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THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AS GIVEN OUT BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

TO THE BOARD CO. COMMISSIONERS BERTIE COUNTY

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by your body to examine into the financial condition of Bertie county together with its receipts and disbursements for general purposes for the last four years, with recommendations for retrenchments and reforms in the several offices and institutions of the county, beg leave to submit the following report.

We have examined into the total receipts and expenditures of the years beginning Dec. 1st 1895, and ending Dec. 1st 1896, (the last year of a Democratic Board of County Commissioners) and from Dec. 1st 1897 to Dec. 1st 1898 (the last year of a fusion Board of County Commissioners) the result of which is as follows.

GENERAL FUND.

To total net receipts from Dec. 1, 1895 to Dec. 1, '96 \$8783.02
 By total expenditures from Dec. 1st 1895 to Dec. 1, '96 10048.17
 Showing a balance against the County at that date of \$1265.15
 Included in this balance of indebtedness is \$749.17, which was brought over from 1894.

To total net receipts from Dec. 1, 1897 to Dec. 1st 1898 \$8163.49
 By total expenditures from Dec. 1, 1897 to Dec. 1, '98 \$12105.77
 Showing a balance against the Co. of \$3942.23

Included in this balance of indebtedness against the County is \$1912.49 an increase over 1896 of \$6473.44 and an increase over 1897 of \$2029.97. It is due to the dates management to say that they paid an order due W. T. Heckstall of \$1000 leaving a net increase of the county debt in one year of \$1229.74

BRIDGES.

We have examined into the expenditures for bridges for the last two years of the Democratic Board and the last two years of the fusion Board and find that from Dec. 1894 to Dec. 1896, there were spent for bridges 914.82 and from Dec. 1896 to Dec. 1898 \$444.48. The bridges all over the county are in need of repairs and we believe the Board should appoint a competent person or persons to examine and recommend the most economical way to preserve them. Bridges are frequently built new when intelligent repairing would render them safe for many years.

We have examined into the expenditures of the County farm for the last four years and find that for the first two of those years there were spent for all purposes for the said farm and Home \$2461.65 and for the last two years (i. e.) from Dec. 96 to Dec. 98 \$2716.53

Showing a difference in favor of the former two years of \$254.88. We believe with intelligent and good management these expenses ought to be reduced one half. The farm makes enough corn and vegetables for its needs and raised last year we understand about 4000 lbs of pork. No manager should be allowed to buy indiscriminately for the farm and home; but should make requisition for what he will need for the next month to be approved or rejected by your board.

We have examined into the expenditures of the County jail for the last two years of Sheriff Bond administration and the two years of Sheriff Burden's administration, and find that there were expended for the last two years of Bond's management

\$741.29 and for the two years of Sheriff Burden's management 1557.66

Showing a different in excess of previous two years of \$816.37.

The fees of the jailor as fixed by law cannot be retrenched, but the feeding of prisoners and the jail supplies ought to, and can be, reduced without detriment to the officers. We have examined the court expenses for four years form Dec. 1894 to Dec. 1898, and find that the court expenses for the former two years were \$2024.38 and for the last two years ending Dec. 1st 1898 2628.80

Showing a difference in favor of the two years of Democratic rule of \$604.42

These expenses included the fees of Sheriff and Clerk of the court and the janitor of the Court House and the Solicitor.

The fees of the Clerk are fixed by law and we do not see that your board can in any way economize in that office; but Justices of the Peace should not be encouraged to send up frivolous cases that add so heavily to court expenses. It is a fact that a majority of cases sent up from J. P. courts are acquitted in the Superior court. These cases take up the time of the court and cause honest suitors to go without justice. We have examined into the amounts paid for keeping the out side poor for the four years from Dec. '94, to Dec. '98, and find that the former two years well expended \$922.75 and the last two years 1056.50

And we recommend that a rigid inspection of the poor list be made and all needless help stopped we find that the elections for 1894 cost 314.14 and for 1896 and 1897 741.57 a difference in favor of the first two years of \$427.43.

We have extend into the expenses and emoluments of the Register of Deeds office for four years and find that during the first two years was paid to Sol Cherry Register of Deeds \$2385.04. It is due to Mr. Cherry to state that for one year and more he was Clerk of the board of education; his fees were increased thereby. Mr. King was also Clerk for a part of the year 1897 to the school Board.

Mr. King for the two years he served as Register of Deeds received \$1905.42. Both of these amounts were paid out of the County treasury and do not include fees for Registration of Deeds etc. by which we believe amounted to as much more.

We find that for many years the county has paid the Register of Deeds from \$500 to \$520 for correcting computing and copying the tax list. We believe this is an excessive charge and ought to be reduced. We believe that same can be reduced one half and it should be done.

The Register of Deeds is called on to register many small reports and orders made by the board that our charged for. An agreement by the Board to pay a fixed amount to the Register would save much money to the county; as the reports and orders are registered each one as a copy sheet.

The Court House Fund is indebted to the late Sh' Burden \$1315.89. This amount has been levied in the general tax list for 1898 on the property of the county to be collected and paid by the late Sheriff who collects the 1898 taxes, and is not an indebtedness against the county. There are ten bonds of \$100. each outstanding against the county—the last of the court house indebtedness which are payable Dec. 1899.

There is a balance due the School Fund of \$499.96 which has been paid over to the present treasurer.

There are due by the county two \$500 bonds, known as old bonds, that are past due. They are owned by W. T. Heckstall Esq.

There are outstanding twenty-five \$100 bonds for the purchase of the County Farm. They are not due and are provided for at maturity.

We beg to report also that we have examined the Court House and Jail; that we find the Court House has been sadly neglected and is rapidly going to decay, and unless remedied at once will soon be worthless. A few hundred dollars spent now will put it in good order, while if neglected longer a new one will have to be built. And we further urge that a new jail is imperatively needed.

The General Fund of the County is now short \$3942.23. The Treasurer has not a cent in hand to pay county orders. Payment has been suspended by him. When the taxes are all collected by the outgoing sheriff which will not be completed until May 1st—the balance of the funds due the County General Fund will in all probability be exhausted, necessitating another suspension of payment; and in order to prevent this we are of the opinion that it would be better for the county that your Board ask the Legislature to allow the county to issue \$3900 of bonds payable after the last County Farm Bond falls due. All of which is respectfully submitted. This Dec. 8, 1898.

E. R. OUTLAW, Chairman,
 J. B. STOKES,
 A. ROBBINS,
 P. H. SESSOMS, Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 2, 1899.

The Board of Commissioners met at the usual hour. The following members present: C. W. Spruill, chairman, J. H. Lawrence and W. T. Minton.

The minutes of Dec. 1898, meeting were read and approved. The following names persons were granted permission to take out license to retail, spirituous, vinous and malt liquors at the places named in their applications to wit: C. & R. Tayloe, W. D. Hoggard, I. M. Mizell, B. H. Davis, D. G. Hoggard, and McDonald & Allen, in Windsor, J. C. Leary & Co., J. H. Matthews, and J. H. Simons in Coletrain, J. N. Hoggard, and P. T. Harrell in Lewiston; J. L. Bowen, Merry Hill, C. W. Joyner, Lewiston, J. H. Jacobs & Co., Kelford, J. Lawrence Harrington and A. J. Overton in Aulander.

Ordered that retail dealers of liquor shall pay a county tax of twenty-five dollars for each six months.

Ordered that Hoggard be and he is hereby relieved of poll tax for year 1898. He is dead.

Ordered that the following named persons be relieved of poll tax 1898, viz. Jos. H. Phelps, John S. Harden, Jos. W. Castellow, Geo. Williams and Isiah Thomas, they having paid the same in Windsor township. The committee appointed to take Inventory of County property at the farm submitted their report which was approved and ordered recorded. The Com. to examine into the condition of the County finances submitted their report which was approved and ordered recorded.

W. D. White who was elected at Dec. meeting as manager of County farm declined to qualify as such.

Ordered that S. R. Evans be and he is hereby employed as manager for the County farm for year 1899, at a salary of three hundred dollars, Evans to furnish his own guard and be given until 1st Monday in February to present his bond.

Ordered that B. H. Cooper be and he is hereby relieved of poll tax year 1898.

The Supt. of Health Dr. H. V. Dunstan submitted his report which was approved and ordered recorded.

Ordered that Thos. Brogden be allowed two dollars as temporary help and that he be placed on poor list at five dollars per quarter.

Ordered that we ask the authority of the Legislature to issue bonds to the amount five thousand dollars bearing 4 per cent interest to meet the deficiency of outstanding county

indebtedness, including 2 old bonds of \$500 each bearing 6 per cent interest. Said bonds to be in the denominations of \$100 each, to become due usually in the sums of \$1000 to come in at the end of the present outstanding county farm bonds.

Ordered that the following named persons be given temporary help outside home aged and firm.

Matilda Outland	\$2.
Jerry Baker and wife	\$4.
Charlie Todd	\$2.
Geo. Williams	\$2.
Harriet Miller	\$2.
Hanna Askew	\$1.
Sallie Ward	\$2.
Nancy Sufton	\$2.
Geo. Spivey	\$2.
Cicero Swain	\$1.

The following accounts were audited and order to be paid: Plymouth Drug Co. medicine furnished R. Bazemore \$2.90
 Dr. W. H. Ward for 5 visits to R. Bazemore \$5.00
 Dr. H. V. Dunstan medical services to home and jail 1898 150.85
 H. J. Slade for Walter Jones analyzing the stomach of Mrs. Bazemore 150.
 E. E. Etheridge clerk fees as per bill on file 78.54
 J. B. Stokes services as financial com 6.00
 E. R. Outlaw same 6.00
 P. H. Sessoms same 6.00
 A. Robbins same 6.00
 E. R. Outlaw settling with sheriff \$2
 P. H. Sessoms making out abstracts 5
 T. C. Bond material for jail 12.42
 A. Robbins building jail at Austin 19.50
 E. Tayloe as janitor of court house to Dec. 5, 1898 1.66
 J. B. Spivey & Son bucket etc for grand jury 35c
 A. S. Rascoe mdse as per bill 1.06
 B. A. Moore holding election 7.00
 W. S. Tayloe same \$1
 L. A. Nowell same \$7
 W. H. Harrell same \$7
 J. E. Tyler same \$4
 Granville Freeman same \$4
 Thos. A. Smithwick same \$3
 W. L. Baker same \$3
 L. P. Freeman same \$6
 G. T. Byrum same \$2
 J. C. Williams same \$3
 C. M. Early same \$7
 A. F. Hancock same 8.30
 J. N. Hoggard conveying prisoners to jail \$2

Jas Alston 2 months services at Co. farm 49.12
 J. T. Mizell lumber furnished for jail at Co. farm 31.03
 Richard Tayloe taking inventory at Co. farm 2.20
 G. L. Mardre same 2.20
 Windsor Ledger publishing annual statement 15.00
 do yearly expense of Com. 10.00
 J. J. Mardre & Bro mdse for County farm 15.34
 L. P. Freeman services director Co. farm 8.20
 Turner Bond blacksmith work same 3.90
 J. C. Rawls conveying prisoner to jail 2.50
 J. J. Butler work and lumber for bridge 2.50
 M. J. Rayner coffin furnished pauper 3.00
 Dr. Wayland Mitchell examining of Lunatic Lewis Peel \$5

The following named persons were drawn as jurors to serve at Feb. term of Superior court to be held in Windsor, commencing Feb. 20, 1899.
 K. W. White, C. P. Hughes, John H. White, C. F. Coward, J. J. Leicester, J. M. Minton, J. H. Conner, Jas. A. Davis, W. P. Lowe, T. M. Sitterson, J. J. Harman, Fred Small W. T. Perry, Noah Cooper, D. G. Hoggard, L. M. Mizell, W. T. Asbel, C. E. Collins, J. H. Etheridge, L. F. Pearce, S. H. Perry, W. J. Veal, Joe Allen, Aug. Davis, Boas Casper, J. J. Cobb, C. S. Cobb, W. D. White, Allen Gillam, A. E. Leicester, Geo. T. Pearce, Jas. W. Langdale, T. J. Baker, Wiley Carter, C. M. Pruden, and H. G. Chesson.

There being no further business Board adjourned.

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