

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in adjourned regular session at the Courthouse in Whiteville, North Carolina, at 11 o'clock A.M., on January 16, 1964.

Present: Chairman L. P. Ward, and Commissioners W. B. Buffkin, Luther C. Rich, Robert E. Sessions and Lacy R. Thompson.

Absent: None.

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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 special bond and tax election held on January 14, 1964.

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 Lacy R. Thompson introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL
BOND AND TAX ELECTION HELD IN THE COUNTY OF
COLUMBUS ON JANUARY 14, 1964, AND DETER-
MINING AND DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF

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

Section 1. The returns of the special bond and tax election held in the County of Columbus on January 14, 1964, 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 the special bond and tax election held in the County of Columbus on January 14, 1964, 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 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 December 9, 1963, 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 Community College Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$500,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for the construction of buildings for a community college in Columbus County, including the acquisition of any necessary land and equipment, 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 the Board of Commissioners be authorized to appropriate funds either from non-tax revenues or from a special annual levy of taxes not to exceed an annual rate of ten cents (10¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed property valuation, or both, for the financial support of a community college in the County of Columbus?

(d) That the use of both paper ballots and voting machines at said special bond and tax election and the publication of the notice of said election are in all respects ratified and confirmed.

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

(f) That said election and the registration therefor were duly and properly held in accordance with law.

Section 2. 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 in the election, 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>Precinct and Polling Place</u> | <u>Voters Registered and qualified to vote</u> | <u>Question 1</u> | | <u>Question 2</u> | |
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| | | <u>Votes for</u> | <u>Votes Against</u> | <u>Votes for</u> | <u>Votes against</u> |
| Bolton Old Jones Store | 421 | 60 | 30 | 45 | 40 |
| Bogue Store adjacent to Pierce & Co. | 1,050 | 216 | 40 | 193 | 55 |
| Bug Hill #1 Pireway | 244 | 76 | 7 | 75 | 8 |
| Bug Hill #2 Guideway | 229 | 82 | 10 | 78 | 11 |
| Bug Hill #3 Reaves' Ferry | 390 | 164 | 7 | 121 | 46 |
| Cerro Gordo Williamson's Store | 683 | 106 | 37 | 100 | 41 |
| Chadbourn Town Hall | 1,656 | 560 | 58 | 510 | 94 |
| Cherry Grove Community Building | 294 | 83 | 9 | 81 | 11 |
| Fair Bluff Town Hall | 1,328 | 334 | 32 | 291 | 34 |
| North Lees Harrelsonville | 237 | 94 | 15 | 89 | 16 |
| East Lees Old Dock | 478 | 118 | 3 | 104 | 11 |
| West Lees Nakina | 312 | 121 | 10 | 116 | 14 |
| South Lees Home of Mrs. Frances Hayes | 106 | 43 | 4 | 40 | 7 |
| Ransom Acme-Delco Agriculture Bldg. | 1,122 | 110 | 121 | 100 | 130 |
| Tatum High School Gymnasium | 1,153 | 181 | 66 | 158 | 80 |
| Welches Creek White Marsh | 418 | 92 | 32 | 78 | 43 |
| Western Prong Community Building | 275 | 90 | 17 | 83 | 22 |
| North Williams Clarendon | 1,013 | 217 | 15 | 207 | 24 |

| Precinct and Polling Place | Voters Registered and qualified to vote | Question 1 | | Question 2 | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | | Votes for | Votes against | Votes for | Votes against |
| Williams #2 Mollie | 504 | 133 | 21 | 121 | 29 |
| South Williams Carolina Warehouse | 2,602 | 417 | 39 | 368 | 60 |
| Waccamaw Fire Station | 635 | 184 | 28 | 178 | 33 |
| Whiteville #1 Courthouse | 1,988 | 775 | 64 | 750 | 82 |
| Whiteville #2 City Hall | 1,171 | 343 | 31 | 323 | 51 |
| Whiteville #3 Central High School | 616 | 128 | 9 | 120 | 11 |
| South Whiteville New Hope | 540 | 183 | 18 | 164 | 30 |
| Totals | 19,465 | 4,910 | 723 | 4,493 | 983 |

Section 3. From the canvass so made by this Board it is determined and declared:

(a) That 19,465 voters were registered and qualified to vote at said election.

(b) That at said election 4,910 votes were cast for the order authorizing the County of Columbus to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$500,000 Community College Bonds of said County for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for the construction of buildings for a community college in Columbus County, including the acquisition of any necessary land and equipment, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 723 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 4,493 votes were cast for the authority of the Board of Commissioners to appropriate funds either from non-tax revenues or from a special annual levy of taxes not to exceed an annual rate of ten cents (10¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed property valuation, or both, for the financial support of a community college in the County of Columbus, and 983 votes were cast against such authority, that a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at said election voted in favor of such authority, and such authority was therefore approved.

Upon motion of Commissioner W. B. Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Luther C. Rich, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION HELD IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS ON JANUARY 14, 1964, AND DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners L. P. Ward, W. B. Buffkin, Luther C. Rich, Robert E. Sessions, and Lacy R. Thompson.

Noes: None.

Thereupon Commissioner Lacy R. Thompson introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF THE
RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION
HELD IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS ON JANUARY 14, 1964,
AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING, FILING AND PUBLICATION THEREOF

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

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners has prepared and does adopt the following statement of the result of the special bond and tax election held in the County of Columbus on January 14, 1964:

STATEMENT OF RESULT
of the
SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION
held in the
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA
on January 14, 1964

At a special bond and tax election held throughout the County of Columbus, North Carolina, on January 14, 1964, the following questions were submitted to the qualified voters of said County:

1. Shall an order finally passed on December 9, 1963, 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 Community College Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$500,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for the construction of buildings for a community college in Columbus County, including the acquisition of any necessary land and equipment, 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 the Board of Commissioners be authorized to appropriate funds either from non-tax revenues or from a special annual levy of taxes not to exceed an annual rate of ten cents (10¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed property valuation, or both, for the financial support of a community college in the County of Columbus?

19,465 voters were registered and qualified to vote at said election.

At said election 4,910 votes were cast for the order authorizing the County of Columbus to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$500,000 Community College Bonds of said County for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for the construction of buildings for a community college in Columbus County, including the acquisition of any necessary land and equipment, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 723 votes were cast against said order, and said order was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

At said election 4,493 votes were cast for the authority of the Board of Commissioners to appropriate funds either from non-tax revenues or from a special annual levy of taxes not to exceed an annual rate of ten cents (10¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed property valuation, or both, for the financial support of a community college in the County of Columbus, and 983 votes were cast against such authority, and such authority was therefore approved.

This statement is given by order of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, this 16th day of January, 1964.

/s/ L. P. Ward
Chairman

/s/ Lacy R. Thompson

/s/ Luther C. Rich

/s/ W. B. Buffkin

/s/ Robert E. Sessions
Commissioners

Section 2. 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.

/s/ Mazzalee T. Sanderford
Clerk, Board of Commissioners for the
County of Columbus, North Carolina

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy R. Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Robert E. Sessions, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION HELD IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS ON JANUARY 14, 1964, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING, FILING AND PUBLICATION THEREOF" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners L. P. Ward, W. B. Buffkin, Luther C. Rich, Robert E. Sessions,
and Lacy R. Thompson.

Noes: None

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Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10 a.m., February 3, 1964.

APPROVED:

Mazzalee T. Sanderford
Clerk

L. P. Ward
Chairman