

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1935.

The Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, met in regular session on this Tuesday, August 13, 1935, with the following members present and participating,- Dr. L F Cawthon, Chairman, J J Sharon, M M Adkison, M C Burke and J W Weeks, being all the members of said board and M T Fountain, Clerk, together with D Stuart Gillis, county attorney.

W T Ray, Tax Collector, filed his reports of Licenses collected for the month ending July 31st, 1935, showing Beverage licenses collected \$17.50 for State and \$8.75 for Walton County business licenses \$4.00 for State and \$2.00 for Walton County, and occupational licenses three marked "Exempt"

A W McCollough before the board reference road from his home to Red Bug school house about 3 miles, asked for \$50.00 to repair it so school bus could travel it, he was referred to Commissioners Burke & Weeks for their consideration.

Upon motion made by Comr. M C Burke, seconded by Comr. M M Adkison, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution is adopted,-

It was ordered that the County Judge and the Sheriff be requested in order to save as much costs as possible not to order or hold inquests, except those in strict compliance with the law, it having been brought to the attention of the Board that inquests have been held at great expense in cases where the means and manner of death were well known.

The Clerk was instructed to deliver to the County Judge and Sheriff a copy of above resolution for their information.

Upon motion of Comr. J J Sharon, seconded by Comr. J W Weeks, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution was adopted,-

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Board respectfully requests the State Road Department to locate road No. 88, so that the same will run into State Road No. 10 on and upon the present route of Red-Bay--Bruce road, as near as practicable, such being the wishes of the great majority of citizens, residents and property owners at Bruce and vicinity.

The Clerk was instructed to send a copy to Mr E K Fogg, Division Engineer and a copy to Mr. Downing, Chief Engineer, State Road Department.

The Chairman discussed with other members of the board his responsibility in signing proposed WPA projects and pledging county finances beyond our means to comply with pledges, and the other members of the board assured him of their undivided co-operation in all projects sponsored.

Mrs. Hill, Social Director for FERA appeared before the board and advised the board that after August 15th, 1935, they would not be allowed to give medical aid to old and indigents in the county, the Board advised her of the county's financial ability and what this board could do under present laws, and assured her that they would do all they could in making up 1935-1936 budget for such help as they were allowed to under our laws.

Sheriff Prescott before the Board in regard to delivering Joe Bukovsky, insane person to State Hospital at Chattahoochee, and after considerable discussion with board and their attorney, he was instructed to deliver him, he agreeing to do this work for mileage for himself one round trip at $12\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per mile.

County Attorney was instructed to take this matter of transportation of insane person to State Hospital at Chattahoochee with proper State Officials and see if State would not reimburse the county the expense so far and assume the burden hereafter.

A L Cottrill, R W Storrs and R E L McAskill, a committee heretofore appointed at a mass meeting of interested citizens appeared before the board in regard to a proposed WPA Project for a canning plant in Walton County, and after considerable discussion pro and con, asked the board if they would be interested in the proposition and help them finance the proposition, upon motion made by Comr. M C Burke, seconded by Comr. J W Weeks and duly carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution was adopted,-

RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, do hereby approve a proposed WPA project sponsored by the citizens of DeFuniak Springs and Walton County, Florida, for a project to build a CANNING PLANT AND SYRUP BLENDING PLANT for the purpose of canning all fruits and vegetables grown in this section of the State, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board do hereby pledge our financial aid not to exceed \$2000.00 from Race Tract Funds and/or any way authorized by law for this purpose.

And the board announced that they were satisfied with the same committee to continue in their efforts to get the project thru, and authorized the Chairman to sign the same as sponsor for this board.

M O Warren, Chairman, D D Miller and G W Spires, members of the Board of Public Instruction and A N Anderson, Secretary of said Board appeared before the board and asked the board to set aside a part of the race tract funds for the general school fund of the county, and after considerable discussion, delayed any action of this board for the time being.

Upon motion of Comr. M C Burke, seconded by Comr. J J Sharon, and duly carried, the following resolution was adopted,-

WHEREAS, the appropriation made in General Revenue Fund for Insanity Inquiries, fees of officers and committees, Cornor Inquiries, fees of officers and committees and Furniture and Fixtures for Court house are un-sufficient to take care of the current needs, and

WHEREAS, there remains a balance in said General Revenue Fund in the item Reserved for Contingencies un-expended.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Comptroller be, and he is hereby requested to authorize this Board to transfer the sum of \$325.00 from Reserved for Contingencies to the item of Insantiry Inquiries, fees of officers and committees, and the sum of \$25.00 from Reserved for Contingencies to the item of Cornor Inquiries, fees of officers and committees, and the sum of \$175.00 from Reserved for Contingencies to the item of Furniture & Fixtures for Court House, and to be expended for the last named items.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that with the approval of State Comptroller, that the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby autho'ized and directed to make the proper enteries in the records of his office.

The following notice was ordered published in the DeFuniak Herald as required by law,

"Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, sitting in their capacity as a Board of Equalization will meet at 10 o'clock A.M., Monday, September 2nd, 1935, for the purpose of hearing complaints from owners or agents of any real estate or personal property the value of which shall have been fixed by the county assessor of taxes or changed by them for the year 1935.

The Clerk read the letter from Wendell C. Heaton, Chairman, Florida Industrial Commission, dated July 23, 1935, to the board and same was discussed but no action taken.

The Clerk then read the letter dated July 25, 1935, from Governor Dave Sholtz, in reference Governor's All Florida Advertising Committee, to the board, discus ed but no action taken thereon at this time:

The Chairman of this Board was authorized and directed to sign the following proposed WPA Projects as sponsored by this Board, #11, Community Work Center, located in the town of

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Darlington, Fla., and Project #17--Community Work Center, located in the village of Eucheeanna in Walton County, Fla.

Moved by Comr. Weeks, seconded by Comr. Burke, and duly carried, ordered that this board request the State Board of Pardons to reduce the fine of Ocie Starnes for violation of the fish laws from \$100.00 and costs to \$50.00 and costs, on account of the condition of his health and financial condition of himself and family.

The Chairman was also authorized and directed to sign Project No.25,- improvements of Mossy Head and Florala road, as sponcer in name of,for and on behalf of this board.

Letter from W T Edwards, Chairman, State Tuberculosis Board, dated 8/6/35, read and discussed, moved by Comr. Weeks, seconded by Comr. Adkison and duly carried,-

RESOLVED by this Board that we do hearty approve of a proposed projects to build five T. B. Hospitals in the State of Florida.

D. C. Adkison, county assessor of taxes then appeared and the board resolved itself into a Board of Tax Equalization,-

J J Ward, representing Weis-Patterson Lumber Co. and Brown-Florida Lumber Co. was present at said meeting and the board proceeded to examine the tax roll as to the valuation placed thereon by the county assessor of taxes, and Mr. Ward insisted upon taking the valuations on their land according to tax returns, after considerable discussion pro and con, the board adjourned as a board of tax equalization until Friday, Aug. 16, 1935.

The following bills against the various county funds were then examined and being found correct and legally due, upon motion of Comr. M C Burke, seconded by Comr. J J Sharon and duly carried by unanimous vote of all members of said Board, were ordered approved and warrants drawn therefor, (For a more detail information, see supplemental minute Book No.1,) from the General Revenue Fund the sum of \$1140.97, from Fine & Forfeiture Fund \$738.21, from Road & BridgeFund \$2111.89 and from Outstanding Indebtedness Fund \$241.25.

The Board then adjourned until Friday, Aug. 16, 1935.