

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, August 26, 1929, according to adjournment. Members of the Board present were:

D. F. McGougan, Chairman

H. G. Avant

J. R. Blake

D. W. Merritt

Absent: J. C. Hooks, Sr.

The purpose of this meeting was to appoint the registrars and judges for the special election which is to be held on November 30, 1929, in regard to the question of issuing County Bonds for the purpose of erecting a County Hospital. The following is the Notice of Election and New Registration along with a list of the precincts with their respective registrars and judges:

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to section 7255 of the Consolidated Statutes, the text of which is as follows:

"The undersigned resident freeholders of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, pursuant to section 7255 of the Consolidated Statutes, hereby ask that an annual tax may be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a public hospital in or near the City of Whiteville in said County, the maximum amount of money proposed to be expended in purchasing or building such hospital being \$100,000, of which \$50,000 will be contributed by the Duke Endowment Fund if the county will contribute the other \$50,000."

Pursuant thereto an election will be held on the 30th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1929, at the usual places in Columbus County for electing officers (being the places at which the last preceding election was held for members of the general Assembly) at which there will be submitted to the qualified electors of the county the question of levying the said tax, such tax to be at the rate of 1/15 of 1 cent on the dollar and to be levied for a period of 30 years, and to be for the purpose of purchasing real estate for hospital purposes, and for constructing hospital buildings and for maintaining the same.

The ballots will be in substantially the following form:

() Yes

For a 1/15 of 1 cent on the dollar tax for a bond issue for a public hospital and for maintenance of same.

() No

Notice is further given that at the time and places above mentioned another election will be held pursuant to the County Finance Act at which will be submitted for approval or disapproval an order of the Board of County Commissioners passed August 19, 1929, providing for the issue of not exceeding \$50,000 bonds for the purpose of purchasing real estate for hospital buildings and for constructing hospital buildings thereon. A tax will be levied for the payment of said bonds, if issued. The ballots will be in substantially the following form:

"For the order authorizing \$50,000 bonds for purchasing a hospital site and constructing public hospital buildings thereon and a tax therefor" and

"Against the order authorizing \$50,000 bonds for purchasing a hospital site and constructing public hospital buildings thereon and a tax therefor."

It being doubtful whether the County Finance Act or sections 7255 et seq. of the Consolidated Statutes govern the issue of bonds for a public hospital, both of these statutes are being complied with, and for that reason both of the above mentioned elections have been called. Only one issue of bonds, however, will be issued and the amount thereof will not be in excess of \$50,000.

A new registration has been ordered.

Notice is further given that the registration books in the various voting precincts in said county shall remain open each day except Sundays and holidays from Saturday, October 26, 1929, through and including Saturday, November 16, 1929, said books to open at 9 a. m. and remain open until sunset, and said registration books shall be open at the polling places each Saturday from 9 a. m. to sunset during the period of registration.

The following registrars and judges are appointed for said election in the various precincts of the county:

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Registrar</u>	<u>Judges</u>
Bogue	Rhodes Wayne	R. I. Batten Dave Council
Bolton	A. B. Bordeaux	J. F. Stanley Jack Vereen
Bug Hill, Piroway	Vance Gore	Zeb Long John Stanley
Bug Hill, Guide	Dewey Cox	G. L. Butler G. F. Best
Cerro Gordo	I. L. Green	J. P. Hammond W. H. Walker
Chadbourn	J. T. Blake	S. C. Brown M. D. Edmund
Fair Bluff	A. E. Waller	R. C. Tucker A. H. Powell
North Lees	Mrs. Grace Harrelson	D. N. Evans J. K. Best
East Lees	B. A. Marlowe	Jerry Simmons Pink Rhodes
South Lees	Louis Ward	C. I. Ross Matthew Ward
West Lees	Y. N. Gore	R. V. White E. G. Watts
Ransom	T. W. Fridgen	M. B. McAuley R. C. Applewhite
Tatums	J. M. Byrd	Rossie Benton J. O. Williamson, Jr.
Waccamaw	W. E. Stone	I. B. Sloan Jno. M. Council
Welches Creek	Seymour High	Troy Baldwin W. L. Burchett

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Registrar</u>	<u>Judges</u>
Western Prong	Roy V. Owens	D. R. Nance W. O. Page
Williams # 2	Floyd Stanley	R. R. Hinson Jno. P. Gore
Williams # 1	W. M. Hinson	W. J. McPherson W. M. Stephens
South Williams	W. J. Joyner	J. A. Bell F. L. Fipps, Jr.
Whiteville # 1	Sam F. Baldwin	Dr. L. Baggett Sam Fuller
Whiteville # 2	S. V. Stanley	W. B. Hobbs D. S. Hayes
South Whiteville	Kelly Thompson	Bythel White Clarence Thompson

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There being no further business to be transacted at this time the meeting was adjourned until Monday, September 2, 1929.

G. C. Ratcliffe
Clerk

Approved:
J. F. Majors
Chairman

(Resolution over-looked when writing the minutes of the meeting on August 19, 1929, on page 77.)

The following order was introduced and on motion by Mr. Blake, seconded by Mr. Merritt was unanimously carried:

Whereas, this meeting being an adjourned meeting of August 5, 1929, for the purpose of hearing any citizen or taxpayer who might wish to protest against the issuance of \$50,000 hospital bonds of Columbus County ordered by this board on August 5, 1929, said order having been published and this date fixed for that purpose as required by the county finance act and no protest being made and no citizen or taxpayer appearing before the Board for the purpose of protesting, the said order was introduced at the meeting of this Board August 5, 1929, and as published in the News Reporter, a newspaper published in the town of Whiteville in said county, is hereby finally passed.

The vote on the foregoing order was as follows:

VOTING AYE: D. F. McGougan, J. R. Blake, H. G. Avant, H. C. Hooks, Sr., and D. W. Merritt.

VOTING NO: None

The following resolution was introduced and on motion by Mr. Blake, seconded by Mr. Merritt was unanimously carried:

Resolved that the order of this board adopted pursuant to the County Finance Act on August 19, 1929, providing for the issue of not exceeding \$50,000 bonds for purchasing real estate for hospital purposes and constructing hospital buildings thereon is hereby ordered submitted to the voters at a special election which is hereby called to be held for the said purpose on the 30th day of November, 1929.. A new registration of the voters for the said election is hereby ordered. The new registration ordered for the election to be held on the same day for voting a tax for a bond issue for a public hospital pursuant to section 7256 of the Consolidated Statutes shall be deemed to be the registration hereby ordered.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

VOTING AYE: D. F. McGougan, J. R. Blake, H. G. Avant, J. C. Hooks, Sr. and D. W. Merritt.

VOTING NO: None.