

# All The Facts Given As To County Roads

## Neither Commissioner Wheatly Nor State Highway Commission Has Ever Offered to Take Over County Roads; County Has Repeatedly Tried to Get State to Take The Roads and is Ready at Any Time to Turn Them Over. Wheatly Offered to Take the County's Gas Tax Money and That is All He Ever Offered to Do.

It may seem funny that folks who see each other almost every day in the Post Office, on the Streets in the Court House and on Sundays in the Church should write letters to each other. But I am persuaded that the writers did not feel funny at all. Sometime late in April or earlier in May 1929 Hon. C. R. Wheatly, State Highway Commissioner for the Second District, wrote a personal letter to Jas. W. Mason, County Attorney. This was more or less a private letter and we have not access to it. As a consequence of this letter on May 21st 1929 the present Board of County Commissioners passed the following:

### RESOLUTION

"Whereas Carteret County has completed a hard-surfaced road from Beaufort to Atlantic and has constructed, so far as Ocean, a hard-surfaced highway, proposed to connect highway No. 10 near Mansfield with Cedar Point, and

Whereas, said two roads may, it is deemed be advantageously made a part of the State Highway System;

Now therefore, be it Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County in meeting May 21st, 1929, and it is hereby resolved;

1. That the State Highway Commission, thru the District Commissioner of this Second District, be and it hereby is, requester to take over the road from Beaufort to Atlantic, making same part of No. 10 and to take over the road from Mansfield to Cedar Point, making same as a part of No. 24 Highway.

2. That a copy of this resolution be certified to the State Highway Commissioner and a copy to the District Commissioner of the Second District.

A copy of this was mailed to Hon. C. R. Wheatly Commissioner and to State Highway Commission at Raleigh as evidence.

Raleigh, N. C., May 22nd, 1929.

W. J. Plint, Esq., Clerk, Board of Carteret County Commissioners, Beaufort, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst., with attached Resolutions in reference to the road from Beaufort to Atlantic etc., is hereby acknowledged. The same will be placed in due course for such action as the Commissioner from the Second District will recommend.

Yours very truly,

R. A. DOUGHTON,

Chairman, State Highway Comm. I don't think any comments are necessary except to say that Mr. Wheatly did not reply.

The 1929 Legislature provided for a one cent gas tax to be distributed to the counties as "road aid fund." The State Department allocated \$26,640 as Carteret County's part and on June 3rd there was passed the following

### RESOLUTION

Whereas, the 1929 General Assembly of N. C. passed an act to amend Chapter 13 P. L. 1927, so as to levy an additional tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline and relieve the counties by aid from the State Highway Commission. Said act being HB 350, SB 385 PL 1929.

Whereas, the additional revenue which shall be collected by the levy and imposition of the additional one cent per gallon on motor fuel sold, distributed or used in the State provided for in Section 1 of said act, shall be held, used and treated by the Highway Commission as a Separate and Special fund to be known and designated as "THE COUNTY AID ROAD FUND."

Whereas, there has been allocated to the Carteret County from the said County Aid Road Fund the sum of \$26,640.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County, in meeting June 3rd 1929, and it is hereby resolved,

1st. That the State Highway Commission be and it is hereby requested to apply Carteret County's allocated portion from the County Aid Road Fund to "DEBT SERVICE" as provided in section 6, subsection D of amended act.

2nd. That a copy of this resolution be certified to the State Highway Commission and a copy to C. R. Wheatly, District Commissioner of the Second District.

Again Mr. Wheatly made no reply but the State Highway Commission did as evidenced.

Raleigh, N. C. June 5, 1929.

Mr. W. J. Plint, Auditor Carteret County,

Beaufort, N. C. Dear Sir: In Re Carteret County Aid Road Fund.

We thank you for the copy of the resolution adopted by your Board of Commissioners.

Yours very truly,  
CHARLES ROSS,  
General Counsel.

It seems that this act gave the counties authority to use the Aid Fund in either one of four different ways which really reduced itself to two different ways that is they could apply it to road upkeep or to reduce their bond interest on road bonds. The Board of Commissioners applied it to reduce its bond interest and bonds, a permanent instrument and we think wisely.

On June 11th 1929, a petition signed by 75 citizens from the Stella section was presented. On June 13th, 1929, the following letter was sent the Highway Commission.

Beaufort, N. C. June 13th, 1929.

Hon. R. A. Doughton, Chmn. State Highway Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held Tuesday, June 11th.

"The following petition signed by 75 persons was presented to the Board of Commissioners and on motion of S. D. Edwards seconded by Dennard Lewis, petition was fully endorsed by the Board:

"We the undersigned citizens of Carteret County do earnestly petition that your Honorable Board resolve petition and urge that the State Highway Commission take over as a part of the State Highway System the road leading from Highway No. 10 near Mansfield to Stella, to connect with Onslow County; and (or) to connect with Jones County as near Stella as practicable."

The Board further stressed the necessity of the Highway complying with the request of the resolution of the Board sent you May 22nd—For your convenience I quote the resolution.

"Whereas, Carteret County etc, (see below).

Yours very truly,  
W. J. PLINT,  
Auditor.

(We do not repeat the resolution as it is shown above)

Hon. R. A. Doughton acknowledged receipt of this letter as evidenced.

Raleigh, N. C., June 17th, 1929.

W. J. Plint, Esq., Clerk Board of Commissioners, Beaufort, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 13th instant, enclosing petition with respect to TAKING OVER AS A PART OF THE State Highway System, the road leading from highway No. 10 to Stella, etc. and also THE ROAD FROM BEAUFORT TO ATLANTIC.

Your resolutions will be placed before the State Highway Commission at its meeting on the 19th instant.

Yours very truly,

R. A. DOUGHTON,

Chairman State Highway Comm.

It seems to us that the Board of Commissioners had taken all the Steps in their power to have the State take over the roads or at least part of them and had applied the Gas Tax money in a sensible way, if not the particular way you or I may have done. But we continue—

It appears that early in January 1930, Mr. M. S. Lee, a member of the Board of Commissioners received a letter from Hon. C. R. Wheatly and on January 13th, 1930 the Board passed the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under date of December 24, 1929, Hon. C. R. Wheatly, member of the State Highway Commission, addressed a letter to Mr. M. S. Lee, member of the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County, in which letter, referring to a Mass Meeting held in the Court-house in the Town of Beaufort, June 17, 1929, Mr. Wheatly makes the following statement:

"At this meeting the following offer was made, to-wit: That if the Commissioners so desired, the State Highway Commission would take over the entire road system of Carteret County. That the road from Beaufort to Atlantic would be added to the State System as an extension of Route No. 10, and thus make Atlantic the terminus of Route No. 10 and the road would be maintained from general road fund of the State, and not from the one cent gasoline tax which the county was entitled to receive; that the road from Onslow County line through western Carteret County to Mansfield would be added to the State system just as soon as mileage was available, which would be in 1930, and thus be made a part of Route No. 24, and when this was done the road would be maintained from the general road fund and not from the one cent gasoline tax which the county would be entitled to receive; that with these two roads added to the State system it was my opinion, and I am still of that opinion, that the remaining roads of Carteret County could be maintained for \$10,000.00; that the county would be entitled to between \$26,000.00 and \$30,000.00 from the one cent extra gasoline tax and that all moneys allocated to the county could be paid on these two roads, to-wit: the Atlantic road and the Swansboro or Stella road, and with any amount returned to the county from the \$30,000.00 or \$26,000.00 not used in maintaining the roads could be applied to the indebtedness of the county. In other words: I told the Mass Meeting, that with the Atlantic road and the Stella road maintained from State funds and not from the one cent gasoline tax due the county, my opinion was, that the State could maintain the balance of the system for about \$10,000.00 and if this were so the county would have returned to it at the end of the year whatever difference there was, and this could be added to what could be paid from the general road fund should go a long way towards paying the county's indebtedness. There is one thing I would like to make clear to you and that is: If we were to take over the roads for maintenance all this county would be required to pay towards this would be the one cent extra gasoline tax, and we would have to keep the roads up regardless of what it cost, and if this could not be paid for from the one cent gasoline tax the county could not be required to pay any other sum."

AND WHEREAS, it is made to appear from the foregoing that the proposals therein made, if made, were to a Mass Meeting unofficially, and not officially to the Commissioners of Carteret County at any regular or special meeting by them. However said proposals now having been embodied in a letter and addressed to a member of the board of Commissioners of said county it is assumed as a fair interpretation of the purpose of the letter that Mr. Wheatly now desires and does, acting as a member of the State Highway Commission, make his offer or proposals officially to the said Board of Commissioners for such action as said Board may desire to take;

AND WHEREAS, that, while a certain part of the above quotation is a bit vague and of meaning uncertain, nevertheless the fair intentions thereof, taking the context of the whole, are as follows:

(a) That the State Highway Commission, if the Commissioners of Carteret County so desire, will accept, take over and make the Beaufort-Atlantic County highway a part of the State System of Highways as an extension of Route No. 10 with Atlantic the terminus of said route; and maintain the same out of State funds, and not out of the one cent gasoline tax, or any part thereof, to which the County may now or hereafter be entitled to receive;

(b) That in the year 1930, current year, when further mileage is made available, the State Highway Commission will accept, take over and make the Mansfield road to the Onslow County line, either by the way of Swansboro or Stella, a part of the State system of Highways as an addition to or a part of Route No. 24, and when same shall have been made a part of the State system as aforesaid to maintain the same out of State funds, and not out of the one cent gasoline tax to which the County may now or hereafter be entitled to receive;

(c) That the remainder of all the roads (main and laterals) now being worked, kept up and maintained by the County will be accepted by the State Highway Commission for maintenance only, said maintenance to be paid for out of the one cent gasoline tax to which the County may now or hereafter be entitled to receive; and that after paying out of the said gasoline tax such sum or sums as may be required to maintain said main and lateral roads (Beaufort-Atlantic and Mansfield-Onslow county roads excluded) to pay any balance of said gasoline tax not expended as aforesaid and for the purpose only as aforesaid into the Treasury of Carteret County to be applied by the proper officials of said County to the liquidation of County indebtedness.

(d) That should the gasoline tax above mentioned prove inadequate to maintain said main and lateral roads then and in that event said roads shall be maintained out of augmentations from State funds, and the County not be required to advance any other funds to the State for such maintenance than the said gasoline tax to which the County may now or hereafter be entitled to receive.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Carteret County in special session assembled, that if the above proposals be a fair interpretation of the proposals which Mr. Wheatly has referred to the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County through his letter to Mr. Lee, and the same proposals be hereby approved by this Board and are hereby accepted, the same to go into effect immediately, and such future time as may be determined by the Commissioners of Carteret County and the Commissioners of the State Highway Commission. Resolved: That it shall be fully understood and agreed that any agreements entered into shall in no wise affect the actions now pending in Carteret County for recovery of actual or compensatory damages in connection with the building of the roads Beaufort-Atlantic, Newport - Gale's Creek and Mansfield-Ocean, and that any recovery made by reason of said actions (or otherwise) shall be and remain the exclusive funds or property of Carteret County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forthwith sent to Hon. C. R. Wheatly, State Highway Commissioner, for his acceptance and approval, a copy be sent to the State Highway Commission, Raleigh, N. C., a copy be sent to each of the papers published in Carteret County, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County, and thereafter filed in the records of the County in the office of its Auditor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Hon. C. R. Wheatly, State Highway Commissioner, be and he is hereby respectfully requested to advise the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County of his actions in the premises, and if the same does not meet his approval to inform the said Board wherein the same departs from his proposals made to the Board through Mr. Lee.

Unanimously adopted by the Board of Commissioners in special meeting assembled, this 13th day of January, 1930.

C. H. BUSHALL, Chairman.

R. W. WALLACE, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners.

(SEAL)

All of this was published in the Beaufort News on January 16, 1930 and we think it appeared in the Morehead City paper also. It is from the Beaufort News that we copy so you see it was an open affair and yet Mr. Wheatly, although asked to make reply, kept silent and is keeping silent. What more could the Board do?

On June 24th 1930 the Board of Commissioners sought to break this silence and wrote Mr. Wheatly as evidenced:

Beaufort, N. C. June 25, 1930.

Mr. W. J. Plint, Auditor, Carteret County, Beaufort, N. C.

In Re: Carteret County Roads.

My dear Sir:

Replying to yours of June 24th, I will say:

There must be some misunderstanding on the part of the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County in a above captioned matter, as my files do not disclose any offer made by me to Mr. Lee.

On the 27th day of December 1929 I addressed a letter to him giving such information as I had. The letter is self explanatory and needs no comment from me at this time.

Generally in this District these matters are handled by the Legal Department of the County, however this is not a rule and following the same rule as I followed in the District the road matters in this county were taken up with Mr. Mason, the County Attorney and with no individual member of the Board and the letter to Mr. Lee was in answer to his letter asking what had been done in the matter.

At this time I can not say when the balance due the county on its loan can be paid.

"With best wishes, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
C. R. WHEATLY.

incorporate the Beaufort-Atlantic road into its system as a part of route 10 and the road from Mansfield to the Onslow county line as a part of route 24 and will maintain all the other public roads in the county that it will turn over to the Highway Commission. The county's share of the gas tax money. The amount of this fund is estimated to be around \$26,000 more or less. As a result of the adoption of the resolution the county road question is now mainly in the hands of the State Highway Commission. The News has heard a good many citizens as hoping the Commission will accept the offer.

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"With best wishes, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
C. R. WHEATLY.

This letter is an answer that doesn't answer.

It is not our purpose to make this article too long as we wish our readers to read every word, not only once but as many times as may seem needful to understand what it is all about. Yet, we cannot close without quoting one or two more letters.

It appears that Mr. Bushall, chairman of the present Board of Commissioners, intent upon doing all he could to obtain and lay before the public the full facts, wrote to Hon. Chas. Ross a letter as evidenced:

Raleigh, N. C. July 17, 1930.

Mr. C. H. Bushall, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Beaufort, N. C.

Dear Mr. Bushall,

My absence from the office in attendance upon Court in the Western part of the State has prevented earlier reply to yours of July 3.

At the time I discussed with the mass meeting in Beaufort the question of the use of COUNTY AID ROAD FUND, while advising the mass meeting that any dealings had by the Highway Commission must necessarily be with the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and not with the mass meeting, I did state that the State Highway Commission would be willing to take over as a SECONDARY HIGHWAY system the entire mileage being maintained by Carteret County, and that from an investigation of the roads by the Engineering Department we were satisfied that we could maintain the roads as well or better than they were being now maintained for the County Aid Road Fund which was allotted by the State to Carteret County.

I was pleased by some citizens in the meeting to know what would happen in the event it was found necessary to spend more money on the roads than the State had provided and in answer to this I told them that the Maintenance we would give the roads would be limited by the amount of money allotted to the County but in our opinion this sum was sufficient not only to maintain the roads but gradually to improve them.

Trusting that this explanation answers your question and assuring you that if I have not fully covered the inquiry, it was through no desire to dodge responsibility for anything I said and I will be glad to have any omission called to my attention.

Yours very truly,  
CHAS. ROSS,

General Counsel State Highway Comm.

The Board substantially accepted this offer and no comments other than we have made are needed.

There was some other correspondence as evidenced.

Beaufort, N. C. July 25, 1930

Hon. C. R. Wheatly, Commissioner Second District, N. C. Highway Commission, Beaufort, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter under date of July 24th received this morning and it is noted that date of meeting of Highway Commission has been changed to Wednesday, August 6th. Please accept my thanks for this information.

You are informed that one of the matters which we wish to take up with the Commission as the August meeting has reference to the transfer of the Beaufort-Atlantic Road to the State as a part of Route No. 10 with Atlantic as the terminus of said route.

If this is a matter that you have authority as Commissioner to dispose of without recourse to the Commission as a body, I will be glad to take the matter up with you personally at any time which you may suggest, either in your office, in my office or at a mass meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County in the court-house next Monday, July 26th at 2 o'clock P. M.

"This is a matter of such importance to the taxpayers of Carteret County that, in my opinion, it should and does paramount all other considerations and I hope you will use your every influence to aid the county in this matter.

Very truly yours,  
C. H. BUSHALL,

Chairman Board Commissioners, Carteret County.

What did Mr. Wheatly Say?

Beaufort, N. C., July 26th, 1930.

Hon. Chas. H. Bushall, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Carteret County, Beaufort, N. C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst. received.

Due to the lack of mileage allocated to the District, I do not see how we can take over and add any additional mileage to the State System just at this time. It may be that about the first of the year this matter can be considered and if the mileage is available at that time I will be glad to ask that either the road from Mansfield to the Onslow County line or the road to Atlantic be taken over as a part of the State's system.

Assuring you that I am sorry to be unable to consider the matter at this time and with best wishes, I am,  
Yours truly,  
C. R. WHEATLY.

Without comments except to ask that you read carefully and note dates. Mileage is usually allocated in July or August and not January.

Our first article showed that the present Board of Commissioners have kept their promises. This article

shows that they were further endeavoring to serve the tax-payer.

TAX PAYER.

Political Adv.

Weighed Only Sixty Two Pounds

"I have been in bad health for the past 15 years and for the past 8 years I haven't been able to do any of my house work. In fact, most of that time I was hardly able to stand on my feet.

"I gradually fell off in weight from 135 down to 62 pounds and was nothing but skin and bones. I had no appetite and the little food I did eat just had to be forced down; then I would suffer agony from it with griping pains in the pit of my stomach, in my right arm and in the small of my back. My heart would get so weak and would flutter so fast at times it would frighten me. I would have terrible smothering spells and would have to gasp for breath.

"My circulation was bad, I would feel chilly at times, and again great beads of sweat would stand out over my forehead, and I would get blind and dizzy too.

"Yes, I suffered from chronic constipation for years and also had a very bad, inactive liver. Often times I had bilious