

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in adjourned regular session at the Columbus County Administrative Building in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 10 o'clock A.M., on August 30, 1976.

Present: Chairman Donald P. Currie, presiding, and Commissioners C. Waldo Marlowe, Edward W. Williamson and Mayo Brown.

Absent: Commissioner Buffkin

Also present: Emogene W. Suggs, County Accountant and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Edward W. Williamson introduced the following order authorizing bonds which was read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,500,000 WATER BONDS

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus:

1. That, pursuant to the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized 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 Water Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,500,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for the construction of a water system for said County, including supply, storage, treatment, distribution and appurtenant facilities, the acquisition of an existing water line for incorporation into such system and the acquisition of any necessary land, rights-of-way and equipment.
2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.
3. That a sworn statement of the debt of the County had been filed with the County Accountant and ex officio Clerk of the Board and is open to public inspection.
4. That this order shall take effect when approved by the voters of the County at a referendum as provided in said act.

Said Board of Commissioners thereupon designated the County Accountant and ex officio Clerk as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with herself as clerk the sworn statement of debt of the County which is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed after the bond order has been introduced and before the public hearing thereon.

Thereupon the County Accountant and ex officio Clerk filed with her self as clerk, in presence of the Board of Commissioners, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

Thereuopn the order entitled:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,500,000 WATER BONDS was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the Board of Commissioners fixed 8:00 P.M., September 17, 1976, as the hour and day for the public hearing upon the fore-

going order, and directed the County Accountant and ex officio Clerk to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in THE NEWS REPORTER not later than the sixth day before said date.

The following tax releases were made upon the recommendation of the Tax Supvr. due to the fact that the Senior Citizens Exemption was not signed at the time of listing taxes:

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of J. C. & Ludie Godwin, Willimas Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. W. L. Carter, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Eva MARtha Norris, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of James H. Coleman, Waccamaw Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 976 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Addie B. Smith, Chadbourn Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of A. M. Godwin, Sr., Williams Township be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of V. D. Cartrette, Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$3,690.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of D. A. Walker, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Dennis Sellers, Whiteville Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Mario and Elizabeth Cichero, Bogue Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Mrs. Bessie W. Stanley, South Williams Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of Sam Brown, Fair Bluff Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the 1976 taxes listed in the name of MARY Thompson Meares, Cerro Gordo Township, be released on the valuation of \$5,000.

Ordered: that the resignation of Larue Williamson, HUD Secretary, be accepted with regret, and Brenda Stocks be employed to fill the vacant position.

Ordered: that the following agencies be allowed to hire the designated number of persons under Title II Program:

Employment Security	1 Office Clerk	FHA	1 Office Clerk
Town of Tabor City	2 Radio Operators		

Ordered: that the salaries of the two Tax Clerks transferred from Title VI to regular County employment be set at \$470.00 per month.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners scheduled to be held at 10:00 a.m., on September 6, 1976, was rescheduled to be held at 10:00 a.m. o'clock on September 7, 1976.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Seeger
Clerk

Donald P. Cunniff
Chairman