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## GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS.

We the Grand Jury selected to serve at the October term 1909, of the Balloch County Superior Court, do hereby submit the following report:

The committee appointed to examine the various books and records of the Justice of the Peace and Notaries Public of the several districts of the County, and then practically correct, except in some instances the officers making entries on their dockets in lead pencil. The attention of such officers has been directed to this irregularity, and also to the importance of itemizing costs on all cases and such irregularities are not likely to occur again.

The committee appointed by the last Grand Jury to examine the property of the County, reports that they find the property in good condition, with the exception of two or three old mules which are in bad condition. The inventory of all property of the County, not including one steam road machine, amounts to \$14,451.95. We recommend that the mules that are of no service be disposed of, and also the steam road machine, which, said machine can be profitably used.

The books of the Tax Receiver have been very carefully examined and some changes made in the valuation of lands for the guidance of the Tax Receiver for 1910.

We have examined the pauper list, and find it correct, with the exception of removing from said list the name of Mrs. S. S. Davis, which was recommended at last term of the Grand Jury.

We recommend that John Drigors be placed on the pauper list, and that he be paid \$5.00 per month, and that the same be paid to Mr. Henry Melton.

We recommend that Huldian Berrian be placed on the pauper list, and she be paid \$3.00 per month, and that the same be paid to Mr. J. A. Wyau.

We recommend that Morris Goodman be placed on the pauper list, and that he be paid \$2.50 per month, and that the same be paid to Mr. M. J. McIlveen.

We recommend that Dan Joice be placed on the pauper list, and that he be paid \$2.50 per month.

**BOOK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**  
We the committee appointed by the last Grand Jury to examine the books and records of the County Officers, beg to submit herewith our report.

**CLERK'S OFFICE.**  
We find the Clerk's office and records are kept in good condition, and we heartily commend the present system of recording used in this office.

**ORDINARY'S OFFICE.**  
The books and records in the Ordinary's office are kept in a neat and efficient manner.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**  
We find the records in the Sheriff's office neatly and well kept.

**TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.**  
The records in the Treasurer's department are kept in a first class manner. But we find that he has on hand a lot of old vouchers that have not been cancelled, this is no fault of the Treasurer, but neglect on the part of former examining committees, there being a rubber stamp for the specific purpose of applying to and cancelling warrants and vouchers.

We find that the Treasurer has not collected any interest from any of the banks, except the Sea Island Bank in the past six months.

Statement of Treasurer's books as follows:

Receipts from all sources \$19,443.81  
Disbursements 13,775.82  
Balance 5,667.99

which we find, on hand, in the banks.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.**  
We were unable to check this department, and for account of not being able to get the necessary checking data, but we submit

herewith a statement of receipts and disbursements according to Districts, that is as near accurate as we could possibly get with the material to be had.

44th DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$1493.96  
Disbursements 358.84  
Balance \$1135.12

45th DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$1867.75  
Disbursements 181.31  
Balance \$1686.44

47th DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$1081.53  
Disbursements 800.00  
Balance \$281.53

48th DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$1670.25  
Disbursements 300.07  
Balance \$1370.18

123RD DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$2701.83  
Disbursements 1175.58  
Balance \$1526.25

123RD DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$1810.50  
Disbursements 914.07  
Balance \$896.43

124TH DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$2906.44  
Disbursements 101.15  
Balance \$2805.29

125TH DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$1197.98  
Disbursements 271.65  
Balance \$926.33

49th DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$1410.50  
Disbursements 1593.04  
Overdrawn \$182.54

126TH DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$2997.02  
Disbursements 7107.91  
Overdrawn \$4110.89

126TH DISTRICT.  
Receipts \$1015.00  
Disbursements \$1081.77  
Overdrawn \$66.77

Balance on hand in bank \$1370.99  
We find from this statement that the work and money has been very much concentrated in and around one District for the past twelve months. As stated above we were unable to perfectly check this account for lack of necessary data.

The officials should be exceedingly careful with all vouchers and authority therefor, so that this department could be readily checked twice a year. It is very important that this department of the County's business be kept in the most modern and systematic manner.

Under the present system there is absolutely no way of finding what it cost the County to care for a convict a year, or how much to keep the mules, or how much the guards, superintendents and machine men cost or how much it cost to keep the gang equipped with necessary machinery to work the roads. We should be able to tell from the records of this department just what every part of the chain gang is costing, so that we may be able to tell whether or not our roads are costing more than the benefit derived therefrom will justify.

We are absolutely unable under the present system to find whether a mile of road cost \$100, or \$1000, or \$2000.

We consider the office of Superintendent of the Chain Gang as superfluous. Other counties with as good or better road systems and with about the same number of convicts have no such unnecessary expense.

**COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.**  
We did not examine the books in the County School Commissioners' office, because there was a disagreement between the Commissioners and the Committee as to the law governing the committee in regard to this Office. The books have passed two committees now without being examined.

D. B. FRANKLIN, Committee.  
H. S. PARRISH, Committee.

**Old Hoss Sale.**  
I will sell at my shop on the 1st day of December, 1909, all unclaimed buggies, wagons, etc., to the highest bidder for cash. This notice includes all property ready to deliver Nov. 1st.

T. L. Moore.

The report of the examining committee indicating that some of the departments of the county affairs had not been examined, and this being required by law, we appoint D. F. McCoy, D. B. Franklin and Glenn Bland to complete this unfinished work, and report to the next Grand Jury at the April term, 1910, Superior Court.

By reference to the report of the Grand Jury at the April term, 1909, Superior Court, we find a balance of \$47.78 due Mr. W. H. Cone, ex-School Commissioner, we are informed by Mr. Cone that this amount has not as yet been paid to him, we therefore recommend that this balance of \$47.78 due Mr. Cone be paid to him, together with 7 per cent. interest from May 1st, 1909, and that same be paid from the school funds.

We have elected D. F. McCoy as a member of the Board of Education, vice, J. W. Williams; resigned.

We have elected D. B. Franklin, A. A. Turner and S. D. Alderman to fill the vacancies on the Board of Education that expire March 18, 1910.

We recommend that the County Board be authorized to allow the use of six (6) feet of the Court House square on the North side for a paved walk to be occupied under a tenancy-at-will deed from the county, provided said walk is built within the time of six months from date, same to be done at the city's expense.

The committee appointed to examine the jail and court house property, report the property in good condition, with the exception of some waterworks repairs which was recommended by the last Grand Jury.

Deeming it quite necessary for each succeeding Grand Jury to be informed as to the recommendations and compliances therewith of their predecessors, we recommend that the proceedings of the Grand Jury at the regular previous term of the Superior Court be read at each regular term of the Grand Jury immediately after organization and receiving the judges charge.

We further recommend that in view of the possibilities of complications arising as regards duplicating recommendations made

by former Grand Jury's, possibly some of which are impracticable and cannot be complied with, that the County Commissioners report to the Grand Jury at each regular term of the Superior Court, all recommendations made by the last Grand Jury that have been complied with, and also report on all recommendations not complied with, fully stating their reasons for non-complying.

Whereas the volume of business and financial operations of this county are materially increasing annually, comparing favorably with other counties in the State, except such counties that have a larger city population, and whereas our present system of accounting is not in keeping with our progress and requirements, we therefore recommend a modern system of classified accounting in the various departments of our county affairs, such accounts as will give in detail the operating expenses of the departments in classified form. Under our present system of accounting "Public Roads" show in one solid amount the operating expenses, there is therefore no way of accurately ascertaining the expenditures of any branch of this department, and we recommend that at least the following accounts be kept in this connection:

Live stock.  
Feed account.  
Wagons and harness.  
Machinery and tools.  
Camp cars and other portable equipment.

Material for camp construction purposes.  
Kitchen department, stove cooking utensils, dishes, etc.  
Pay roll, free labor.  
Salary, superintendent.  
Guarding convicts.  
Fire arms account.  
Traveling expense account.  
Convict hire.  
Convict clothing account.  
Convict hospital.  
Convict blankets, beds, bedding, etc.

And such other accounts as may hereafter be deemed proper and adapted to this department.

We have appointed D. F. McCoy, D. B. Franklin and Glenn Bland as a book committee to examine and audit the books and records of the various county officers, and

report to the next grand jury, and recommend that they be paid \$5 per day for their services. This committee, too, has the authority of inaugurating a system of accounting which will show fully in classified form the operations of any department.

We recommend that the clerk of this body D. F. McCoy, be paid \$2 for having the proceedings of the grand jury typewritten.

We recommend that these proceedings be published in the Statesboro News and the Balloch Times and that each be paid \$7.50 for said publication.

In taking leave of His Honor Judge Rawlings, we desire to express our sincere thanks for his very able charge and courtesies to this body, we also extend the same to the solicitor general for the able manner in which he advised and assisted this body in the discharge of their duties.

W. H. Cone,  
D. F. McCoy, Foreman.  
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The above described one-half interest in said land will be sold by virtue of a mortgage made by J. E. Brown and H. C. Barnhill to The John Flannery Co. on the 27th day of May, 1908, and recorded in clerk's office of Balloch Superior Court in book 50, folio 183, default having been made in payment of the note secured by said mortgage.

Notice as required in said power of sale, having been given to said J. E. Brown, whose interest will be sold.

The undersigned will make titles to the purchaser. This October 2nd, 1909.

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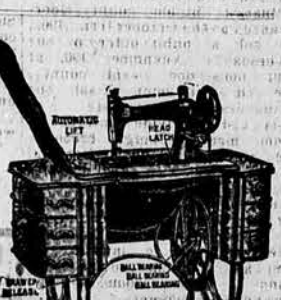
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