

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., September 16, 1968 it being third Monday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

W. O. Johnson, Chairman

T. E. Burns

H. J. Watts

J. Roland Gore

Edward W. Williamson

Betty S. Williamson, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners presented certified copies of resolutions which had been received from The Columbus County Board of Education and The Whiteville City Board of Education.

Thereupon Commissioner T. E. Burns introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read:

**ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,000,000
SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS**

WHEREAS, The Columbus County Board of Education has certified to this Board a resolution passed on July 1, 1968, showing that adequate school facilities are not now available in the County of Columbus to comply with the requirements of Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution of North Carolina for the maintenance of schools six months in every year, and that it is necessary, in order to maintain such six months' school term as required by said Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution, to erect additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodel, enlarge and reconstruct existing school buildings and other school plant facilities, and acquire necessary land and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County, the estimated cost of which is \$3,055,600.00; and

WHEREAS, The Whiteville City Board of Education has certified to this Board a resolution passed on September 16, 1968, showing that adequate school facilities are not now available in The Whiteville City Administrative Unit to comply with the requirements of Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution of North Carolina for the maintenance of schools six months in every year, and that it is necessary, in order to maintain such six months' school term as required by said Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution, to erect additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodel, enlarge and reconstruct existing school buildings and other school plant facilities, and acquire necessary land and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said Unit, the estimated cost of such additional school facilities being \$944,400.00; and

WHEREAS, said resolutions request the Board of Commissioners to take all necessary steps, by the issuance of bonds or otherwise, in order 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 the statements made 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 order the issuance of bonds of the County of Columbus so that the school facilities mentioned in said resolutions and in paragraph 1 of this order may be provided in order to maintain the six months' school term in the County of Columbus as required by Section 3 of Article IX of 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 months' school term in the County of Columbus as required by Section 3 of Article IX of 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 \$4,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, 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.

2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds when due 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 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 authorizing \$4,000,000 School Building Bonds was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made and unanimously carried the Board fixed 10:00 o'clock A.M., October 7, 1968 as the hour and day for the public hearing upon the foregoing order, and directed the Clerk to publish 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.

Ordered: that Lacy R. Thompson who has been appointed by Resident Judge Edward B. Clark to succeed Lee J. Greer as Clerk of Superior Court December 1, 1968, be paid for assisting Mr. Greer during the month of November.

A request was made by the Board of Elections for an additional voting machine for the Chadbourn precinct. No action was taken.

Mrs. Marie Suggs, Executive Secretary of the Columbus County Red Cross Chapter, appeared before the Board and asked that the county establish a local blood bank program. The amount that is required for this project would be approximately \$3,000 per fiscal year. Mrs. Suggs stated any citizen in Columbus County would be eligible for blood in any hospital in the United States. After a lengthy discussion it was decided by the Board the county would not be able to participate in the above mentioned program this fiscal year because of budgetary reasons.

Ordered: that poll tax listed in the name of Rudolph Strickland, Cerro Gordo Township, be cancelled for the year 1968. Mr. Strickland is a nonresident of Columbus County.

Ordered: that poll tax listed in the name of Paul B. Wyche, Jr., Bogue Township, be cancelled for the year 1968. Mr. Wyche is a resident of Orange County.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of James H. Piver, Lees Township, be cancelled for the year 1968. Mr. Piver resides in Florida.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Mace Williams, South Williams Township, be cancelled for the years 1955 through 1968 due to double listing. This property is also listed to Sarah Elneta Rowler Williams.

ROAD PETITION: Whiteville Township: Road known as "Parker Street"; located on the Prison Camp Road and is .25 miles in length. At present time there are 6 occupied homes located on this road.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until October 7, 1968 at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson
Clerk

W. O. Johnson
Chairman