. | Food for Out Door Poor | 7.00 |
| State Hospital, Goldsboro | Board and treatment for Flossie Denice | 6.15 |
| N.C. Dept. of Cons. & Dev. | Amount due by County as of Nov. 30th | 76.27 |
| Herman D. Stanley | Conveying prisoners from Burgaw | 7.30 |
| W. C. Cotten | Conveying prisoners | 2.80 |
| H. L. Walters | Conveying prisoners | 1.70 |
| C. T. Hargrove | Conveying prisoners | 4.00 |
| Bud Stephens | Conveying prisoners | 5.50 |
| T. F. Hayslip | Conveying prisoners | 2.80 |
| W. R. Cowan | Conveying prisoners | 1.70 |
| Columbus Telephone Co. | Dec. phone bills | 59.80 |
| Burroughs Adding Machine Co. | To service as per contract | 48.55 |
| Tide Water Power Co. | To Dec. light bills | 87.38 |
| C. T. Hargrove | To capturing still | 5.00 |
| N. C. Sanatorium | Treatment for Mary Prince | 35.68 |
| The News Reporter Co. | To Dec. account | 150.10 |
| Leder Brothers | To Dec. account | 33.11 |
| Columbus Motor Co. | Supplies for County Home repair | 2.50 |

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| Gurganus Cash Store | To Dec. account | \$ 33.08 |
| Rose Annie Johnson | To laundry for County Home | 2.50 |
| Strawdie Nance | To laundry for County Home | 2.50 |
| Horace Lawson | Shaves and hair cuts for County Home | 2.20 |
| D. W. Baldwin | Dec. account | 15.50 |
| Town of Whiteville | Dec. account | 37.50 |
| Leslie Pierce and Co. | Food orders for Out Door Poor | 4.50 |
| Boyd Benton | To syrup for County Home | 5.60 |
| R. B. McRoy and Co. | To Dec. account | 75.35 |
| Gaffrell Brothers | To Dec. account | 91.19 |
| Bodeker Drug Co. | Medicine for Out Door Poor | 5.24 |
| Western Union | Telegrams for various offices | 3.84 |
| Guitons Drug Store | Medicine for Out Door Poor | 3.75 |
| The News Reporter Co. | To account | 30.35 |
| Edwards & Broughton Co. | Supplies for Reg. of Deeds | 56.53 |
| Owen G. Dunn | Supplies for Reg. of Deeds | 107.67 |
| F. B. Foster | To repair at jail | 6.95 |
| Storr Engraving Co. | Supplies for Reg. of Deeds | 3.10 |
| Mitchell Ptg. Co. | Supplies for Reg. of Deeds | 12.66 |
| McNeill Drug Store | Dec. account | 23.75 |
| Leslie Pierce and Co. | Food for Out Door Poor | 2.00 |
| Frank Davis | To assisting Janitor 2 days | 1.00 |
| Edwards and Broughton Co. | To supplies for C.S.C. | 145.50 |
| Burkhead-DeVane Ptg. Co. | To supplies for C.S.C. | 60.57 |
| Odell Watts | Repair at Court House | .50 |
| Vineland Ice Co. | To Dec. account | 1.30 |
| Columbus County News | Advertising tax suits | 40.50 |
| Mrs. Ellen Turlington | To 10 days assisting Tax Collector | 25.00 |
| Dorothy C. McNeill | To 7 days assisting Auditor | 17.50 |
| Rozier Williams, Jailor | To Dec. support of Jail | 420.15 |
| J. F. Barkley, Agent | To freight on coal | 232.56 |
| D. M. Thompson | Commission on personal taxes collected | 46.31 |
| W. C. Thomas | Food furnished Mrs. Asa Williamson | 2.00 |
| N. G. Butler | Conveying prisoners | 3.40 |
| W. H. Bullard | Conveying prisoners | 12.00 |
| C. T. Hargrove | Capturing still | 5.00 |
| Rozier Williams | To 5 days Court Officer | 15.00 |
| Oscar High | To Dec. account | 11.97 |
| Mary Summersett | Work at County Home | 5.00 |
| C. H. Addison | To bailing hay at County Home | 8.45 |
| F. O. Carter | Conveying prisoners | 3.90 |
| J. B. Stephens | Conveying prisoners | 11.00 |
| Julian D. Lewis, Atty. | Commission on land sales certificates | 300.87 |
| J. M. Hinson | Advance on serving tax summons | 15.00 |
| N. G. Butler | Conveying prisoners | 7.00 |
| Leslie N. Boney | Payment on County Home contract | 400.00 |
| Dr. W. Ross Davis | Treatment for Out Door Poor | 12.50 |
| A. E. Powell, P.M. | Postage for Welfare Officer | 10.00 |
| H. G. Avant | To 3 days on Board, 1 day Com. work & Mi. | 20.50 |
| R. C. Benton | To 3 days on Board, 1 day Com. work & Mi. | 25.60 |
| Z. V. Williamson | To 3 days on Board & mileage | 18.60 |
| W. L. Hobbs | To 3 days on Board and mileage | 24.00 |
| W. M. Stephens | To 3 days on Board and mileage | 19.80 |
| J. H. Russ | To work on old jail | 1.35 |
| Farmers and Merchants Bank | To interest due | 146.25 |
| Mrs. Artemesia S. DeVane | To refund on taxes | 4.54 |
| Insolvents | Total | <u>240.48</u> |

Ordered: that the following refunds be granted:

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| Arch Powell | 1932-1933-1934 tax | Error listing dogs | \$ 5.00 |
| J. W. Green | 1936 tax | Error listing | 23.60 |
| Frank Bolton | 1936 tax | Board reducing valuation | 3.20 |
| J. W. Green | 1935 tax | Error listing solvent credits | 24.00 |
| Frank Bolton | 1935 tax | Board reducing valuation | 7.90 |
| Roy Simmons | 1936 tax | Error listing | 21.24 |
| Harrison Williams | 1935 tax | Board compromising tax | 7.74 |
| Heelen Williams | 1936 tax | Board compromising tax | 5.31 |
| Laron McNeill | 1935 tax | Board compromising tax | 5.74 |
| Laron McNeill | 1936 tax | Board compromising tax | 5.64 |
| Mrs. Artemesia S. DeVane | 1935 tax | By order of Board | 2.13 |
| Mrs. Artemesia S. DeVane | 1936 tax | By order of Board | 1.18 |
| J. W. Bullock Est. | 1936 tax | Board reducing valuation | <u>4.54</u> |

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, adjournment was voted in order until January 19th, 1937.

Approved:

A. W. Baldwin
Clerk

H. G. Avant
Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office January 19th, 1937, according to adjournment. Members of the Board present:

H. G. Avant, Chairman
R. C. Benton
W. L. Hobbs
W. M. Stephens
Z. V. Williamson

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

The following business was transacted.

L. Page Benton, Contractor to erect addition to jail, tendered his bond in the sum of \$5423.83 with U. S. Casualty Co. as sureties, approved, accepted, and ordered recorded, all Commissioners being present and voting therefor,

F. B. Foster, Contractor for heating and plumbing at jail, tendered his bond in the sum of \$1000.00 with Fidelity and Casualty Co. of N. Y. as sureties, approved, accepted and ordered, all Commissioners being present and voting therefor.

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

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| L. Page Benton | Advance on jail construction | \$300.00 |
| A. W. Baldwin | Expense to Raleigh in re Comm. meeting | 16.21 |
| L. Page Benton | To first payment on jail project | 618.90 |
| L. N. Boney | Part payment on plans and specifications | 125.00 |
| A. W. Baldwin | Advance on January salary | <u>183.33</u> |

Ordered: that the following refund be granted:

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| F. L. Formy Duval | 1936 tax | Error listing | \$ 2.00 |
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