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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Official Report of the Proceedings of the May Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, May 5th, 1908

Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on this day. Present: John L. Edwards, chairman; J. M. Mathews, S. R. Pyles, N. A. Fort, C. W. Turner.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Mr. J. C. James made application for widow's exemption for Easter Shambley. Commissioner Fort was appointed a committee of one to arrange the matter with the Tax Collector.

Mr. Redding appeared before the board and requested financial aid for C R. Oliver, an old Confederate soldier; the matter was referred to Capt. Pyles for investigation.

Commissioner Pyles thereupon read his report of the Poor Farm, which report is as follows:

Poor Farm Report for Month of April, 1908

To the Hon. Board County Commissioners:

I beg to submit the following as my report of the County Poor Farm for the Month of April:

The inmates are twelve in all, four of whites and eight of, colored, and their health seems to be good except that of the old lady, Mrs. Johnson, white, and old man Tom, colored, who are very feeble, the result of old age.

One more accession to the family of Supt. Priest is that of a fine girl baby, born on the 14th of April.

There having been no rain of any consequence since February, the crops are suffering. Oat crop is now being harvested and giving fairly good results. Corn and penders and other crops very promising under the circumstances. I recommend that some additional buildings be erected on the Farm, and that the Board refuse to contribute to paupers outside the farm, except in the very

that Supt. Priest be called before the Board to make a statement as to the destitute condition and suffering of the two families, towit: Sims and Horn, who now live near Kendrick.

See financial report hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,
S. R. Pyles, Com. in Charge.

Report of Poor Farm for April, 1908

Superintendent	$ 35 00
Hired help	34 95
Washing and ironing	9 00
Cooking	10 60
Martin & Carn	$ 2 05
Helvenston & Pasteur	4 01
Tydings & Co.	6 00
Dr. H. C. Dozier	4 00
J. J. Cuthery	45 00
Ocala Wagon Works	2 00
Express on medicine	50
Total	$153 11

$11.45 of the above was furnished to the Sims family and one of the Horn brothers died and was buried by Supt. Priest.

Mrs. Holmes appeared before the Board and, protested against the St. Johns Church and Juliette road running through her property. The matter laid over until the next regular meeting of the Board.

Petition for hard road Candler District called up and said petition having been presented to the Board at their last meeting and laid over thereupon My. Lytle presented several petitions asking that the Carney road be made a hard road from Ocala to Lake Weir. After considerable discussion by Col. Miller as to the practicability of the Carney road Commissioner Pyles moved that the hard road be granted from a point on the Summerfield road by Belleview to Candler, which motion was unanimously adopted and the following named gentlemen appointed a committee to lay out the best route for said road, viz: P. E. Nugent, Dr. Henry and O. M. Gale.

Commissioner Pyles also moved to grant a hard road from Candler to Lake Weir Station, better known as Weir Park. This motion was also adopted and the following named gentlemen appointed as a commission to lay out the best route for said road, viz: Messrs. R. L. Martin, J. S. Driggers and Frank Lytle.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pyles it was ordered that the County crew of hands be placed on Summerfield road to harden it to a point opposite the limits of Belleview.

J. B. Caldwell appeared before the Board and asked to be relieved from T. H. Barber's rifle bond as bondsman, which request was granted. Clerk directed to notify Mr. Barber in order that new bond may be filed.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Clerk be directed to write the officials of the S. A. L. Railway to repair their crossing one and a half miles south of town.

A communication from Mrs. W. J. Carpenter to the Board was received and matter referred to Tax Assessor Ayer for his recommendation.

The petition requesting the appointment of Mr. J. H. Brass as mark and brand inspector at Gaiter, Fla., was upon motion refused.

Upon motion it was ordered that the road scrape be sent to McIntosh for repair of roads in that section.

The petition of L. S. Black and R. A. Falana, as co-partners under the firm name of Black & Falana, asking for permit to sell liquors, wines and beer in District No. 24, Dunnellon, was received and it appearing that the same was in proper form the Clerk was directed to advertise notice as required by law.

Upon motion the Clerk was directed to note upon the Minutes that warrant No. 1228 dated March 3rd, 1908, for $100.00, payable to J. H. Brass, was lost and that another warrant be issued for the said sum and that proper steps be taken to stop the payment of warrant No. 1228 aforesaid.

A petition for neighborhood road, Lynne section, was presented as follows:

Beginning at a point on the public road from Lynne to Grahamville, near the se corner of ne¼ of nw¼ of section 9, tp 15, r 24, s & e, running in a northerly direction thence to a point on the Ocala and Norwalk road near the nw corner of ne¼ of se¼ of section 19, tp. 14, r. 24 s & e, a distance of about four miles. And it appearing that said petition was signed by a number of citizens living in the vicinity of the proposed road, the same was upon motion granted.

The Board thereupon adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Wednesday, May 6, 1908, 8:30 a. m.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with all members present, except Mr. Jno. L. Edwards, who was excused, Capt. S. R. Pyles acting chairman by request of Mr. Edwards.

An opinion was filed by County Attorney Hocker on the matter of damage claim of L. J. Cassels filed at the last meeting of the Board, and Mr. cassels being present the said opinion read, which was in substance that the County was not liable. On motion of Capt. Pyles, petition for damages was refused.

Bill of Frederick Disinfectant Co. for disinfectant shipped in October, 1907, was presented and upon motion of Capt. Pyles the same was laid over until next meeting of the Board.

A representative of the McDowell Crate & Lumber Company appeared before the Board with reference to complaint made by Mr. Luffman, in regard to a certain road in the Oak Section, at last meeting, and it appearing to the Board that Mr. McDowell was at present out of the State, an dthe request being made that the matter be postponed until his return, on motion said request was granted and the matter laid over.

The report of Road Overseer D. M Lucius was read and is as follows:

Ocala, Fla., May 2, 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 of my work, for the month of April, 1908: I was on the Ocala and Kendrick hard road till the 15th of April, then I moved camp and located same on the Blitchton hard road about four miles out. I tore up and rebuilt something over one-third of a mile of road and have patched the road from the 6-mile post back to town; am no wscraping said road with the large road grader. Mr. Fort has been on this end of the Ocala and Kendrick hard road since April 27th with 5 to 7 diritng same. I am now about ready to move camp to some other road as I am nearly through scraping the Blitchton road.

My expenses for the month run as follows:

Free labor	$111 80
Amount for feed of convicts	148 40
Overseer and three guards	227 00
Feed for mules (Teapot)	108 99
Marion Hardware Store	54 50
Seed Store	46 00
McIver & MacKay	4 60
H. B. Masters	1 38
Ocala Iron Works, putting new posts to traction engine	62 74
Total expense for April	$765 50
Cash on hand	$ 65 05

Think addition of $100.00 will be sufficient to meet May's expenses.

Respectfully,
W. M. Lucius, Overseer H. R.

Upon motion arrant was ordered drawn for $100.00 payable to Mr. Lucius for his May pay roll.

Upon motion of Capt. Pyles the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the proper parties and request them to have the Ocala and Stokes Ferry road opened up through Mr. Chambliss's pasture.

A petition signed by a number of citizens was filed protesting against the proposed route for the Ocala and Stokes Ferry road, the one known as the J. D. Robertson road, between big prairie and Withlacoochee river, in that it passes through property of the signers of said petition to the damage of said property and suggested that road be run over old route. Upon motion f Mr. Fort the petition was held laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Fort the matter of appointment of game warden was laid ove runtil the next meeting.

The petition for the changing of the Juliette and Dunnellon road filed at the last meeting of the Board was called up and after discussion, upon motion the same was again laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

The bills of various district registration officers for keeping registration books for registration on the coming primary were presented and the same being approved by Supervisor of Registration, were ordered paid.

A communication was received from Mr. A. E. Burnett, offering to care for the Court House clock for one year for $25.00. Upn motin the proposition was accepted.

A communication was received from the Interlachen Gravel Company offering to supply County with material for roads, and Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and to state that the Board considered the material too expensive.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that the prisoners leased to S. A. Rawls & Company and sublet to E. P. Rentz Lumber Company,

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