

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office March 6th, 1939, it being first Monday. Members of the Board present:

C. A. Small, Chairman

H. G. Avant

R. C. Benton

W. L. Hobbs

W. M. Stephens

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

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

Ordered: that W. P. DeVane's 1937 taxes be separated so Collins Graham may pay taxes on one lot he has purchased.

Ordered: that the report of Mr. Henley, Sanitary Inspector, be accepted and that the Jailor be notified to have better care taken of the County Jail and property.

Ordered: that the various taxlisters be paid 10¢ for each tax listed and 5¢ for each crop report made, and be paid 5¢ per mile for coming for supplies and making returns and checking out, but no per diem will be allowed for coming for supplies, making returns and checking out.

Ordered: that Powell and Lewis, Tucker and Proctor and Lyon and Lyon be employed and authorized to act as attorneys for Columbus County in suit S. W. GARRELL JR. ETAL VS COLUMBUS COUNTY.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, certain citizens of Bogue Township have petitioned the Honorable Board of County Commissioners to recommend that some of the roads in said township be widened; and,

Whereas, several roads in said township are so narrow that it is dangerous for vehicles to try to pass one another and in some places it is impossible:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway and Public Works Commission be and it is hereby requested to make said improvements on the above described roads; and,

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

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ITEMS TO OMIT
IN INDEXING THE MINUTES OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

1. Statements of dates on which Commissioners met, where they met, and why the meeting was held. These statements are found at the beginning of the minutes for each meeting.
2. Statements that the invocation was given by Reverend So-and-So of So-and-so Church.
3. Monthly reports of the activities of county departments or officials:

Cecil Edwards, Sanitarian, reports on the activities of the Dog Warden for the month of October.

4. Tax releases:

Taxes listed in the name of Walter E. Long cancelled for 1970 due to double listing.

Taxes on All Star Homes released for the years 1965-1972 due to an error in listing.

Thomas Collins' property taxes cancelled due to an error in listing.

Dog tax listed in the name of William M. Sears released for 1973 due to an error in listing.

Taxes listed in the name of John Jones will be accepted at par for the year.

Taxes listed in the name of Will Smith will be accepted at tax certificate value for the years 1949-1953.

5. Tax refunds:

V. E. Pierce issued refund check because of overpayment of taxes.

Refund check issued to Anna Pridgen for taxes paid through error.

Peoples Savings and Loan Assoc. will receive a refund for \$108.97 due to an error.

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6. Cancellations of tax penalties:

Late listing penalty for 1971 and 1972 for Guy W. Bogue cancelled due to clerical error.

7. Checks issued to individuals from the Out-Door-Poor Fund:

Check written to David and Gloria Dantzler from the Out-Door-Poor Fund.

8. Lists of bills paid, expenses, and salary checks for the month. Individual bills paid or checks written must be indexed because they require a separate motion by the Board.

9. Holidays set for a certain month. The Board used to decide holidays on a month-by-month basis. This is now done at the beginning of the year for the entire year. Holidays, regardless, will not be indexed.

10. Budget meetings at which there is much general discussion but no specific motions passed. There will be several of these before each fiscal year's budget is approved. The minutes for these meetings will usually just state that the budget is discussed in depth or that a specific part of the budget is discussed but no decision made.

11. Repairs or other maintenance work not involving a large sum of money. At present, the minimum amount for indexing the item is \$100 for later years and \$50 for early years. If the minutes simply state that the problem is corrected and no amount is given, do not index.

Complaint made to the Board that a school bus is causing a hole in a private road; hole will be filled.

Trees at the Law Enforcement Center will be cut; job will be awarded to the person submitting the lowest cost.

Any time a contract is awarded for maintenance and repair work, the item must be indexed.

12. Vacation or retirement time for individuals. If the problem is not covered by the personnel manual, it must be dealt with by the Commissioners. Still, it is not important enough to index.

Retirement System will be requested to accept additional time for Ms. Leota H. Hodges for 1939 through 1942.

John Coleman will be paid vacation pay through Dec. 1, 1973.

13. Lists of persons granted an extension of time to list their taxes.
14. Decisions by the Board to release December salary checks early.
15. Setting of dates for the Board to meet as the Board of Equalization and Review, to open bids for purchasing, or the like.

Bids for the renovation of the Ward Building will be opened on Dec. 12, 1973.

16. Motions to reappoint all county employees to work another year.
17. Resolutions by the Board releasing individuals from liens, including liens for back taxes.

Nancy Bellamy McCray's property is released to her, since she has paid the lien executed to the county.

Lien of Lillie McGee Holloway released from the Aid to the Aged fund and sold to her heir, Charlie Holloway.

Upon payment of taxes for the years 1949-1961, the property of Jim Jenkins will be released from further lien.

18. Contributions of small amounts.

Christmas contribution of \$10.00 sent to Caswell School, Kinston, NC.

~~19. Proposition for tests~~

- 19. Approval of surety bonds on various county employees (county accountant, tax collector, tax supervisor, deputy, constable, sheriff, clerk of court, coroner).

Surety bond on constable Dewey H. Bowen was approved.

- 20. Lists of jurors for the month.
- 21. Proclamations made by the Board of Commissioners. These usually designate days, weeks, or months as special (for example, National Social Security Week). These items will have no reference value in the future.
- 22. Individual checks or bills in minutes for early years. In early years, all checks and bills had to be listed in the minutes, so there is no way to determine which ones are important and which are not.
- 23. Payment of bond, interest, and redemption fund vouchers.
- 24. Release of individuals from poll taxes because they cannot work.
- 25. Sales of property for tax liens.

Property of Acme Storage Co. sold due to tax lien.

- 26. Claims made by the tax collector to the referee in bankruptcy to get taxes due.

Tax Collector, W. A. Weir, authorized to make a claim to the referee in bankruptcy for taxes due from Edmunds Dep't. Store.

- 27. Motions on the valuation of property for tax purposes other than those done by the Commissioners as a Board of Equalization and Review. These are done because of an error of some sort and are really tax releases.

Personal property in the name of Martie Hamilton reduced to \$925.00 due to an error in listing a house trailer.
 Tax adjustments will be allowed and the tax collector given release on the unpaid taxes of the following persons:

W. M. Johnson	Bolton Township	From: \$2,650	To: \$1,750
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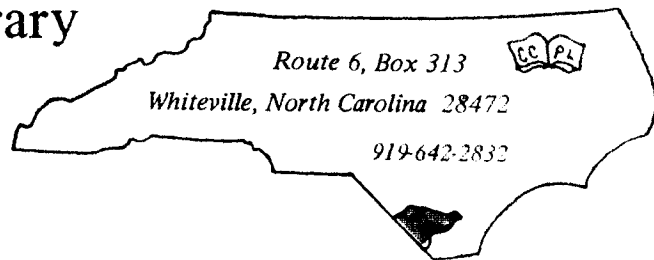
- 28. Authorization given by the Board for the tax collector to collect taxes each year.
- 29. Permission given by the Board for different persons or agencies to have fireworks displays.

30. Equipment purchases under \$300 (earlier years) and \$500 (later years); not priced omit any.

31. Mortgage rates for taxes owed by property owner to county.

Columbus County Public Library

AMANDA R. BIBLE, Director



CAPITALIZATION RULES

1. Capitalize personal titles or offices only when they are used as part of titles for specific persons:

Mayor Horace Whitley
Horace Whitley is the mayor of Whiteville.

Chairman of the Columbus County Public Library Board of Trustees Howard Straughan delivered the report.
The report was delivered by the chairman of the committee.

For personal titles, follow the "before-and-after" rule. Use capitals if the title is immediately preceding a name, but use lower case if it is after, removed from, or in apposition with a personal name:

Before

Chairman Marlowe

After

Mr. Marlowe, chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners,

Removed from

The chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners is Waldo Marlowe.

In apposition

The chairman, Waldo Marlowe, signs all county checks.

2. Capitalize government departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, commissions, services, and systems without exception.

the Civil Service Commission
the Board of Health
the President's Commission on Civil Disorders

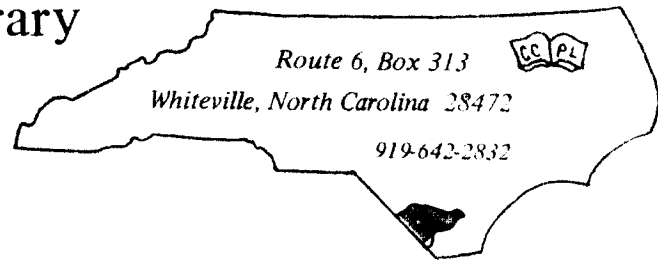
3. Designations not used as titles are not capitalized; for example, lawyer, banker, publisher, hotelman, clerk, bookkeeper.

4. Capitalize "conference," "convention," and "meeting" if these words are part of the names of specific ones.

the Governor's Conference on Libraries
the Democratic National Convention

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5. Capitalize names of buildings if a specific building is referred to in the sentence:

Independence Hall
 Whiteville City Hall
 the old hall in Philadelphia
 the old jail in Whiteville

6. Capitalize courts if the sentence refers to a specific one:

The Columbus County Court of Appeals ruled on the matter.
 A court of appeals has the power to make this decision.

7. Capitalize "street," "road," "bridge," and other similar words only when they are parts of names:

Thirty-sixth Street
 the main street in town
 Willow Road
 a road turning off 701 Bypass
 the Golden Gate Bridge
 a bridge across the Waccamaw River

8. The names of taxes are not capitalized unless a proper name is used with them:

excess profits tax
 social security tax
 personal property tax
 Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Taxes

RESOLUTION

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

Whereas, said road which it is desired by said citizens that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over and maintain is the road from Fipps Cross Roads, Tabor City, via Ward's Station, Roseland Station and Clarendon, all on the East side of the A. C. L. Railroad, being a distance of about thirteen miles:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway and Public Works 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 and Public Works Commission in Raleigh and a copy be recorded on the Minutes of this Board.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, certain citizens of Whiteville 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 and Public Works Commission; and,

Whereas, said road begins at Lloyd Sellers' place and ends at V. C. Hathaway's; and,

Whereas, said road is a distance of nine-tenths of a mile:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway and Public Works 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 and Public Works Commission in Raleigh and a copy be recorded on the Minutes of this Board.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, certain citizens of Chadbourn and Tatum Townships 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 and Public Works Commission; and,

Whereas, said road which it is desired by said citizens that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over and maintain is as follows: A section of the Old Highway between Chadbourn and Evergreen, said section intersecting U. S. Highway #74 at Corinth Church on the East side of said Highway and running a distance of about 1/2 mile by the home of J. C. Rabon and intersecting U. S. Highway #74 between the farms of J. C. Rabon and W. P. Rabon; and,

Whereas, said road will be a great accomodation to the people of this community:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway and Public Works 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 and Public Works Commission in Raleigh and a copy be recorded on the Minutes of this Board.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, certain citizens and taxpayers of Cerro Gordo 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 and Public Works Commission; and,

Whereas, said road which it is desired by said citizens that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over and maintain is the road leading from the Tabor City Highway which intersects near W. H. Turbeville's place and leading to the State Line Road to the Church, thence to the Clarendon Road, being a distance of about 500 yards:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway and Public Works 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 and Public Works Commission in Raleigh and a copy be recorded on the Minutes of this Board.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, certain citizens of Cerro Gordo ^{and Chadbourn} Townships have petitioned the Honorable Board of County Commissioners to recommend the construction and maintenance of a certain road in said Townships by the State Highway and Public Works Commission; and,

Whereas, said proposed road would lead from I. L. Green's barn to the Gary Todd place, thence across to C. E. Osborn's place, thence back to the Public Road, being a distance of about two and one-half miles; and

Whereas, said road would greatly accommodate about sixteen families living in said community in getting to Public Road:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway and Public Works 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 and Public Works Commission in Raleigh and a copy be recorded on the Minutes of this Board.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, certain citizens of Fair Bluff 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 and Public Works Commission; and,

Whereas, said road leads from the State Highway and J. P. Waddell's farm and crossing Edmond Mill Pond and connecting with the State Road in the Old McGougan farm; and,

Whereas, said road, being a distance of about one and one-half miles, would shorten the distance of farmers going to market and would be a great benefit to the entire community:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County that the State Highway and Public Works 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 and Public Works 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:

A. W. Baldwin	Salary - Auditor	\$183.34
Lila Mae Powell	Salary - Assisting Auditor	100.00
Herman D. Stanley	Salary - Sheriff	225.00
W. H. Bullard	Salary - Assisting Sheriff and travel	125.00
D. L. Gore	Salary - C.S.C., etc.	240.00
B. D. Hickman	Salary - Assisting C.S.C.	100.00
Leo L. Fisher	Salary - Register of Deeds	190.00
Anna Belle Lane	Salary - Assisting Reg. of Deeds	100.00
C. H. Garrell	Salary - Janitor	60.00
D. T. Lawson	Salary - County Home Keeper	115.00
W. E. Harrelson	Salary - Tax Collector and travel	175.00
Lollie Mae Gore	Salary - Assisting Tax Collector	100.00
Joe W. Brown	Salary - Judge Rec. Court	150.00
Lee Greer	Salary - Prosecuting Atty.	75.00
J. K. Powell	Salary - County Attorney	75.00
S. C. Oliver	Salary - Farm Agent	125.00
C. D. Raper	Salary - Assisting Farm Agent	54.16
Marie Cashwell Collier	Salary - Assisting Farm Agent	12.50
Mamie Brown	Salary - Tax Supervisor	100.00
Mrs. Johnsie R. Nunn	Salary - Welfare Officer and travel	200.00
Mrs. Nell Huggins	Salary - Caseworker and travel	140.00
Mrs. Mary Ennis	Salary - Caseworker and travel	140.00
Mabel Pittman	Salary - Assisting Welfare Officer	75.00
Leota Hammond	Salary -- Assisting Welfare Officer	60.00
Columbus County Hospital	To Feb.-appropriation	250.00
Mrs. Mary A. Schulken	To Feb. rent of building	50.00
Jackson Greer, Sr/	Salary - Tax Attorney	75.00
J. A. Maultsby	To 5 days on Board of Election - Hosp. Election	15.00
J. A. Maultsby	To 5 days Board of Election - Gen. Election	15.00
D. H. Jordan	To meeting, etc. Board of Election	100.40
J. W. Jackson	Registrar of Election	37.16
W. J. Gore	Judge of Election	3.00
J. W. Pierce, Jr.	Judge of Election	3.00
D. W. Merritt	Registrar of Election	27.72
J. W. Ellis	Judge of Election	3.00
John Lewis	Judge of Election	3.00
L. C. Stanley	Registrar of Election	30.91
Kinzie Long	Judge of Election	3.00
Daniel C. Gore	Judge of Election	3.00
G. T. Gore	Registrar of Election	30.88
M. J. Suggs	Judge of Election	3.00
C. B. Best	Judge of Election	3.00
T. S. Lewis	Registrar of Election	46.62
J. R. Blake	Judge of Election	3.00

E. W. Miller	Judge of Election	3.00
J. P. Hammond	Registrar of Election	35.63
A. J. Williamson	Judge of Election	3.00
M. G. Green	Judge of Election	3.00
Joseph Hayes	Registrar of Election	29.92
A. P. Worley	Judge of Election	3.00
Zeb Green	Judge of Election	3.00
J. A. Turner	Registrar	41.73
Don Townsend	Judge	3.00
S. H. Gowans	Judge	3.00
Howard Small	Clerk of Election	3.00
Mrs. J. L. Harrelson	Registrar	20.49
Norman Registrar	Judge	3.00
Herman Williams	Judge	3.00
M. L. Ross	Registrar	25.73
Albert Ward	Judge	3.00
Luther Jones	Judge of Election	3.00
L. M. Marlowe	Registrar	29.64
David Clifton	Judge	3.00
P. C. Gore	Judge of Election	3.00
D. L. McKeithan	Registrar	27.31
W. B. Long	Judge	3.00
H. M. Long	Judge of Election	3.00
H. W. Pridgen	Registrar	35.23
W. W. Lennon	Judge of Election	3.00
M. J. Dale	Judge	3.00
A. J. Kissam	Registrar	43.77
R. M. Ballard	Judge	3.00
M. M. Bullard	Judge	3.00
W. C. Burney	Registrar	27.30
L. D. Pittman	Judge	3.00
L. W. Chauncey	Judge	3.00
A. H. Sessions	Registrar	26.42
H. C. Baldwin, Jr.	Judge	3.00
H. P. Creech	Judge	3.00
M. W. Pridgen	Registrar	25.44
P. M. Page	Judge	3.00
O. E. Brown	Judge	3.00
Orton Williams	Registrar	37.49
J. C. Stanley	Judge	3.00
I. J. Spivey, Jr.	Judge	3.00
S. P. Stanley	Registrar	22.68
J. W. Jordan	Registrar	9.10
Seymore Ray	Judge	3.00
S. C. Long	Judge	3.00
L. L. Gore	Registrar	56.90
W. H. Shelly, Jr.	Judge	3.00
Mrs. Leona Brown	Judge	3.00
J. E. Gilmore	Registrar	45.21
Mrs. Donald Horton	Judge	3.00
Lockie Byrd	Judge	3.00
W. R. Fletcher	Registrar	43.92
F. W. Hammond	Judge	3.00
W. L. Turbeville	Judge	3.00
O. G. Holcomb	Registrar	29.90
W. B. Buffkin	Judge	3.00
Clarence Thompson	Judge	3.00
Grace G. Baldwin	To 2 days assisting Election Board	6.00
John Morris	To cow and calf for County Home	52.50
L. R. Hobbs	Conveying cow to County Home	5.00
Polly Geddie	To 26 days assisting Tax Supervisor	65.00
Mrs. Gladys G. Wooten	To 24 days assisting Reg. of Deeds	60.00
Mrs. Kathleen B. High	To 24 days assisting Reg. of Deeds	60.00
David Sinclair	To blanks for Solicitor's office	15.00
Stephen G. Worth	To court stenographer	187.50
Grace G. Baldwin	To 7 days assisting Auditor	28.00
Columbus Telephone Co.	To account	69.05
A. W. Baldwin	To expense to Raleigh in re notes	20.00
Rhodes Furniture Co.	To furniture for County Home	40.50
Sarah James	To work at County Home	3.00
Mrs. Alice Stanley	To work in sewing room	12.80
Susie Hammond	To work in Sewing room	12.80
H. D. Best	To commission on taxes collected	85.20
Duck McQueen	To assisting Janitor	1.50
N. A. Sinclair	To holding one week of Court	59.62
Mrs. Grace Harrelson	To assisting Tax Collector	65.00
A. E. Powell, P.M.	To postage for Welfare Office	25.00
Sam F. Baldwin	To 2 days Court Officer	6.00
Pay Roll for Jail Cells	To repairing jail cells	127.40
Sylvia R. Kramer	To 24 days assisting C.S.C.	60.00
Rozier Williams	To Feb. support of Jail	331.75
Joe D. Sykes	To investigations	10.00
Rozier Williams	To Court Officer	24.00
Woods 5¢ & 10¢ Store	To account	3.60

Dave Long	To 12 days Court Officer and mileage	41.40
Gladys Rush	To work at County Home	12.00
Hyman Supply Co.	To repair at Jail	119.64
Mrs. Grace Harrelson	To assisting Tax Collector	60.00
Oscar High	To account	79.73
W. L. Turbeville	To bus fare for Poor	1.00
Whiteville Cabinet Works	To repair at Jail	4.00
J. F. Barkley, Agent	To express for Courthouse	2.11
Horace Lawson	To barber work at County Home	4.80
Ed Schwartz	To 5 days assisting Tax Collector	10.00
F. T. Wooten	To ins. policy - County Home Barn	42.50
J. N. Coburn	To premium on bond - C. S. C.	98.50
Page Benton	Advance on Courthouse work	115.00
Chadbourn Hdw. Co.	Account for jail	32.60
C. A. Small	To 5 days on Board, 1 day Com. work and mi.	42.00
R. C. Benton	To 5 days on Board and mileage	32.00
H. G. Avant	To 4 days on Board and mileage	20.40
W. M. Stephens	To 5 days on Board and mileage	33.00
W. L. Hobbs	To 5 days on Board and mileage	40.00
Out Door Poor	Total	57.50
Insolvent Vouchers	Total	463.86

Ordered: that the following refunds be granted:

Bert Stephens	1935 tax	Board compromising tax	\$9.70
Bert Stephens	1936 tax	" " "	7.26
Bert Stephens	1937 tax	" " "	7.65
Bert Stephens	1938 tax	" " "	6.06
* Noah Lee	1938 tax	Error in listing	2.00
Luther Carter	1937 tax	Listed and paid in Bladen County	2.00
Luther Carter	1938 tax	" " " " "	2.00

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, adjournment was voted in order until March 7th, 1939.

Approved:

A. W. Baldwin
Clerk

C. A. Small
Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office March 7th, 1939 according to adjournment. Members of the Board present:

C. A. Small, Chairman
H. G. Avant
R. C. Benton
W. L. Hobbs
W. M. Stephens

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk