

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus convened at the County Courthouse in Whiteville, North Carolina, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on November 4, 1954.

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

Absent: None

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At 11 o'clock, A.M., the members of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus sat at the table<sup>at</sup> which the County Board of Elections was holding its meeting and said County Board of Elections and said Board of Commissioners, as two separate bodies, separately received from the registrars and judges of elections in the various precincts of the County of Columbus the returns of the special election held on November 2, 1954.

After said returns had been canvassed by said Board of Commissioners, being simultaneously with the canvassing thereof by the County Board of Elections in the same place, Commissioner Council introduced the following resolution, which was read:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS  
OF THE SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELEC-  
TION HELD NOVEMBER 2, 1954, AND  
DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE RE-  
SULT THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

Section 1. That the returns of the special bond and tax election held on November 2, 1954 having been received from the proper election officers and the Board having canvassed the same, the following facts are hereby found and determined:

(a) That each registrar and judge for the special bond and tax election held in the County of Columbus on November 2, 1954 was duly qualified by law and had and had taken the necessary oath.

(b) That the election officers had incorporated in their returns not only the number of votes cast for and against each question submitted, but also the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in each precinct in the election.

(c) That at said election there were submitted to the qualified voters of said County the following questions:

1. Shall an order finally passed on September 20, 1954, authorizing the County of Columbus, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said County may now, or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue County Public Health Center Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$20,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with other funds, for erecting and equipping a building to be used as a County Public Health Center upon land now owned by the County near the town of Whiteville, and authorizing the levy and collection

of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

2. If a majority of the qualified voters of Columbus County who shall vote thereon shall vote in favor of the approval of the order mentioned in the foregoing question, shall a special tax not to exceed one cent (1¢) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed value of real and personal property in Columbus County be levied and collected annually, if necessary, for the purpose of financing the cost of operation, equipment and maintenance of the County Public Health Center mentioned in said order?

Section 2. That the following schedule correctly shows the designations of the several precincts in which said election was held, the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in each precinct in the election, the number of votes cast in each precinct in favor of each question submitted, the number cast against each question, the number of spoiled ballots, and the totals of such numbers:

<u>Precinct and Polling Place</u>	<u>Voters registered and qualified to vote</u>	<u>Question 1</u>		<u>Question 2</u>		<u>Spoiled Ballots</u>
		<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	
Bogue	672	93	48	83	51	0
Bolton	231	36	20	28	21	0
Bug Hill No. 1	247	11	13	10	11	0
Bug Hill No. 2	226	6	38	6	38	0
Bug Hill No. 3	337	62	0	61	0	0
Cerro Gordo	781	77	26	72	25	0
Chadbourn	1489	143	118	128	118	0
Cherry Grove	296	36	7	35	7	0
Fair Bluff	640	52	47	44	46	0
East Lees	414	35	67	26	72	0
No. Lees	277	27	9	26	9	0
So. Lees	204	6	19	3	18	0
W. Lees	240	11	29	8	29	0
Ransom	586	56	59	47	65	0
Tatum	1452	67	108	56	110	0
Waccamaw	525	79	26	67	28	0
Welches Creek	264	13	14	11	15	0
Western Prong	283	18	29	13	34	0

Williams No. 1	1042	69	29	60	31	0
Williams No. 2	417	19	45	17	47	0
So. Williams	1896	33	26	27	30	0
Whiteville No. 1	1623	166	35	147	48	0
Whiteville No. 2	1476	154	33	125	49	0
Whiteville No.3	575	90	8	74	19	0
So. Whiteville	505	41	34	36	35	0
Totals	16,698	1400	887	1210	956	0

Section 3. That no complaints have been made to this Board against the regularity of said election, that notice of said election was duly published, and that this Board believes that said election was conducted in full compliance with law and with the orders of this Board.

Section 4. That from the canvass so made by this Board it is determined and declared:

That 16,698 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

(a) ~~This information was determined by the Board and is hereby declared~~  
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(b) That at said election 1,400 votes were cast in favor of the approval of the order authorizing the County of Columbus to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$20,000 County Public Health Center Bonds of the County of Columbus for the purpose of providing funds, with other funds, for erecting and equipping a building to be used as a County Public Health Center upon land now owned by the County near the Town of Whiteville, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 887 votes were cast against said order, that a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at said election voted in favor of said order, and that said order was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

(c) That at said election 1210 votes were cast for the special tax mentioned in question numbered 2 and 956 votes were cast against said special tax, and that a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at said election voted in favor of said special tax.

Upon motion of Commissioner Council, seconded by Commissioner Stephens, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 2, 1954 and DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Council, Stephens, Thompson, Buffkin, and Ward.

Noes: None

Thereupon Commissioner Council introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 2, 1954, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING, FILING AND PUBLICATION THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus:

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners has prepared and does adopt the following statement of the result of the special election held in the County of Columbus on November 2, 1954:

STATEMENT OF RESULT OF SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION HELD IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA ON NOVEMBER 2, 1954

At a special election held throughout the County of Columbus, North Carolina on November 2, 1954, 16,698 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said election the following questions were submitted to the qualified voters of said County:

- 1. Shall an order finally passed on September 20, 1954, authorizing the County of Columbus, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said County may now, or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue County Public Health Center Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$20,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with other funds, for erecting and equipping a building to be used as a County Public Health Center upon land now owned by the County near the Town of Whiteville, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
2. If a majority of the qualified voters of Columbus County who shall vote thereon shall vote in favor of the approval of the order mentioned in the foregoing question, shall a special tax not to exceed one cent (1¢) on each one hundred dollars property in Columbus County be levied and collected annually, if necessary, for the purpose of financing the cost of operation, equipment and maintenance of the County Public Health Center mentioned in said order?

1400 votes were cast at said election for the approval of the order authorizing the County of Columbus to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$20,000 County Public Health Center Bonds of the County (mentioned in questioned numbered 1) and authorizing the levy and collection of sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 887 votes were cast against the approval of said order, and said order was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

1210 votes were cast at said election for the special tax mentioned in question numbered 2, and 956 votes were cast against said special tax, and a majority of the qualified voters of the County who voted thereon at said election voted in favor of said special tax.

This statement is given by order of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, this 5th day of November, 1954.

/s/ L. P. Ward, Chairman
/s/ C. R. Council
/a/ Lacy R. Thompsen
/s/ L. P. Stephens
/s/ W. B. Buffkin
Commissioners

Section 2. That when the foregoing statement shall have been signed by a majority of the members of this Board and delivered to the Clerk, the latter shall record it in the minutes of the Board, and such statement shall be filed in the office of said Clerk and published by said Clerk once in The News Reporter, a newspaper published in Columbus County. A notice substantially in the following form, with the printed signature of the Clerk appended thereto, shall be published with the foregoing statement:

TO THE CITIZENS AND TAX PAYERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY:

No right of action or defense founded upon the invalidity of the election mentioned in the foregoing statement shall be asserted, nor shall the validity of such election be open to question in any court upon any ground whatever, except in an action or proceeding commenced within thirty days after the publication of the foregoing statement.

Alice S. Burns  
Clerk, Board of Commissioners for the  
County of Columbus, North Carolina

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This statement is given by order of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, this 4th day of November, 1954.

/s/ L. P. Ward, Chairman

/s/ C. R. Council

/s/ Lacy R. Thompson

/s/ L. P. Stephens

/s/ W. B. Buffkin  
Commissioners

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Ordered: that the taxes in Whiteville Township for the years 1950 and 1951 listed in the name of Lula Davis, and for the years 1953 and 1954 listed in the name of Ralph Davis be segregated so that Jimmy Oliver Bellamy may pay the tax on that portion of the land so listed and now owned by him, and upon the payment of 2% of the amount of tax and penalty for each of said years the tax lien on the lands now owned by said Bellamy is hereby released.

Ordered: that B. C. Green's 1950 taxes in Bogue Township be segregated so that the 10 acres sold to Irving Bullard be released from the lien of this tax which is done upon payment of tax on \$100.00 valuation.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday Night, Nov. 9th, 1954, at 7:30.

Approved:

*Oliver S. Burns*  
Clerk

*L. P. Ward*  
Chairman