

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in regular session at the County Courthouse in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 10:00 a.m., on August 20, 1973.

Members of the Board present: E. W. Williamson, Chairman; Donald P. Currie, Mayo Brown, W. B. Buffkin.

Members of the Board Absent: T. E. Burns

The meeting was called to order and the Reverend Cletus Blackman gave the invocation.

The Chairman announced that this was the hour and date fixed by the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing upon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$6,000,000. COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS" and that the Board would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds.

No one appeared, either in person or by attorney, to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds and the County Accountant and ex officio Clerk announced that no written statement relating to said questions had been received.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Brown and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on August 10, 1973 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$6,000,000. COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS" was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

AYES: Commissioners Williamson, Currie, Brown, and Buffkin.

NOES: None

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$6,000,000. COUNTY HOSPITAL BONDS" had been adopted.

The County Accountant and ex officio Clerk was thereupon directed to publish said order once in the News Reporter, together with the appended statement as required by the Local Government Bond Act, as amended.

Thereupon Commissioner Buffkin introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM

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

Section 1. A special bond referendum is hereby called to be held between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Saturday, October 5, 1973, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Columbus County the question stated in the Notice of Special Bond Referendum set forth in Section 3 of this resolution.

Section 2. For said referendum, (i) the regular registration books for election in said County shall be used and the registration books, process or records shall be open for the registration of qualified persons and for public inspection in the manner, under the conditions and at the times and places as provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, (ii) the registrars, judges and other election officials appointed by the County Board of Elections of Columbus County for the several precincts and voting places shall be the election officers for such precincts and voting places, and (iii) the precincts and voting places shall be those fixed by said County Board of Elections as provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution.

Section 3. The County Accountant and ex officio Clerk of the said Board of Commissio-

ners shall cause a notice to be published in the The News Reporter once at least fourteen days before Spetember 7, 1973 (being the last day on which persons may register for said referendum) and thereafter once not less than seven days before said day, such notice to read substantially as follows:

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A special bond referendum will be held throughout Columbus County between 6:30 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, October 6, 1973, at which there will be submitted to the qualified voters of said County the following questions:

Shall the order adopted on August 20, 1973, authorizing the County of Columbus North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debts 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 \$6,000,000. for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting and equipping a new County hospital in said County, including the acquisition of any necessary rights of way, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principl of and the interest on sadd bonds, be approved?

The question hereinabove set forth contains a statement of the purpose for which the bonds are authorized by the order referred to in said question.

If said bonds are issued taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereof will be levied upon all taxable property in the County of Columbus.

For said referemdum the regular registration books for elections in the County of Columbus will be used and the registration books, process or records will continue to be open for the registration of qualified persons and the acceptance of registration applications between the hours of 9:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. on Monday to Friday, inclusive, of each week at the office of the County Board of Elections in the Board of Elections Building on U. S. Highway 74-76 in Whiteville, North Carolina.

The registrars will not attend the voting places except on the date of the referendum,

The last day for new registration of those not now registered under Columbus County's permanent registration system is Friday, September 7, 1973.

The last day on which registered voters who have moved residence from one precinct to another may transfer registration is Friday, September 7, 1973.

The registration books will be open to public inspection by any registered voter of the County between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday to Friday, inclusive, of each week at the office of the County Board of Elections mentioned above and such days are Challenge Days.

Any qualified voter of the County who is qualified to vote by absentee ballot under the provisions of the General Statutes of North Carolina, particularly Article 20 of Chapter 163, in a statewide primary or general election is authorized to vote an absentee ballot in said special bond referendum in accordance with said provisions of the General Statutes relating to absentee voting. Any qualified voter of the County who is qualified to vote by absentee ballot in said special bond referendum may apply for an absentee ballot not earlier than sixty days prior to said special bond referendum and not later than 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 3, 1973, at the office of the County Board of Elections mentioned above.

Qualified voters who are not certain whether they are registered or qualified to vote by absentee ballot should contact the County Board of Elections at the office of said Board mentioned above.

The registrars, judges and other elections officers appointed by the County Board of Elections will serve as the election officials for said referendum.

The precincts and the voting places for said referendum are as follows:

PRECINCT	VOTING PLACE
Bogue	Hallsboro School
Bolton	Town Hall
Bug Hill #1	4-H Club Building
Bug Hill #2	Guideway School
Bug Hill #3	P. O. Gore's Store
Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo Fire Station
Chadbourn	Fire Station
Fair Bluff	Town Hall
North Lees	Mrs. Hill's Old Store Building
South Lees	Mrs. Jones' Station
East Lees	Suggs Store Old Dock
West Lees	Old Post Office
Ransom	Delco School
Tatum	Evergreen School
Welches Creek Community	Welches Creek Community Center
Western Prong	Western Prong Community Center
Williams #1	Beverdam Community Building
Williams #2	Community Hut
South Williams	District Court Room
Waccamaw	Town Hall
Whiteville #1	Courthouse
Whiteville #2	Town Hall
Whiteville #3	American Legion Hut
N. Whiteville	North Whiteville Community Hut
South Whiteville	South Whiteville Community Hut
Cherry Grove	Community Center

E. L. Green
Chairman, Board of Elections

Emogene W. Suggs, County Acct. &
ex officio Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners

Section 4. The form of the ballot to be used at said referendum shall be substantially as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS , NORTH CAROLINA
October 6, 1973

Instructions

1. To vote in favor of the order make a cross (X) mark in the square to the right of the word "Yes".
2. To vote against the order make a cross (X) mark in the square to the right of the "No"
3. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

YES : . . . : : . . . : NO : . . . : : . . . : : . . . :	Shall the order adopted on August 20, 1973, 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 \$6,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting and equipping a new County hospital in said County, including the acquisition of any necessary rights of way, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
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/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk &
County Accountant

/s/ E. L. Green, Chairman
Board of Elections

Section 5. The County Accountant and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to mail or deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the County Board of

Elections of Columbus County within three days after the adoption hereof.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon motion of Commissioner Currie, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM" was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Williamson, Currie, Buffkin and Brown

NOES: None

Bids were received for a vann to be used by the Rural Police as follows:

Quality Motors	1974 Ford	\$3,643.82
Fair Bluff Motors	1974 Ford	4,240.00

Bids were opened for the following equipment for the landfill:

Steam Cleaner	Air Compressor
Service Parts - \$695.00 less 10%	\$ 979.65 less 10%
Columbus Motor- 490.00	839.00
Braxton Auto Parts- 529.00 less 20%	Not as specified

The bid for the Steam Cleaner was given to Braxton Auto Parts and the Air Compressor to Columbus Motor Co. No award was made for the vann.

Ordered: that Mr. Wallace Clontz be instructed to proceed with blueprints for the Ward Building.

Ordered: that upon the presentation of the proper papers from the Brunswick Ambulance Service being changed to Brunswick Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad the County Accountant issue a check to them in the same amount as other Squads in the County. This check to be written from the Contingency Fund.

Ordered: that the Accountant amend the Budget of the Solid Waste Disposal within the line items to purchase the necessary equipment for the landfill. The total amount of the Budget is to remain the same.

Ordered: that the Accountant transfer funds from the General Fund to pay the remaining bill for the airport construction on the first contract. This is to be reimbursed from federal funds after the federal audit.

Ordered: that the Chairman be authorized to execute the lease for the property to be used for the landfill and upon the execution of said lease the Accountant is to issue a check in the amount of \$25,000 to Garland Williamson.

Ordered: that a letter of approval and support be written to the Steering Committee of the Resource Conservation & Development supporting their projects. It is further ordered that Donald P. Currie be appointed to serve as the member of the Board of Commissioners on the Resource Conservation & Development Committee.

Wid to the Aged Lien -

WHEREAS, Lillie McGee Holloway has heretofore executed a lien to the County of Columbus to secure the county for payments by the Social Services Department to her; and

WHEREAS, said lien is recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court in AA Lien Book I on page 14 and being lien No 870; and

WHEREAS subsequent to the filing of the lien Lillie M. Holloway died and that Charlie Holloway, son and only heir of Lillie M. Holloway is the owner in fee simple of said property hereinafter described, which said property has a fair market value of \$450.00; and

Charlie Holloway

WHEREAS the share of said ~~Lillie McGee Holloway~~ in said property has a fair market value of \$450.00.

Charlie Holloway

WHEREAS said ~~Lillie McGee Holloway~~ has requested that the said property hereinafter described be released from the Aid to the Aged Lien as recorded in AALien Book I, page 14, lien No.870 upon the payment to the County of Columbus the sum of \$450.00 which sum represents the fair market value of the interest of said Lillie McGee Holloway in and to said property; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners finds as a fact that said \$450.00 represents the fair market value of the interest of ~~Lillie McGee~~ ^{Charlie} Holloway in and to said property, it is therefore moved and ordered that upon the receipt of said \$450.00 the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said property hereinafter described shall be and forever hereafter released and discharged from said lien as recorded in Book I, page 14 lien No.870.

The said property being referred to being described as follows:
BEGINNING at a pipe 30 feet north of the center line of N. C. State Road #1824 and north 67 degrees 15 minutes west 27.8 feet from the north end of an 18 inch concrete culvert under said road; running thence north 0 degrees 10 minutes west 384 feet to a pipe with one oak pointer; thence north 89 degrees 50 minutes east 261.8 feet to a pipe; thence south 0 degrees 10 minutes east 155.6 feet to a pipe 30 minutes north of the center line of said road #1824; thence with the northern line of said road south 51 degrees 45 minutes west 135.5 feet; thence south 46 degrees 23 degrees west 212 feet to the beginning, containing 1.5 acres, and being the same as surveyed by D. J. Benson, surveyor, on September 30, 1963.

This being the same parcel or tract of land as portioned to Lillie McGee Holloway in Deed Book 235 at page 427, of the Registry of Columbus County.

Ordered: that the following general county bill be paid:

Transfer \$32,642.55 to Airport Construction Fund - Check No. 3701

Ordered: that the following tax releases be made upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor:

That the 1973 late listing penalty listed in the name of Robert J. & Doris Gore, Whiteville Township, be released. This property was listed in January and late list penalty was added through error.

That the 1973 late listing penalty listed in the name of Willie & Eunice Strickland, Williams Township, be released. This property was listed in January and the late listing penalty was added through error.

That the 1972 taxes listed in the name of Aggie Teachey Heirs, Whiteville Township, be cancelled due to double listing.

That the 1972 taxes listed in the name of Gordon Fowler, South Williams Township, be cancelled due to double listing.

That the 1973 real estate valuation listed in the name of Raplh Bruce Smith, Whiteville Township be reduced in the amount of \$1720 due to house burning.

That the 1973 personal property listed in the name of Garland Dan & Lois J. McCullen, Whiteville Township, be reduced in the amount of \$5760 due to an error in calculation.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until September 4, 1973, at 10:00 a.m., Monday being a legal holiday.

APPROVED:

Edmond W. Williams
Chairman

Emogene M. Suggs

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., August 30, 1973 in a special called meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: E. W. Williamson, Chairman; Donald P. Currie; Mayo Brown, W. B. Buffkin and T. E. Burns.

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the following business was transacted.

Ordered: that the resignation of John A. Byrd as County Dog Warden be accepted effective August 31, 1973.

Ordered: that Junior Babson be appointed to serve as Dog Warden upon the acceptance of the position.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 4, 1973, Monday being a legal holiday.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

E. W. Williamson
Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 4, 1973, Monday being a legal holiday.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: E. W. Williamson, Chairman; Donald P. Currie; Mayo Brown; W. B. Buffkin; and T. E. Burns.

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given by The Reverend James A. Mobbs, Pastor, Catholic Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The following business was transacted:

Ordered: that the Health Department be designated as the Grantee to receive funds for the Family Planning Program.

Ordered: that the same members originally appointed to serve on the Task Force Committee continue as members for Columbus County.

Ordered: that Col. Walters be allowed to take the necessary documents to the FAA in Atlanta for an audit to get reimbursed fro funds spent by the County to complete payment on the Airport contracts.

Ordered: that Asa Reeves be reappointed to serve on the Jury Commission for Columbus County as the member appointed by the Commissioners.

Ordered: that the following tax releases be passed upon the recommendation of the Tax Supervisor: