

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Official Report of the Proceedings of the Board at its April Session

Ocala, Fla., April 7, 1908.

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session. Present: Hon. John L. Edwards, Chairman; N. A. Fort, S. R. Pyles, G. W. Turner, J. M. Mathews.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Resolved, That, Whereas, on the 3rd day of September, 1907, petitions were presented to this Board, signed by S. W. Petteway and other citizens and freeholders living in the vicinity of the road to be established, in which petition application was made to this Board to establish upon the line indicated in such petition a public road from Ocala to Dunnellon.

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved that Thomas Sexton and George C. Crom and J. G. Baskin, disinterested freeholders residing in Marion County, be and they are hereby appointed to view and mark out the best route for the said proposed road, and that the said Thomas Sexton and George C. Crom and J. G. Baskin are hereby required to make and subscribe an oath to perform their duties faithfully, pursuant to the provisions of section 838 of the General Statutes of Florida.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted. Resolved, That Whereas, on the 2nd day of July, 1907, petitions were presented to this Board, signed by Z. C. Chambliss and other citizens and freeholders living in the vicinity of the road to be established, in which petition application was made to this Board to establish upon the line indicated in said petition a public road from Ocala to Dunnellon.

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Which resolution was unanimously adopted. Whereas, on the 2nd day of July, 1907, a petition was presented to this Board signed by Z. C. Chambliss and other citizens and freeholders living in the vicinity of the road therein proposed, in which petition application is made to this Board to establish a road between Ocala and Stokes's Ferry in Marion County, Florida, upon a certain line or route therein designated, as appears by the petition hereto attached and made a part hereof.

And Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, at its regular meeting of Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1908, issued an order to Thomas Sexton, and Geo. C. Crom, and Jas. G. Baskin, disinterested freeholders residing in the said County of Marion, whereby said Thomas Sexton, and Geo. C. Crom and Jas. G. Baskin were required to view and mark out the best route of the said proposed road.

Now, These Presents Witnesseth: That the said Thomas Sexton, and Geo. C. Crom and Jas. G. Baskin are hereby required to view and mark out the best routing of the said proposed road in compliance with the provisions of section 838 of the General Statutes of Florida, and make due return of their proceedings in this behalf.

Witness the name and seal of the said Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, this 7th day of April, A. D. 1908.

Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida.

By John L. Edwards, Chairman.

Attest: S. T. Sistrunk, Clerk.

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Messrs. S. A. Rawls & Company were relieved from the payment of the blind convict upon the report of Commissioners Fort and Mathews and the said convict was given a permit to the Poor Farm.

The Board authorized the recommendation to the Comptroller, requesting authority for the reduction of assessment on certificate No. 1208 on Lot 1613 Micken's Addition, Dunnellon, and certificate No. 423 of June, 1907 reduced from \$3.00 to \$2.00 per acre on three hundred acres.

Mr. Cassels, of McIntosh, presented a claim for injuries to a horse which had fallen through a bridge on public road between Boardman and McIntosh; also letter was received from Mr. W. E. Allen recommending that the Board pay Mr. Cassel's damages. Commissioner Mathews was appointed a committee of one to investigate the matter and requested to report at the next meeting of the board.

Mr. Hocker, County Attorney, appeared before the Board and suggested some irregularities in the procedure of establishing the Stokes's Ferry and Dunnellon road.

It was, upon motion, ordered that the bids for the construction of hard road to Dunnellon and Stokes's Ferry be opened at 10:00 o'clock noon.

The matter of the petition asking for the opening of the old road from Flemington to Ocala was set for hearing at 3:00 this afternoon.

Masonic Lodge be exempt from taxes on account of being a charitable institution, which matter was referred to Commissioner Pyles, who referred the matter to County Attorney Hocker, and it being the opinion of Mr. Hocker that this was not such a charitable institution as came under the Statute for Exemptions, the request of Mr. Graham was refused.

Mr. C. Y. Miller was granted a reduction from \$1100 to \$800 for the W. W. & L. Co.

It being 12:00 noon, the bids for the construction of the hard road Dunnellon and Stokes's Ferry was opened and bids as follows received:

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida:

The undersigned hereby submits the following bid to construct the hard road from Dunnellon to the intersection of the Stokes's Ferry road, bids for which are requested by you: \$1375 per mile of road.

Very respectfully, Walter Ray, Hon. Board County Commissioners, Marion County, Florida.

We beg to submit the following bid on hard road from Dunnellon to intersection of Ocala & Stokes Ferry road:

Road to be built according to specifications as per your advertised bids. For \$1450 per mile.

We will build road, grades to remain as they now are for \$1250 per mile.

Said Board to pay 90 per cent on all work finished the first of each month. County to furnish all road material.

Dunnellon, Florida, 4-7th, 1908. Hon'l. Board County Commissioners, Marion County Fla., Ocala, Fla. Gentlemen:

In answer to your advertisement for bids for hard road from Dunnellon to connect with the Stokes Ferry road to Ocala. We beg to submit the following bid, and should you see fit to accept same feel certain that we will give you satisfaction in workmanship, and at the same time give you the best of material that can be had within a reasonable haul to the work to be done.

Will do the harding for \$990 per mile, and do sufficient grading to raise the low places above high water mark and furnish terra cotta piping for drains and equalizing water for \$315. As to your item 6 your specification will do additional grading to reduce your grades to 5 per cent, or five foot rise per hundred feet for 14 cents per cubic yard.

Respectfully, Anderson & Boswell.

The bid of Anderson and Boswell was accepted, after being amended as follows:

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Commissioner N. A. Fort filed the following:

Whereas, in a certain matter of a bid being submitted to the Board by Messrs. Anderson & Boswell to build a hard road from Dunnellon intersecting with the Ocala & Stokes's Ferry road, for advertising said matter coming on to be heard at this meeting of the Board, when voting on this measure I felt compelled to cast my vote against letting the road by contract, but did favor building such road with our convicts as we now have an equipped crew for same.

Building hard roads by contract and with convicts evidently will double the expense of hard road construction. I feel that it will be impossible to meet this additional expense without increasing taxation, this I feel would be a burden on the people.

The request of Mr. Charles Holmes for damages on account of the St. Johns and Juliette road running through his place was refused.

Mr. J. S. McAllister appeared before the Board and requested that the 1907 assessment for persons and property be remitted, and it appearing to the Board that Mr. McAllister did not own the personal property for that year, the request was granted.

Complaint having been made to the Board that the McGehee Lumber Co. had blocked the road known as the Shady Grove and Sumter county road by way of Saddlebag pond by falling trees in the same, the clerk was directed to request the said gentlemen to open up and put in traveling condition immediately the said road.

The bill of the City of Ocala for one third of the cost of paving the streets around the court house square, by the City of Ocala was refused.

The application for permit to sell liquors, wines and beer, of W. D. Bishop, having been duly published as required and no complaint having been filed before this Board showing why a permit should not be granted to the said W. D. Bishop, it was, upon motion, ordered that a permit to sell liquors, wines and beer in District No. 1, Ocala, be and the same is hereby granted to the said W. D. Bishop.

The Board granted a recommendation to Captain Harrison, recommending to the comptroller that lot 1, of block 3, Wilber's plat, Citra, be redeemed for the face value of the certificate and omitted years taxes without interest.

The petition of Mr. H. W. Long, requesting the redemption upon the rule of the southeast quarter of southwest quarter, section 6, township 15, range 21, was granted.

The commissioners received from Mr. E. E. Haskell, from Weirsdale, check for \$674, which was duly credited to the account of hard roads on Eastlake.

The petition heretofore filed requesting that the Board restore the charter of the road commonly known as the Cribbet road, from Cotton Plant school house to Martel, was withdrawn.

Mr. Lucius filed his report for work and expenditures on the hard road during the month of March, 1908, as follows:

Ocala, April 4th, 1908. Mr. J. L. Edwards, commissioner in charge of hard road work, in district No. 1, Marion county, Fla.

Dear Sir:—I beg to submit the following as a report for the last five weeks ending April 4th, 1908: I have built 1870 yards of hard road, shipped 882 yards of cotton amounting to and skipped for the month of March, 2533 yards. I also have the same road graded and covered from the railroad crossing near Lowell, south nearly to

Poor Farm. My expenses for same are as follows:

Convict labor	\$190.50
Free labor	174.50
Overseer and guard hire	261.25
Hire one pair mules, 30 days	30.90
Amt. bill S. E. Store	\$166.67
Amt. bill Marion H.	74.40
Amt. bill McVay & McKay	17.00
Amt. bill H. B. Masters	7.10
Amt. bill H. E. Converse	2.15
Amt. bill A. G. Gates	21.69
	\$950.05

I also enclose with batch of bills today, bids for repair parts of traction engine, also bill for one case of shoes.

I have cash on hand, \$26. Think you had better give me check for \$150 for April.

In a very few days I will finish the Ocala and Kendrick hard road, and will be ready to take up work on some other road. Respectfully,

W. M. Lucius, Mr. J. F. Parker presented a petition requesting the Board to close the present road between Juliette and Dunnellon and have the Ocala, Marion County Plant and Juliette road extended in direct line from railroad crossing at Juliette to northwest corner of the West Coast Farm, thence south on quarter section line to Dunnellon, which was filed and laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

Commissioner Fort filed his report of the Poor Farm as follows:

Poor Farm Report of March. Ocala, Fla., April 6, 1908. I visited the Poor Farm on the 6th inst. for the month of March. Our inmates are 12 in all, 4 whites and 8 colored. The health of them generally speaking is good.

The crops are looking good considering drought. We have 29 acres in corn and pinders and 8 acres in corn and velvet beans and some sugar cane, etc. A very good garden. Hereto attached is financial report:

Respectfully submitted, Commissioner in Charge.

Report of Poor Farm for March, 1908. Superintendent \$35.00, Help \$35.00, Washing and ironing \$8.00, Cooking \$12.00, Martin & Carn \$4.65, Helvenston, Pasteur Co. \$12.99, Marion Hardware Co. \$2.95, McVay & McKay \$3.40, Ocala Water Works \$9.00, Dr. H. C. Dozier \$1.00, Tydings & Co. \$4.95, J. J. Gurtney \$39.95, Knight-Martin Co. \$1.00, Total \$161.49.

The Board then adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, April 8th, 1908.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, all members of the Board present.

The Board then took up the proposition of recommending appointment of a game warden. After discussion the matter was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The petition heretofore filed by persons from Geiger, district No. 32, requesting to have their names transferred to Fleming, district No. 3, opening of said road ordered posted as follows: "Notice."

We, the undersigned, by order of the County Commissioners of date April 7, 1908, to view and mark out the best route for a proposed public road from Ocala to Stokes's Ferry, in Marion County, Florida, beg to report as follows:

That we have examined the proposed route of said public road and find that same is already marked out, and sufficiently designated, and find that said road so marked out is the best route for said proposed road, as follows:

Beginning at a point 654 feet north of the northeast corner of section twenty-six, township fifteen, range twenty-one; thence from said point S. 41 degrees, 30 minutes west to the point or place known as Stokes's Ferry, thence through a portion of section twenty-three, section twenty-six, and through sections three, four, nine, eight, seventeen, eighteen and nineteen, township sixteen, range twenty-one.

Also through sections twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, thirty-five, thirty-four, township sixteen, range twenty-one, and through sections three, four, nine, eight, seventeen, eighteen and nineteen, township seventeen, range twenty-one.

And hereby recommend the opening of said road as a public road. We beg further to report that we find that the greater portion of said proposed public road is now opened, and seems to be in general use.

George C. Crom, Thomas Sexton, J. G. Baskin.

The report of Geo. C. Crom, Thomas Sexton and Jas. G. Baskin, Commissioners appointed under section 838 of the General Statutes, to view and mark out the best route for a public road from Ocala to Stokes's Ferry, made report as follows, which report was, upon motion, accepted by the Board, and thirty days notice of the opening of said road ordered posted as follows: "Notice."

We, the undersigned, by order of the County Commissioners of date April 7, 1908, to view and mark out the best route for a proposed public road from Ocala to Stokes's Ferry, in Marion County, Florida, over the following route:

Beginning at a point 654 feet north of the northeast corner of section twenty-six, township fifteen, range twenty-one; thence from said point E. 41 degrees, 30 minutes west, passing through a part of Section Twenty-three, Section twenty-six and Section thirty-four, Township fifteen, Range twenty-one, and through Sections three, four, nine, eight, seventeen, eighteen and nineteen, Township sixteen, Range twenty-one.

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The following Justices of the Peace filed their reports, showing no fines imposed during the month of March:

L. L. Hopkins, H. W. Douglass, M. M. Proctor, T. L. Johnson, E. S. Smith, W. W. Jackson and C. R. Veal.

The following Justices imposed fines as follows:

Z. A. McClaren \$ 5.00, Alexander Wynne 40.00, J. W. Bishop 81.00, Joseph Bell, County Judge 100.00, R. C. Douglass 15.00.

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Also through sections twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, thirty-five, thirty-four, township 16, range 20, thence leaving a road marked out from Ocala to Stokes's Ferry, (being on the same route above indicated), at a point about four hundred feet south of the northern boundary line of the SE 1/4 of section 34, township sixteen, south of range twenty; thence running in a due westerly course to the northwest corner of section township 16, range 19 east; thence southwest to the bridge on Blue Springs Run; thence going directly west into Pennsylvania Avenue in the town of Dunnellon.

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Boa-1 of County Commissioners, Marion County, Florida. By John L. Edwards, Chairman.

A'test S. T. Sistrunk, Clerk.

The tax collector filed his report of licenses collected for March as follows:

County School Fund. Receipts, including balances \$4739 78, Disbursements 4723 32, Balance \$16 46.

Road Fund. Receipts, including balances \$2227 10, Disbursements 2226 99, Balance \$11.

County Proper Fund. Receipts, including balances \$1717 86, Disbursements 1717 69, Balance \$17.

Fine and Forfeiture Fund. Receipts, including balances \$1301 24, Disbursements 1299 16, Balance \$2 08.

Special Road Fund. Receipts, including balances \$1714 73, Disbursements 1714 73, Balance \$0.

Building Fund. Receipts, including balances \$2049 41, Disbursements 2049 41, Balance \$0.

Total receipts, including balances \$12750 12, Disbursements during the month 9437 16, Balance in Treasury \$3312 96.

The Board adjourned until next regular meeting. S. T. Sistrunk, Clerk.

DEATH WAS ON HIS HEELS. Jesse P. Morris of Skippers, Va., had a close call in the spring of 1906. He says: "An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared consumption had me, and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It helped me immediately, and after taking two and a half bottles, I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery was the best remedy for coughs and lung disease in all the world." Sold under guarantee at Tydings & Co's Drugstore. 50 and 1 m.

E. L. CARNEY, Tax Collector, in Account With Marion County Schools.

1908—Mar. 1—Uncollected \$27,439.79, By treasurer's receipt 3,223.55.

Apr. 1—Bal. uncollected \$24,216.24, County Proper Mar. 1—Uncollected \$6,332.26, By treasurer's receipt 1,296.59.

Apr. 1—Bal. uncollected \$5,035.67, County Roads Mar. 1—Uncollected \$12,664.54, By treasurer's receipt 1,487.78.

Apr. 1—Bal. uncollected \$11,176.76, County Building Mar. 1—Uncollected \$8,443.03, By treasurer's receipt 991.85.

Apr. 1—Bal. uncollected \$7,451.18, Poll Taxes, Etc. Mar. 1—Uncollected \$1,383.52, Extras collected 37.00.

By treasurer's receipt \$1,420.52, Apr. 1—Bal. uncollected \$1,234.52, Special Road Mar. 1—Uncollected \$2,110.75, By treasurer's receipt 247.96.

Apr. 1—Bal. uncollected \$1,862.79, License Mar. 1—Uncollected \$53.00, By treasurer's receipt 58.00.

Apr. 1—Bal. uncollected \$1,862.79, State of Florida, Marion County.

I, S. T. Sistrunk, clerk circuit court, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the collector's account with Marion county as the same appears upon the books in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9th day of April, 1908. S. T. SISTRUNK, Clerk Circuit Court. By H. B. FOY, JR., D. C.

CHAMBERLAIN'S HAS THE PREFERENCE.

Mr. Fred C. Hanrahan, a prominent druggist of Portsmouth, Va., says: "For the past six years I have sold and recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is a great remedy and one of the best patent medicines on the market. I handle some others for the same purposes that pay me a larger profit, but this remedy is so sure to effect a cure, and my customer so certain to appreciate my recommending it to him, that I give it the preference." For sale by all druggists.