

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in adjourned regular session at the Courthouse in Whiteville, North Carolina, the usual place of meeting, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on November 8, 1962.

Present: Chairman L. P. Ward, and Commissioners W. B. Buffkin, A. O. Burns, Robert E. Sessions, and Lacy R. Thompson.

Absent: None.

Mazzalee T. Sanderford, Clerk

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At 11 o'clock, A. M., the members of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus met with the County Board of Elections of Columbus County and the two Boards, as two separate bodies, separately received from the registrars and judges of election in the various precincts of the County of Columbus the returns of the election upon the order authorizing \$2,000,000 School Building Bonds and the order authorizing \$850,000 County Hospital Bonds of the County of Columbus held on November 6, 1962.

After said returns had been canvassed by said Board of Commissioners, such canvass being simultaneous with the canvassing thereof by the County Board of Elections in the same place, Commissioner A. O. Burns introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE ELECTION UPON THE ORDER AUTHORIZING \$2,000,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND THE ORDER AUTHORIZING \$850,000 COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 1962, DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF, AND RATIFYING THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES IN TWO VOTING PRECINCTS

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

Section 1. That the returns of the election upon the order authorizing \$2,000,000 School Building Bonds and the order authorizing \$850,000 County Hospital Bonds of the County of Columbus held on November 6, 1962, having been received from the proper election officers and having been canvassed, the Board has found and determined and does hereby declare:

(a) That each registrar and judge for said election was duly qualified by law 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 said 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 17, 1962, 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 School Building Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$2,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other funds available for such purpose, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodeling, enlarging and reconstructing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities, and acquiring necessary land and equipment therefor in order to provide additional school facilities in the County of Columbus to maintain the six months' school term in said County as required by Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution, 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. Shall an order finally passed on October 1, 1962, 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 Hospital Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$850,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for remodeling and enlarging the Columbus County Hospital in Whiteville and acquiring any necessary land and equipment therefor, 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?

(d) That no complaints have been made to this Board against the regularity of said election.

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

<u>Precincts and Polling Places</u>	<u>Voters registered and qualified to vote</u>	<u>Question 1</u>		<u>Question 2</u>	
		<u>Votes for</u>	<u>Votes against</u>	<u>Votes for</u>	<u>Votes against</u>
Bolton Old Jones Store	412	93	120	74	108
Bogue Store adjacent to Pierce & Co.	1036	166	186	157	168
Bug Hill #1 Pirway	244	4	107	11	109
Bug Hill #2 Guideway	214	41	33	23	48
Bug Hill #3 Reaves' Ferry	378	73	85	64	87
Cerro Gordo Williamson's Store	675	203	45	109	118
Chadbourn Town Hall	1641	610	157	416	309
Cherry Grove Community Building	288	78	28	39	66
Fair Bluff Town Hall	1310	352	94	175	222
North Lees Harrelsonville	233	57	47	53	50

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East Lees Old Dock	472	70	93	107	61
West Lees Nakina	308	40	65	54	57
South Lees Home of Mrs. Frances Hayes	182	23	25	27	19
Ransom Acme-Delco Agriculture Building	1107	251	261	77	307
Tatum High School Gymnasium	1149	299	90	149	198
Welches Creek White Marsh	411	84	59	68	72
Western Prong Community Building	270	68	43	37	69
North Williams Clarendon	990	98	164	92	165
Williams #2 Mollie	498	50	161	58	155
South Williams Carolina Warehouse	2591	165	293	107	344
Waccamaw Fire Station	627	156	117	168	103
Whiteville #1 Courthouse	1956	671	157	600	231
Whiteville #2 City Hall	1164	342	127	308	150
Whiteville #3 Central High School	610	166	21	102	48
South Whiteville New Hope	512	92	76	74	87
Totals	19,278	4,252	2,654	3,149	3,351

Section 3. That from the canvass so made by this Board it is ~~determi~~
mined and declared:

(a) That 19,278 voters were registered and qualified to vote at said election.

(b) That at said election 4,252 votes were cast for the order authorizing the County of Columbus to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$2,000,000 School Building Bonds of said County for the purpose of providing funds, with any other funds available for such purpose, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodeling, enlarging and reconstructing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities, and acquiring necessary land and equipment therefor in order to provide additional school facilities in the County of Columbus to maintain the six months' school term in said County as required by Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution, and authorizing the levy and collection of a

sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 2,654 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 the approval of said order, and that said order was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

(c) That at said election 3,149 votes were cast for the order authorizing the County of Columbus to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$850,000 County Hospital Bonds of said County for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for remodeling and enlarging the Columbus County Hospital in Whiteville and acquiring any necessary land and equipment therefor, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 3,351 votes were cast against said order, that a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at said election voted against the approval of said order, and that said order was thereby not approved and is not in force and effect.

Section 4. That the use in two precincts of voting machines wherein the questions concerning the bond orders were set forth as they were set forth in the paper ballots provided for by a resolution passed by this Board on October 1, 1962, be and the same is hereby ratified.

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy R. Thompson, seconded by Commissioner A. O. Burns, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE ELECTION UPON THE ORDER AUTHORIZING \$2,000,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND THE ORDER AUTHORIZING \$850,000 COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 1962, DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF, AND RATIFYING THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES IN TWO VOTING PRECINCTS", was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners L. P. Ward, W. B. Buffkin, A. O. Burns, Robert E. Sessions, & Lacy R. Thompson.

Noes: None.

Thereupon Commissioner Robert E. Sessions introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION UPON THE ORDER AUTHORIZING \$2,000,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND THE ORDER AUTHORIZING \$850,000 COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 1962, 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 election upon the order authorizing \$2,000,000 School Building Bonds and the order authorizing \$850,000 County Hospital Bonds of the County of Columbus held on November 6, 1962:

STATEMENT OF RESULT OF THE ELECTION
held in the
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA
on November 6, 1962,
upon the
ORDER AUTHORIZING \$2,000,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS
and the
ORDER AUTHORIZING \$850,000 COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS
of SAID COUNTY

At an election held throughout the County of Columbus, North Carolina, on November 6, 1962, upon the order authorizing \$2,000,000 School Building Bonds and the order authorizing \$850,000 County Hospital Bonds of said County, 19,278 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said election 4,252 votes were cast for the order authorizing the County of Columbus to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$2,000,000 School Building Bonds of said County for the purpose of providing funds, with any other funds available for such purpose, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodeling, enlarging and reconstructing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities and acquiring necessary land and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in the County of Columbus to maintain the six months' school term in said County as required by Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 2,654 votes were cast against said order, and said order was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

At said election 3,149 votes were cast for the order authorizing the County of Columbus to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$850,000 County Hospital Bonds of said County for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for remodeling and enlarging the Columbus County Hospital in Whiteville and acquiring any necessary land and equipment therefor, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 3,351 votes were cast against said order, and said order was not thereby approved and is not in force and effect.

This statement is given by order of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, this 8th day of November, 1962.

/s/ L. P. Ward
Chairman

/s/ Lacy R. Thompson

/s/ Robert E. Sessions

/s/ A. O. Burns

/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 TAXPAYERS 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.

MAZZALEE T. SANDERFORD
Clerk, Board of Commissioners
for the County of Columbus, North Carolina

Upon motion of Commissioner W. B. Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner A. O. Burns, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION UPON THE ORDER AUTHORIZING \$2,000,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND THE ORDER AUTHORIZING \$850,000 COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 1962, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING, FILING, AND PUBLICATION THEREOF" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners L. P. Ward, W. B. Buffkin, A. O. Burns, Robert E. Sessions, & Lacy R. Thompson.

Noes: None.

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Upon motion the meeting adjourned until December 3, 1962 at 10 a.m.

Mazzalee T. Sanderford
Clerk

Approved:
L. P. Ward
Chairman