The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met at the Courthouse in Whiteville, the usual place of meeting, in adjourned regular session, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on November 16, 1953.

Present: Chairman L. P. Ward, and Commissioners Lacy R. Thompson, Charles R. Council, L. P. Stephens, W. B. Buffkin.

Absent: None.

The Chairman announced that this was the state and hour fixed by the Board for the public hearing upon the order entitled:

"ORDER AUTHORIZING \$65,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS", and that the Board would immediately hear any and all citizens and taxpayers who might desire to protest against the issuance of said bonds.

No citizen or taxpayer of the County appeared, either in person or by attorney, to protest against the issuance of any of said bonds, and the Clerk announced that no protest in writing, signed by any citizen or taxpayer, had been presented.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Lacy R. Thompson, seconded by Commissioner L. P. Stephens and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on November 2, 1953, entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$65,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS", was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Commissioners Lacy R. Thompson, L. P. Stephens, Charles R. Council, W. B. Buffkin.

Noes: None

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZ-ING \$65,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS", had passed.

The Clerk was thereupon directed to publish said order in The News Reporter, once in each of two successive weeks, and to publish at the foot of said order the appended note as required by The County Finance Act, as amended.

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Ordered: that contract be let to Butns Bros. for \$29,265.30 for work as approved by William Moore Weber, Architect, which represents a portion of the scope of work covered by low bid on Nov. 2, for renovations to Columbus County Courthouse.

It is further understood that the balance of the work covered by this bid and costing \$15,204.70 will be included in 1954-1955 budget and that contract will be let on or about July 1, 1954.

ROAD PETTTION:

Beginning at a point on said Highway 74, at E. M. Rabon's Farm and running near East via W. P. Rabon's tenant house Edgar Merritt's place, Rubin Bemjamin's place, Terrah Brown's place to Highway # 410 at a point in front of Rubin Benjamin's residence.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until Dec. 7, 1953.

Approved:

Hie S. Lurre Clerk

L.P. Ward