

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 10 o'clock A.M., on November 5, 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 election upon the ballot authorizing Special Tax Levy for Economic Development of Columbus County held on November 3, 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 Robert E. Sessions introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE ELECTION UPON THE BALLOT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAX LEVY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COLUMBUS COUNTY HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 1964, 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 ballot authorizing Special Tax Levy for Economic Development of Columbus County held on November 3, 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 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 the 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 was submitted to the qualified voters of said County the following question:

Shall the act to aid in the development of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, 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 the question submitted, the number cast against the question, and the totals of such numbers:

<u>Precincts & Polling Places</u>	<u>Voters Registered & Qualified to Vote</u>	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>
Bolton, Old Jones Store	484	192	142
Bogue, School Gym	1189	398	264
Bug Hill No. 1, Pireway	263	72	94
Bug Hill No. 2, Guideway	250	89	80
Bug Hill No. 3, Reaves' Ferry	439	163	118
Cerre Gerdo, Legion Hut	881	232	189

<u>Precincts and Polling Places</u>	<u>Voters Registered & Qualified to Vote</u>	<u>Votes for</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>
Chadbourn, Town Hall	1,880	831	312
Cherry Grove, Community Building	326	123	49
Fair Bluff, Town Hall	1,381	406	205
North Lees, Harrelsonville	266	87	102
East Lees, Old Dock	491	122	143
West Lees, Nakina	373	132	98
South Lees, Home of Mrs. Frances Hayes	204	63	39
Ransom, Acme-Delco Agriculture Building	1,359	417	583
Tatum, High School Gym	1,483	447	253
Welches Creek - White Marsh Community Bldg.	519	210	151
Western Prong, Community Building	327	92	127
North Williams, Clarendon	1,117	280	247
Williams No. 2, Mollie	544	129	207
South Williams, Town Office Building	2,978	483	116
Waccamaw, Fire Station	746	293	208
Whiteville No. 1, Courthouse	2,221	570	183
Whiteville No. 2, City Hall	1,290	475	250
Whiteville No. 3, Central High School	716	398	78
South Whiteville, New Hope	574	187	178
Totals	22,301	6,891	4,416

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

(a) That 22,301 voters were registered and qualified to vote at said election.

(b) That at said election 6,891 votes were cast for the act to aid in the development of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, and 4,416 votes were cast against said proposition, that a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted thereon at said election voted in favor of the approval of said proposition, and that said proposition was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

Section 4. That the use in two precincts of voting machines wherein the question concerning the proposition was set forth as it was set forth in the paper ballots be and the same is hereby ratified.

Upon motion of Commissioner Lacy R. Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Luther C. Rich, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE ELECTION UPON THE BALLOT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAX LEVY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COLUMBUS COUNTY HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 1964, 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 W. B. Buffkin, Luther C. Rich, Robert E. Sessions, & 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 ELECTION
UPON THE BALLOT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAX LEVY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COLUMBUS COUNTY
HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 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. That the Board of Commissioners has prepared and does adopt the following statement of the result of the election upon the ballot authorizing Special Tax Levy for Economic Development of Columbus County held on November 3, 1964:

STATEMENT OF RESULT OF THE ELECTION HELD IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS,
NORTH CAROLINA, ON NOVEMBER 3, 1964 UPON THE BALLOT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAX LEVY FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT OF COLUMBUS COUNTY

At an election held throughout the County of Columbus, North Carolina, on November 3, 1964 upon the ballot authorizing Special Tax Levy for Economic Development of Columbus County, 22,301 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said election 6,891 votes were cast for the act to aid in the development of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, and 4,416 votes were cast against said proposition, and said proposition was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

This statement is given by order of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, this 5th day of November, 1964.

/s/ L. P. Ward
Chairman

/s/ W. B. Buffkin

/s/ Luther C. Rich

/s/ Lacy R. Thompson

/s/ Robert E. Sessions
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 Luther C. Rich, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION UPON THE BALLOT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAX LEVY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COLUMBUS COUNTY HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 1964, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING, FILING AND PUBLICATION THEREOF" was passed by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

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I, Mazzalee T. Sanderford, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings of said Board at a meeting held November 5, 1964, have heretofore been fully recorded by me in Volume 15 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 339 and ending at page 342, and that the foregoing matter has been literally copied from said recorded minutes and is the whole of that portion of said minutes which related in any way to the election upon the ballot authorizing Special Tax Levy for Economic Development of Columbus County held on November 3, 1964.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the statement of the result of the election adopted by the resolution set forth in the foregoing transcript, signed by a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners, has been recorded by me and the original has been filed in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said Board, this 5th day of November, 1964.

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/s/ Mazzalee T. Sanderford
Clerk of Board of Commissioners

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 7 p.m., November 5, 1964.

APPROVED:

Mazzalee T. Sanderford
Clerk

L. P. Ward
Chairman

L. P. WARD, Chm.
Clarendon, N. C.

Columbus County

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WHITEVILLE, N. C.

November 5, 1964

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Chadbourn, N. C.

Mr. W. A. Weir, Tax Collector
Columbus County, N. C.
Whiteville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Weir:

We are delivering to you herewith, and charging to your account for collection, the 1964 Tax Levy, a combination of all townships having a face or par value of \$ 1,388,111.30, as per records of Mrs. Venie H. House, Assistant Tax Supervisor.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By Mazzalee T. Sanderford
Clerk to the Board

MTS:m

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above:

W. A. Weir
W. A. Weir, Tax Collector