

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., January 22, 1971, in a called meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

Edward W. Williamson, Chairman

J. Roland Gore

H. J. Watts

W. O. Johnson

T. E. Burns (absent)

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The following business was transacted:

The Commissioners met jointly with the Board of Education, Supt. Hicks, Attorney Williamson, Colonel Walters, and Mr. Garner, Plant Manager of Audio Devices, Inc. Colonel Walters was asked to present the problem for which the meeting was called. He stated that Mr. Wherlock, Vice-President of Audio-tape and Audio Mfg. Co., had called Mr. Garner in Columbus County and instructed him to pay off the employees and get ready to move from Columbus County if the property in question had not been settled by five o'clock, January 22, 1971. Audio-Devices had placed a bid on said property, but an upset bid had been submitted by Mr. Beasley Strickland. Attorney Williamson stated there was no way possible the matter could be settled except to follow the laws of North Carolina, which the earliest possible date would be February 5th. After all present had made their statements, it was decided there was a lack of understanding and communication in the matter. Attorney Williamson is to get in touch with the attorney for Audio-Devices, Mr. Weaver of Fayetteville, and proceed with the necessary explanations to see if something can be favorably worked out to keep the industry in Columbus County.

A supplemental budget for the Capital Outlay Fund was passed by the Board of Education and presented by Mr. Hicks to the Commissioners for approval. Mr. Hicks stated the changes were acceptable with the State Dept. The revision was approved by a motion by Commissioner Watts, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, and unanimously approved by those present as indicated by a copy of the Supplemental Budget on file in the office of the County Accountant. The additional revenue is to be derived from a cash balance on June 30, 1970. The original Budget for Capital Outlay Funds is \$276,198. and the revised Budget is \$300,198. This is an increase of \$24,000.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Watts, and

seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County:

(1) That for properly maintaining the school term in Tabor City Primary & High School, Columbus County School Administrative Unit, as required by Article IX, Section 3, of the Constitution and the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, it is necessary that certain improvements be made therein of the following character:

New science building

(2) That in order to provide said improvements it is necessary that the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (110,500.00) be obtained by borrowing same, to be used by the Columbus County Board of Education for said purpose.

(3) That the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County does hereby approve of and authorizeth application for, and procurement of, a loan for said purpose from the State Literary Fund of the State of North Carolina, operating under G.S. 115, Article II, and said Board does hereby authorize and direct that all necessary steps be taken to procure said loan under the terms of said statutes and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education governing the making of loans from said fund, and the Chairman and Clerk to this Board are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed for and on behalf of this Board to join the Columbus County Board of Education in making the necessary application therefor, and to take such action under this resolution and under said statutes, rules and regulations as may be necessary for said purpose. The County Accountant is hereby authorized and directed to make application to the Local Government Commission for approval of the issuance of such notes.

(4) That the Board of Commissioners of Columbus County hereby agrees to levy, at the appropriate tax levying period in each and every year, upon all taxable property in said county, ad valorem taxes at a rate sufficient to meet the interest and principal payments on such part of the loan requested herein as may be approved by the State Board of Education, and thereby provide necessary funds each and every year to meet and repay the interest and principal payments due on such approved loan, under the terms of the statute by authority of which the said loan is made, and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education covering such loans.

The resolution was duly adopted by the following vote:

Those voting in the affirmative were:

Those voting in the negative were:

Edward W. Williamson

None

H. J. Watts

W. O. Johnson

J. Roland Gore

Whereupon the Chairman announced that the resolution was duly and properly Adopted.

The foregoing resolution was passed in lieu of the application for Literary Loan which was rejected by the State Board because of the reverts clause on the deed and also this type of loan cannot be made for the purpose of building an educational office building.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until February 1, 1971.

APPROVED:

Emogene M. Suggs  
Clerk

Edward W. Williamson  
Chairman