

MINUTES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' DECEMBER 4, 1916

Board met pursuant to adjournment with the following members present R. E. Wall, Chairman; J. L. McCollum, L. W. Matthews, A. P. Sands and W. A. Webster.

After transacting some unfinished business and receiving from Mr. J. W. Dunn, in behalf of the Agricultural and Commercial Association, the following very appropriate remarks:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: It would, we feel, be hardly in keeping with the fitness of things to permit your Board to adjourn without some acknowledgment of the service it has rendered to Rockingham County during the past year. As secretary of a sister organization working for the benefit of the whole of Rockingham County, it has been my pleasure to come before your Board at times to ask your co-operation in carrying out measures for public improvement. At such times I have been received with courtesy and the representations of our association have been met in a broad spirit of fairness and public spirit that has been very helpful to all. The association I represent occupies a position of less responsibility than that of your Board, being educational and suggestive in character, while you gentlemen are saddled with difficult task of administering the funds of taxpayers over the whole of Rockingham County. That you have discharged this onerous duty faithfully and intelligently during the term of your office is the opinion of my association, and, I believe, the opinion of the taxpayers of the whole county and while I am not charged with such a duty, yet I feel that I am not misrepresenting the taxpayers of Rockingham County when I say that your retiring members carry with them the appreciation of the citizenship of our county, and the good will of everyone with whom their official duties brought them in contact."

The Board adjourned sine die. The following members of the newly elected Board were sworn in by Jas. T. Smith, Clerk Superior Court: R. E. Wall, L. W. Matthews, W. A. Webster and J. S. Wells.

Without retiring the Board unanimously elected Mr. R. E. Wall as Chairman.

Upon the assembling of the new Board of Commissioners, Mr. J. W. Dunn on behalf of the Commercial & Agricultural Association addressed them as follows:

"Gentlemen: It has been my privilege to say a few words of appreciation to your Board upon the completion of its year of service. I now claim a like privilege with regard to yourselves, and on behalf of the Commercial & Agricultural Association of Reidsville to extend hearty congratulations upon your assumption and resumption of the office of Commissioners for Rockingham County. We desire to welcome your new members and to assure you of our earnest desire to cooperate with you in every good work for the advancement of the best interests of this county."

"Your Board carries a heavy responsibility in the administration of the affairs of a county comprising sixty square miles, and covering such diversified conditions, all of which is transacted during your sessions in the circumscribed space of these four walls. That you are able to do it as successfully as you have in the past speaks well for your faithfulness to duty and your deep interest in the welfare of the community that has elected you to office. I would advance, however, without any thought of intruding upon your conception of your policy for the coming year, the hope that the question of better roads for our county and the maintenance of existing roads, may be the dominant note of your administration. Much good work has been done in the past year in construction; little in the maintenance and some splendid thoroughfares, just fresh from the construction gang, are already beginning to show signs of wear, while the macadam road between Reidsville and the county seat is very rapidly approaching complete disintegration and unless something is done soon, it must become a reproach to our whole county. I do not speak for Reidsville alone when I refer to this road. It is a thoroughfare that carries equal interest for Spray, Stoneville, Leaksville, Madison and for every resident north, south, east and west in Rockingham County. It leads to our county seat and I believe, you gentlemen, will feel that it is a matter of county pride to have it put back where it once stood the best road in all Rockingham County."

"I do not wish you gentlemen, to take me as favoring anything like a bond issue for road construction purposes. We have gotten along so far without having recourse to this but I do urge that no picayunish spirit operate with your Board to prevent the expenditure of such sum as is necessary to place the macadam road and all other thoroughfares in the county in good condition and to maintain them in that condition for the future."

"I do not believe you will have any opposition if you adopt such a policy. Our floating indebtedness in the county is somewhere, I believe between one hundred and one hundred and thirty thousand dollars - a mere bag-

atelle, the payment of which would make no appreciable difference in the tax rate. A similar expenditure now for road maintenance and construction would be a most wise procedure and I sincerely hope it may recommend itself to your Board to adopt such a course. If I might be permitted to refer to such a specific instance requiring immediate attention and coming under the heading of road construction, I would ask that you consider the advisability of widening the new road connecting Williamsburg township with the Caswell county line from a 24 to 26 foot span. I am assured by those who signed the petition for this road that it could be done without any grubbing or heavy work and a 26 foot road at this point, connecting with the splendid sand-draw road you have already built between Reidsville and Williamsburg Township would be, if properly maintained, a splendid monument to your wisdom and earnest effort for the betterment of conditions in the county."

"I would also like to bring to your notice, without a recommendation for its adoption a suggestion that may prove a solution to the embarrassments accompanying our recent political campaign throughout the county. We are not all thoroughly acquainted with the road system of the county and at times, I am informed, empainers were placed in positions of, to say the least, embarrassment when confronted in the small hours of the morning with diverging roads and with limited or no knowledge of direction. If I may make the suggestion I believe it would tend to increase traffic throughout our county were metal signs to be placed at every cross road or where thoroughfares diverge from the main road stating where the diverging road leads to. This suggestion I will leave with you gentlemen, and indeed anything I may say or have said, except such acknowledgment of your past splendid performances, must be taken in the spirit of helpful cooperation by the association I have the honor to represent, and which will be found at all times willing and ready to cooperate with your Board in any and everything that is calculated to improve conditions in our county."

T. L. Gardner being sworn in as Sheriff and his bond being recommended by Attorney Ira R. Humphreys, the Clerk of the Board was ordered to turn over to him the 1916 tax books.

On motion the Register of Deeds, J. P. McMichael, his bond being approved by Attorney Humphreys, was sworn in.

On motion the Supt. of Roads, Geo. W. Estes, his bond being approved by Attorney Humphreys, was sworn in by R. E. Wall, Chairman.

On motion Supt. of Roads is instructed to top the approach to the Wooden Mills bridge or Draper so as to make it impossible for vehicles and horses, the bridge having been condemned.

On motion Supt. of Roads is instructed to make the extension of the sand clay road from Thompsonville to the Caswell line twenty-six feet.

On motion Dr. Ellington is instructed to order an air cushion for Emily Dixon.

On motion the Supt. of Roads is instructed to topsoil the small piece of road from Jim Carter's to the macadam road near Percy Gunn's.

The following accounts were allowed out of the General County Fund:

Table listing various accounts and amounts, including J. L. McCollum, Services as Commissioner (76.50), A. P. Sands, Ditto (77.88), Ira R. Humphreys Services as County Attorney (150.00), Joe Moore, Lumber (13.83), Nannie E. Wright, Boarding (65.00), Jack Saunders, Waiting on Court (16.00), R. B. Kemp, Sheriff, Paid Court stenographer (60.00), R. B. Kemp, Sheriff, Rebate on tax (8.06), Dr. W. A. Payne, Registrar Vital Statistics (15.50), W. C. Jones, Registrar in election (16.70), F. B. Kemp, Paid discounts (228.71), F. B. Kemp, Paid coupons (55.00), F. B. Kemp, Jury tickets (475.90), W. C. Smothers, Bridge work (19.00), C. W. Jackson, D. S., Telephone expense (16.03), C. W. Jackson, D. S., services (4.20), C. W. Jackson, Capturing still (20.00), C. W. Jackson, D. S. Services (60.00), Ed Jones, D. S. services (21.10), J. J. Worsham, D. S. services (23.20), Joel H. Moore, Janitor and conveying pris. (16.15), Dr. R. Belton, D. S. services (7.60), Dr. Sam. Ellington, Professional services (31.00), W. A. Webster, Services as Commissioner (84.80), L. W. Matthews, Ditto (84.90), R. E. Wall, Ditto (90.60), F. S. Walker, Demonstration work two months (100.00), J. S. Carter, Supt and exp. County Home (93.08), R. E. Wall, Paid freight on car of coal (158.54), Mrs. Fenner Wilson, Outside allowance (7.50), Rascoe, Hubbard & Co., Co. Home supplies (19.27), T. J. Carter, Lumber (47.37), Martin Saw Mill Co., Lumber (46.35), B. Madison, Bridge work (25.00), Whittemore & Mobley, Jail supplies (0.00)

Table listing various accounts and amounts, including C. G. McCollum, Services as Deputy Sheriff (4.60), Wentworth Tel. Co., Phone services Co. H and C H (5.76), Crescent Printery, Supplies for C S Office (15.50), J. G. Wall, Lumber (3.71), Mandy Purcell, Waiting on insane two months (16.00), Wentworth Merc. Co., Co. Home supplies (81.01), W. A. Stacy, Ditto (6.00), Smith & Fagg, Work for Co. Home (3.70), R. G. Mitchell, Co. H sup. (1.00), Shade Martin, Ditto (3.30), S. G. Jett, Services as Coroner (6.50), A. A. Walker, Bridge work (2.00), R. G. Gladstone, Courthouse supplies (4.00), C. P. Wall, Exp. as Chairman Co. Election Board (27.59), R. R. Suttentfield, Services as Registrar (10.21), Eagle Printing Co., Printing tickets, for election (27.75), W. S. Wilson, Judge of election (2.00), John Wilson, Ditto (4.00), Jno W. Irving, Jailor (116.15), D. M. Hand, Judge of election (2.00), J. W. Rice, Ditto (2.00), J. S. Mitchell, Ditto (4.00), T. A. Caston, Ditto (2.00), Jas. V. Price, Services in election (2.00), R. M. Parish, Outside poor (2.00), H. H. Hamlin (18.94), R. L. Snead (2.00), J. F. Fulp (2.00), S. F. Terry (2.00), D. W. Warner (14.86), Geo. T. Davis (16.11), G. C. Matlock (2.00), M. L. Barker (2.00), W. J. Bennett (15.05), J. B. Matlock (2.00), T. W. Field (4.90), T. J. Simpson (16.84), J. R. Neal (2.00), T. W. Fulcher (17.56), W. T. Robertson (4.00), R. M. Jones (2.00), R. S. Smith (6.00), F. M. Alcorn (2.00), H. L. Blackwell (2.00), M. D. Holderby (16.63), W. F. Pruitt (16.48), R. A. Cox (2.00), W. T. Pearman (2.00), Jno G. Price (2.00), W. G. Sharp (4.80), A. H. Garrett (12.45), Jas. N. McCollum (2.00), J. D. Womack (16.12), D. W. Johnson (2.00), Race Clark (2.00), J. P. Jones (2.00), R. S. Sledge (12.40), Ed Jones (2.00), S. A. Price (6.10), I. S. Hopper (2.00), J. A. Price (2.00), H. C. Martin (16.61), J. H. Ault (16.82), W. W. Stephens (16.96), Albert Young (2.00), F. L. Anderson (2.00), E. V. Price (16.04), R. H. Williams (2.25), J. L. Leak (2.00), Geo. W. Baker (2.00), Hub Brown (2.00), T. F. Rankin (15.78), H. F. Hutchens (4.90), J. J. Ratliffe (2.00), A. N. McCollum (18.49), J. W. Somers (16.21), P. H. Williamson (17.39), D. E. Purcell (2.00), T. Z. Lauten (2.00), I. A. Shreve (2.00), I. B. Fagg (2.25), T. H. Priddy (4.00), R. J. Martin (2.00), W. L. Fitzgerald (2.00), I. W. Fagg (2.00), I. R. Butler (2.00), J. W. Irving (2.00), Sid Wilson (2.00), A. J. Hudson (2.00), G. W. Carter (5.30), T. B. Wilson (12.30), S. M. Wilson (2.00), J. B. King, Outside poor (36.00), C. H. Pettigrew (18.90), Meador Supply Co. (31.50), I. M. Lester (6.00), J. P. Poole & Co. (3.00), J. D. Joyce (22.50), C. P. Baughn (6.00), Harris Bros. (9.00), Dr. S. G. Jett, Services as Coroner (23.50), Joel H. Moore, Janitor (5.60), J. M. Sharp, Services to Public Health (10.00), Margaret L. Young, Making tax receipts (100.00), Wentworth Merc. Co., County Home and Jail supplies (22.80), W. D. Hightower, Exp. insane Alfred Carter, Pigs for Co. Home (15.00), F. P. Cahill, Services in Election (4.00), L. B. Barnes, Ditto (2.00), The Review Co., Pub. min. August and Sept. (10.00), J. S. Tulloch, Clothing for Co. Home (20.18), Perry Undertaking Company, Pauper coffin (5.00), J. W. Grogan, Exp. of lunatic (7.00), W. A. Manley, Exp. insane (7.00), Leaksville Gazette, Printing Court Calendar (1.50), Smith Sta. & Ptg. Co., Printing tax receipts and sup. (50.99), The Review-Observer, Prtg. health notices (3.00), Salary Fund, C B C services for November (19.90), Whittemore & Mobley, Co. Home supplies (14.81), W. P. Ware, Wheat for Co. Farm (18.00), Jno W. Rea, Conveying pris. (3.00)

Table listing various accounts and amounts, including M. D. Holderby, Juror in Coroner's case (2.50), E. C. Wright, Ditto (2.00), J. A. Benton, Ditto (2.00), F. T. Burgess, Ditto (2.00), J. H. Champion, Ditto (2.00), Dr. G. P. Dillard, Exp. insane (2.00), Dr. Swaney, Ditto (4.00), Reidsville Flour Mills Co., Farm supplies (9.50), Reidsville Paper Box Company, Court expenses (3.25), Walker Evans Cogswell Co., R. D. supplies (12.50), O. L. Robertson, Juror in Coroner's inquest (2.00), Perry Undertaking Company, Pauper coffin (5.00), Burton, Chance, Walker Co., Pauper coffin and Court Home supplies (84.75), C. E. Hubbard, Juror in Coroner's inquest (2.00), S. H. Smith, Ditto (2.00), Wentworth Tel. Co., Phone service Co. H, and C. H. (5.91), R. M. Durham, Juror in Coroner's case (2.00), W. H. Shumate, Ditto (2.00), J. T. Gaudin, Lumber (3.87), Pete Moore, Conveying pris. (3.50), L. W. Matthews, Services and exp. as Com'r. (13.80), R. E. Wall, Ditto (13.50), R. G. Mitchell, Co. Home, Jail and C H supplies (83.83), Chas. Smith, Outside poor (9.00), Harris Bros., Outside poor (3.00), Calvin Lester, Outside poor (4.30), C. L. Minor, Outside poor (4.50), E. M. Townes, Outside poor (4.50), A. J. Dixon, Outside poor (12.00), City Gro Co., Outside poor (4.50), J. J. Worsham, Outside poor (9.00), Glascock Stove Mfg Co., Jail supplies (26.54), Wall Farm Co., Stamps, telegrams, and exp. R. E. Wall, Chairman (12.74), H. E. Boone, Burial of Vet. (16.00), Robt. Cobbler, Special allowance (5.00), D. G. Jones, Burial of Vet. (20.00), The following accounts were allowed out of the County Road Fund: W. C. Smothers, Topsoil (59.00), O. M. Wingfield, Salary and expense (47.95), Will Stevens, Labor (7.70), Ernest Carver, Labor (15.50), Wiley Fulp, Labor (26.00), Charlie Ferris, Labor (35.00), A. B. Odell, Labor (20.00), Dewey Clifton, Labor (20.00), P. J. Tuttle, Labor (25.00), Joel H. Moore, Blacksmith work (15.27), Chas. L. Jones, Salary and expense (77.97), W. B. Madison, Guarding (5.00), C. H. Hamlin, Guarding (11.67), C. L. Smith, Labor (20.00), J. D. Ellington, Guarding (25.00), W. H. Brande, Guarding (25.00), R. L. Goolby, Salary (40.90), A. L. Williams, Salary (39.85), John Walters, Road work (5.63), Ike Brande, Labor (20.00), Freeman Lambert, Labor (3.75), Will Perkins, Road work (9.38), John Lynn, Road work (9.69), Idola Smith, Road work (2.00), S. J. Dunavant, Salary and expense (94.50), Thos Lovings, Work on road machinery (8.15), Thos Lovings, Ditto (13.90), Dr. Ellington, Services at camp (6.00), J. H. Ault, Treating mule (17.00), Harris Bros., Shoes for camp (4.50), Whittemore & Mobley, Sup. Reidsville Recorder's Court, Costs (26.46), W. D. Woodruff, Expense of Wilkes prisoners (33.50), Dr. J. W. McGehee, Services to camp (2.70), F. W. Mitchell, Topsoil (20.00), Meador Supply Co., Supplies (218.70), S. W. Rainey, Coal (25.75), Tom Wilkins, Blacksm. work (10.15), Britain's Drug Store, Drugs (2.10), W. R. Brown, Exp. of prisoner (1.80), R. B. Chrisman, Road work (1.59), J. W. Jones, Corn (13.88), Rascoe, Hubbard & Co., Road supplies (1.00), R. M. Gillie, Ditto (61.93), J. E. Garrett, Ditto (18.54), John Q. Wheeler, Corn for rd. (32.50), C. H. Pettigrew, Road supplies (120.59), W. C. Waynick, Boarding road hands (21.00), Wentworth Mercantile Co., Supplies for camp (10.15), J. H. Smith & Bro., Blacksmith work (18.85), Odell Hdw. Co., Supplies (4.20), Jack Saunders, Supplies (1.95), C. A. Flynn, Supplies (4.75), J. W. Brame, Corn (32.00), J. S. Carter, Corn (34.00), Lenox Castle Teleph. Co., Phone service (2.50), Smith & Fagg, Blacksm wk. (18.75), B. F. Robertson, Hogs for camp (32.00), Reidsville Flour Mills, Sup. (29.08), B. F. Robertson, Salary and supplies (116.00), Powell Bros., Corn for road (17.00), Tolver Carter, Topsoil (43.58), R. G. Mitchell, Supplies (7.70), Mrs. O. M. Wingfield, Making bed ticks (90.00), Texas Co., Oil (52.95), Seay Harness Co., Supplies (2.25), J. D. McCollum, Beans (2.47), Leaksville-Spray Grocery Co., Supplies (53.01), road hands (50.50), J. W. Neal, Salary and exp. repair force (100.40), M. T. Chilton, Exp. of Stokes prisoners (148.19), \$3797.25

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1916. Board met pursuant to adjournment with the following members present: R. E. Wall, Chairman, W. A. Johnson, L. W. Matthews, and J. S. Wells. On motion the Sheriff is ordered to transfer \$5,000.00 from the salary fund to the credit of the school fund. On motion Judge Ira R. Humphreys is elected attorney to the board of county commissioners beginning December 1st. On motion Jas. T. Smith is appointed custodian of the courthouse with authority to hire janitor and look after the water works. On motion it is ordered that the road from Settle's bridge to Stoneville be topsoiled as per previous order and the road to be let to contractors if proper contract can be made; if proper contract can not be made it is understood and agreed that the road supervisor, who now intends to consolidate road forces, shall divide said force and build said road as per previous order. Board adjourned to meet January 1, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m. J. P. McMICHAEL, C. B. C.

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