

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in regular session at the County Courthouse in Whiteville, the regular place of meeting, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on January 3, 1955.

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

Absent: None

Commissioner Lacy Thompson introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$740,000
SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Whiteville City Administrative Unit have certified to this Board a resolution passed on January 3, 1955, finding that adequate school facilities are not now available in the Whiteville City Administrative Unit to comply with the constitutional requirement for the maintenance of schools in said Unit six months in each year, and that it is necessary in order to maintain such six months' school term in said Unit to erect additional school buildings, remodel and enlarge existing school buildings and acquire necessary land and equipment therefor in order to provide additional elementary and secondary school facilities, the estimated cost of which is \$325,000.00; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Columbus County has certified to this Board a resolution passed on January 3, 1955, finding that adequate school facilities are not now available in the Columbus County Administrative Unit to comply with the constitutional requirements for the maintenance of schools in the Columbus County Administrative Unit six months in each year, and that it is necessary in order to maintain such six months' school term in said Unit to erect additional school buildings, remodel and enlarge existing school buildings and acquire necessary land and equipment therefor in order to provide additional elementary and secondary school facilities, the estimated cost of which is \$965,325.00; and

WHEREAS, said resolutions request the Board of Commissioners to take all necessary steps, by the issuance of bonds or otherwise, so that such school facilities may be provided; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has carefully examined the facts and has determined and does hereby find as a fact that said statements in said resolutions are true and that it has become the duty of said Board of Commissioners, acting as an administrative agent of the State in providing a State system of public schools, to authorize the issuance of the bonds of the County of Columbus hereinafter mentioned in order to provide funds, with other funds which may be available for such purpose, for maintaining the six months' school term in the County of Columbus as required by the Constitution; now, therefore,

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

1. That, pursuant to The County Finance Act, as amended, and in order to maintain the six month's school term in said County of Columbus as required by the Constitution, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized 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 School Building Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$740,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with other funds which may be available for such purpose, for erecting additional school buildings, remodeling and enlarging existing school buildings and acquiring necessary land and equipment therefor in order to provide additional elementary and secondary facilities in the County of Columbus.

2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds shall be annually levied and collected.

3. That a statement of the County debt has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of the County at an election as provided in said Act.

The Board thereupon designated the County Accountant as the officer to make and file with the Clerk the statement of debt and assessed valuation of the County as required by The County Finance Act, as amended, to be filed before the final passage of the bond order which was introduced at this meeting.

Thereupon the County Accountant filed with the Clerk in the presence of the Board the statement of debt and assessed valuation as so required.

Thereupon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$740,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made and unanimously carried the Board fixed 10 o'clock, A.M., January 24, 1955, as the hour and day for the public hearing upon the foregoing order, and directed the Clerk to publish the said order, together with the appended note as required by The County Finance Act, as amended, in The News Reporter not later than the tenth day before said date.

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Ordered: that T. S. Memory be paid for proportionate part of year that Bond No. 2396756A covered Leo L. Fisher, Register of Deeds, Columbus County and which was terminated on Dec. 6, 1954.

Ordered: that Thelma Gurkin be allowed to pay taxes for Paul Powell in Western Prong Township for 1934 at par with no court cost allowed.

Ordered: that janitor job of courthouse and annex be combined at a salary of \$250.00 with Rosier Williams named as custodian.

Voting Aye: Commissioner Buffkin
Commissioner Thompson
Commissioner Ward

Ordered: that Lucian Williams be named janitor of courthouse annex at \$75.00 per month.

Voting Aye: Commissioner Stephens
Commissioner Council

The Chairman announced that the motion to hire Mr. Rosier Williams had carried.

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Ordered: that Chairman be authorized to sign lease for county boarding home as prepared by County Attorney, under the direction of the Board of Commissioners, and after proper execution by Mrs. Cowan that said lease be recorded in office of Register of Deeds.

Ordered: that the following bonds be approved, recorded in office of Register of Deeds, and filed in office of Clerk of Court:

County Accountant -	Alice S. Burns	U. S. Fidelity Co.	\$10,000.00
Constable	Major C. Dudley	Fidelity & Casualty Co.	1,000.00
Constable	Lonzie A. Ward	Oliver Prince	1,000.00
Deputy Sheriff	Johnny E. Singletary	Fidelity & Casualty Co.	1,000.00
" "	H. D. Stanley	" " "	1,000.00
" "	Chester A. Farley	American Bonding Co.	1,000.00

Ordered: that the following committee be appointed to estimate and report to the Medical Care Commission on the current value of the acre of land designated by the Board of Commissioners for a public health center:

- L. P. Ward, Chairman Board of Commissioners
- W. A. Weir, Tax Collector
- Wm. S. Edmunds, Realtor

Ordered: that the site as shown on plat of H. T. Schnibben, Surveyor, surveyed in December, 1954, and lying south of U. S. Highway 74-76 and being part of "County Home" property as described in the deed from Patience Brown to Columbus County, dated Dec. 20, 1987, and recorded in Book GG, page 186, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Columbus County, be dedicated for use exclusively as a public health center.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, this Board by its order required Alice S. Burns to file a new bond effective December 6, 1954 and

Whereas, such new bond was duly filed and approved;

Now, therefore, by it resolved that the above mentioned bond of aforesaid Alice S. Burns, being in the case of said Burns of \$10,000 effective December 15, 1952 for an indefinite term, be and it is hereby terminated and the surety thereon is released from further liability as to acts occurring on and after December 6, 1954.

Adoption of the foregoing resolution was moved by Commissioner Council, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin, On being put to a vote the motion was duly carried.

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ROAD PETITIONS

1. Bolton Township. Road runs from Smith Chapel Church to Back Marvin Beaty and is known as an old cart road.
2. Bogue Township. Road runs from Reg Bug to Lonnie Ward's Service Station on Hallsboro-Old Dock Road and is known as Pierce Cemetery road.
3. Lees Township. Road runs from Tram road at Garland Ward's home to a road at Quillie Evans and is known as the Camp Bay road.

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Ordered: that the Sheriff summon the following good and lawful men and women to serve as jurors at the following terms of court, 1955:

<u>Jan. 31</u>	D. P. Carroll Van Sellers Brock James Hilbourn I. G. Ward Handy Walters Cleve Faulk R. L. Hardee J. B. Frances D. J. Benson Dailey Britt Jesse James McCormick Everette Wright Onzie Mercer George F. Becker George F. Kelly Joe Sumpter A. C. Stocks H. M. Garrell R. G. Hobbs Haywood Jarmon Travis Soles Perry Dillard Clyde A. Watson Eddie Sellers Willard B. Spivey W. W. Taylor Algie Sutton B. P. Polston Russell L. Barnes W. H. Barefoot Oliver M. Rogers Edison Clewis Weston E. Ganus Ned Boswell Paul L. Sutton James Horace Wells	B-53, Bolton Whiteville Cerro Gordo Nakina Tabor City R-1, Nakina Clarendon Whiteville R-1, Delco R-2, Chadbourn Hallsboro Tabor City Chadbourn Acme R-1, Acme Whiteville Nakina R-1, Tabor City Delco Delco Tabor City Brunswick Whiteville R-4, Whiteville % Bailey Wright, R-1, B-251, Tabor City Chadbourn Chadbourn Whiteville Whiteville Hallsboro Fair Bluff R-4, Whiteville Clarendon R-4, Whiteville Lake Waccamaw R-1, Whiteville
<u>Feb. 7</u>	Jefferson Batten Joseph Godwin Gaston Tedder Edgar M. Enzor Harley Gibson J. K. Sellers James McColskey	R-2, Whiteville Clarendon Hallsboro Fair Bluff R-1, Whiteville R-3, Whiteville Whiteville

Feb. 7 (cont.)

Daniel Long
 D. S. Gore
 Gene L. Hickman
 John Jarmon
 Beasmon Buffkin
 Gordon L. Batten
 R. N. Garrell, Jr.
 Floyd F. Pate
 Thomas J. Gore
 D. N. Shipman
 J. O. Benton
 Thelma Hooks Penny
 Joe Tyson
 David Boswell
 Wade Spivey
 G. C. Williamson
 Warren Daniel Dale
 Walter Bullard
 W. A. Gladden
 Waldon High
 R. L. Thompson, Sr.
 C. V. Blackman
 Tommy O. Ward
 R. G. Blackman
 Julius J. Powell
 Mrs. Aileen Pierce
 B. Kent Thurston
 Currie D. Wooten
 Paul Nance

Clarendon
 R-3, Whiteville
 R-1, Bladenboro
 Tabor City
 R-2, Tabor City
 Hallsboro
 Tabor City
 Bolton
 Clarendon
 Hallsboro
 R-3, Tabor City
 Hallsboro
 Tabor City
 R-4, Whiteville
 Tabor City
 R-1, Nakina
 R-1, Delco
 RFD, Fair Bluff
 Hallsboro
 Whiteville
 Hallsboro
 Whiteville
 R-4, Whiteville
 R-4, Whiteville
 Cerro Gordo
 Hallsboro
 Whiteville
 R-2, Clarkton
 Chadbourn

Feb. 21

A. L. Smith
 J. G. Harrelson
 L. H. Parker
 Austin Worrell
 Carmel G. Inman
 Yates Malpass
 Royal Barefoot
 R. O. Jones
 J. Clarence Cribb
 Josephn McPherson
 O. H. Baldwin
 Carroll J. Buchanan
 Kenzie Lonzie Rhodes
 Tate Soles
 Otto Edwards
 Robert Roy Pierce
 C. A. Moore
 James Levoy Jones
 H. S. High
 John Ward
 Samuel Brown
 Elbert Stanley
 Charles R. Flynn
 J. W. Butler
 H. E. Elderdice
 Alva Nobles
 Lewis Burchette
 R. I. Davis
 Wiley T. Batten
 Henry Stephens
 George G. Wooten
 Robert O. High
 Willie Boyf
 R. L. Dyson
 W. D. Tanner
 Norman Gore

R-2, Clarkton
 Clarendon
 B-32, Tabor City
 R-2, Whiteville
 Whiteville
 R-2, Delco
 Hallsboro
 Bolton
 R-3, Whiteville
 R-1, Chadbourn
 R-2, Whiteville
 Armour
 Wananish
 Clarendon
 Chadbourn
 Hallsboro
 R-4, Whiteville
 Boardman
 R-2, Whiteville
 B-332, Whiteville
 Armour
 Clarendon
 RFD, Delco
 Whiteville
 Tabor City
 Fair Bluff
 Hallsboro
 Nakina
 R-2, Whiteville
 Fair Bluff
 Whiteville
 Whiteville
 Tabor City
 Wyche St., Whiteville
 R-1, Chadbourn
 R-3, Tabor ity

Feb. 28

Carl Meares
 Lester Register
 U. G. Formy Duval
 M. N. Peterson
 J. W. Oliver
 Clyde J. Turbeville
 M. J. Love
 Henry L. Sikes
 F. R. Dutton
 A. L. Rozier
 Howard Green
 W. S. Applewhite
 H. S. Turbeville
 Isaac Wilkins
 J. D. Duncan
 Edward Dudley

Fair Bluff
 R-4, Whiteville
 Nakina
 Acme
 Chadbonrn
 Whiteville
 Armour
 R-2, Whiteville
 Nakina
 Lewis St., Whiteville
 Cerro Gordo
 Delco
 Whiteville
 Delco
 Chadbourn
 Chadbourn

S. L. Hardee
 Hewett Green
 Albert Ward
 David M. Watts
 Angelo Bullard
 W. D. Ward
 Roy Knox Jernigan
 Vernon Turbeville
 M. E. Judah
 James R. Worthington
 George Andrews
 Nathan Andrews
 U. S. Gore
 J. N. Bullard, Jr.
 John Morris, Jr.
 Garland Davis
 Raymond Yates
 Wilson Brown
 Raymond Edwards
 J. C. Ward, Jr.

Clarendon
 Cerro Gordo
 R-3, Whiteville
 R-4, Whiteville
 Whiteville
 R-4, Whiteville
 R-1, Tabor City
 Tabor City
 Acme
 Chadbourn
 Lake Waccamaw
 R-1, Bladenboro
 Nakina
 Cerro Gordo
 Delco
 R-3, Whiteville
 Hallsboro
 R-2, Chadbourn
 Chadbourn
 Clarendon

Ordered: that the Sheriff summon the following good and lawful men and women to serve as jurors at the Jan. Term of Recorders Court, 1955:

Paul Willoughby
 Winfred Malpass
 Newman Strickland
 James A. Bass
 B. C. Jenrette
 D. J. Hardwick
 H. B. Jackson
 Elbert R. Tedder
 Bonnie Wynn Williamson
 R. H. Pierce
 W. W. Dorset
 M. L. Caryle
 Nick Harrelson
 G. J. Duke
 Dewey J. Allen
 McCloud Strickland
 Elbert Byrd
 Angelo Judgon Sellers
 M. Bertha Barnhill
 Fred L. Norris
 Arthur Gore
 M. C. George
 Kermit Davis
 Earl Price
 Alfred Clemmons
 Clifford Hutto
 Coy J. Russ
 Jesse M. Council
 Mrs. S. G. Pierce
 H. C. Hunt
 James L. Larson, Jr.
 Henry T. Smith
 F. L. Gore
 J. C. Hill
 R. S. Love
 Lawrence Coleman

Boardman
 Delco
 Tabor City
 R-2, Bladenboro
 R-3, Tabor City
 Nakina
 Bolton
 Hallsboro
 Cerro Gordo
 Hallsboro
 Whiteville
 Hallsboro
 RFD, Whiteville
 Bolton
 Whiteville
 R-3, Tabor City
 Delco
 Delco
 Clarendon
 R-4, Whiteville
 R-3, Whiteville
 R-3, Whiteville
 % J. M. Lennon, Clarkton
 Whiteville
 Hallsboro
 R-2, Clarkton
 Tabor City
 Hallsboro
 Hallsboro
 R-3, Whiteville
 R-3, Tabor City
 R-3, Tabor City
 R-4, Whiteville
 R-3, Whiteville
 Armour
 R-2, Tabor City

Ordered: that the following general county bills be allowed and paid:

Whiteville Building Supplies (810)	To account	\$ 188.79
Maryland Coal and Coke Co.	To account	267.50
Townsend Builders Supply	To account	82.00
Whiteville Oil Co.	To oil -courthouse	120.69
Radio Service Co.	To account for Sheriff	72.50
News Reporter	To account	1904.37
Nathan H. Yelton, Director	To social security returns	787.81
Hospital Saving Association	To hospital insurance	117.05
First National Bank of Whiteville	To Dec. Withholding tax	865.10
W. A. Weir 4	To Dec. Travel	25.00
Wright's Furniture & Gas Co.	To account for indigent	20.00
Lula Solomon	To Boarding care	35.00
Mrs. Leon Ellis (796)	"	42.00
Mrs. Reba Williamson	"	32.20

Mrs. A. B. Dawsey	To Boarding care	70.00
Mrs. J. W. Roberts	"	35.00
Mrs. Annie Lou Cowan	"	33.70
N. B. Icard	To travel and expense	132.50
Thomas S anley	To Dec. Support of jail	474.00
Lacy R. Thompson	To Board meetings and mileage	42.80
W. B. Buffkin	"	43.20
Charles R. Council	"	44.40
L. P. Stephens	"	46.00
L. P. Ward	"	46.00
Mitchell Printing Co.	To account for Clerk of Court	204.99
Columbus Market	To account as per order of Welfare Dept.	5.00
Italy Marlowe' s Grocery	To account " "	5.00
Quality Shop	To electric heaters for Welfare Dept.	24.62
Pearl H. Fowler	To De.c. mileage	43.98
Alice S. Wright	"	80.44
Minette Graham	"	63.72
Marigene P. Lytton	"	85.26
H. G. Reeves, Agent	To account for county home bldg.	240.75
Whiteville Plumbing Co., Inc.	To account	17.36
Collier Gas Co., Inc.	To account	235.30
Owen G. Dunn Co.	To account for Register of Deeds	57.00
News Reporter Co.	To " (772)	140.40
Mitchell Printing Co.	" "	82.26
Betty Merritt	To 12 days assisting Register of Deeds	64.68
Mamie B. Galemberti	To 25 days assisting Register of Deeds	130.00
Mrs. Doris Caulder	To 4 days assisting "	23.52
Todd Furniture Co.	To account	39.50
C. L. Nance Transfer	To hauling coal for county home bldg.	93.63
Vineland Ice Co.	To account for courthouse	16.20
H. T. Schnibben	To account	65.00
R. B. Mallard	To reimbursment	2.01
J. E. Tyree	To capturing stills	10.00
Lois F. Lewis	To work on tax books	19.11
Dr. William A. Futch	To professional services rendered for Coroner	42.00
T. D. Aldridge	To Coroners Jury (759)	5.00
Rowland Hinson	"	5.00
Alton Parker	"	5.00
Jack Moore	"	5.00
Wiley Memory	"	5.00
Ralph McNair	"	5.00
Floyd Whitman, Jr.	"	5.00
Dunk Miller (752)	"	5.00
Floyd Skipper (751)	"	5.00
Albert Boswell (2000)	"	5.00
Otto Stephens	"	5.00
Bobby Enzor	"	5.00
Otis Collins	"	5.00
A. D. Peacock	"	5.00
Woodrow Cribb	"	5.00
George McPheeson	"	5.00
James Cribb	"	5.00
Jake Godwin	"	5.00
Worth D. Williamson	To Coroners investigations (1991)	203.17
R. C. Lamb & Sons	To back section of boiler	200.00
R. C. Lamb & Sons	To 1st payment on alterations and renovations to heating system courthouse	4497.30
Town of Whiteville	To account	16.75
Burroughs Corp.	To account	6.98
Storr Sales Co.	To account	10.58
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co.	To account	168.86
Worth Reporting Co.	To services as court reporter	125.00
Columbus County Library Fund	To Dec. Appropriation	250.00
D. E. Baggett, Acting Postmaster	To Jan. postage	40.00
Lottie Howard	To Dec. services - maid	29.40
Mrs. Ann N. Talbott	To Welfare Board Meeting and mileage	5.20
Charles R. Council	"	6.20
J. L. Robinson	"	6.00
Pierce & Co., Inc.	To account for county farm	196.85
Floyd-Barkley	To account for Leo L. Fisher	22.50
Keys Printing Corp.	To account for Register of Deeds	27.84
News Reporter Co.	To account	567.11
G. V. Singletary & Sons	To account for agriculture bldg.	18.55
Columbus Insulation Co.	To account for courthouse	300.00
Carolina Power & Light Co.	To account	226.72
J. C. Lannon	To account	9.19
W. B. Hobbs & Son	To coal for courthouse	17.50
Mrs. W. O. West	To 1 day Judge of Elections	7.00
H. G. Reeves, Agent	To account for Board of Elections	2.48
Town of Whiteville	To Dec. Salary - Radio Operator	95.00

King Photo Supply Co.	To account for Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 23.45
Ralph T. Beason	To bond for J. R. Pridgen	37.50
Whiteville City Schools	To 1 typewriter for Sheriff's Dept.	150.00
W. H. McGirt	To account for gas	3.80
Elery Taylor (1961)	To refund on poll tax	2.00
King Photo Supply Co. (811)	To account	34.71
Whiteville Building Supplies	To adccunt	77.60
Insolvents		39.55
Out Door Poor		10.00

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until Jan. 24, 1955.

Oliver Spurr
Clerk

Approved: *L. P. Ward*
Chairman