

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 8 o'clock P.M., on September 17, 1976.

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

ABSENT: W. B. Buffkin

Also present was Sankey W. Robinson, Attorney and Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The Chairman announced that this was the hour and the date fixed by the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing upon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,500,000 WATER BONDS" and that the Board would 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 of the Board of Commissioners announced that no written statement relating to said questions had been received, except George Frink, III, residing at Route One, Hallsboro, N. C., who appeared in person and stated he was in agreement with the bond issue.

The foregoing statement was duly considered by the Board .

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioners Edward W. Williamson, seconded by Commissioner C. Waldo Marlowe and carried, the order introduced and passed on the first reading on August 30, was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

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

NOES: None.

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled:

"ORDER AUTHORIZING \$4,500,000 WATER BONDS" had been adopted.

The County Accountant and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in THE NEWS REPORTER.

Thereupon Commissioner Edward W. Williamson 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 Tuesday, November 2, 1976, 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 elections in Columbus 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 officers of elections appointed by the County Board of Elections of Columbus County for the several precincts and voting places in said County 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, subject to change as provided by law. The County Board of Elections of Columbus County is hereby requested to conduct said referendum and to take all necessary steps to that end in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Section 3. The County Accountant and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners shall cause a notice to be published in THE NEWS REPORTER once at least fourteen days before October 4, 1976 (being the last day on which persons may register for said referendum) and once again not less than seven days before said day, such notice to read substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM
in the
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

A special bond referendum will be held throughout Columbus County between 6:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., on Tuesday, November 2, 1976, at which there will be submitted to the qualified voters of said County the following question:

Shall the order adopted on September 17, 1976, authorizing not exceeding \$4,500,000 Water Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said 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 referendum 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 acceptance of registration applications and the registration of qualified persons between 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 of Columbus County located in the Board of Elections Building on U. S. Highway 74-76 in Whiteville, North Carolina. In addition, registration applications will be accepted by and qualified persons may register with the registrars or judges of elections designated by the County Board of Elections for the respective precincts in the County at their residence by appointment.

Those residents of the County who are presently registered under Columbus County's permanent registration system and who have not changed residence from one precinct to another since their registration will be permitted to vote in the special bond referendum.

The last day for new registration of those not now registered under Columbus County's permanent registration system is Monday, October 4, 1976.

The last day on which registered voters who have moved residence from one precinct

to another may transfer registration is Monday, October 4, 1976.

Any qualified voter of the County who is qualified to vote by absentee ballott is said special bond referendum may apply to the County Board of Elections for an absentee ballott.

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

The registration books for elections in Columbus County will be open to inspection by any registered voter of the County during the normal business hours of the County Board of Elections on the days when the office of said Board is open, and such days are challenge days.

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

The County Board of Elections will conduct said referendum.

The precincts and the voting places for said referendum, subject to change as provided by law, are as follows:

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>VOTING PLACE</u>
Bogue	Hallsboro School
Bolton	City Hall
Bug Hill I	Community Hut (Paul Gore)
Bug Hill 2	Guideway School
Bug Hill 3	Nakina High School
Cerro Gordo	Fire Station
Chadbourn	Civic Center
Cherry Grove	Cherry Grove Community Center
Fair Bluff	Fire Department
East Lees	Highway 130, Simmons' Store (next to Marlowe's Store)
North Lees	Highway 130, Old Hill's Store
South Lees	Carrie M. Jones' Station
West Lees	Intersection of State Road 905-1006 (cinder block building-Edith Evans owner)
Ransom	Acme-Delco School
Tatum	Evergreen School Gum
Waccamaw	Town Hall
Welches Creek	Welches Creek Community Center
Western Prong	Western Prong Community Center
Whiteville I	Courthouse
Whiteville II	Town Hall
North Whiteville	North Whiteville Community Center
South Whiteville	Besid Hill's #2 Store
West Whiteville	Armory Building
Williams 1	Roseland Community Center

PRECINCT

Williams 2

South Williams

VOTING PLACE

Mollie Community Center

Courthouse

RETHA C STEVENS

Chairman of County Board of Elections

EMOGENE W. SUGGS

County Accountant and ex officio
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

Section 4. The form of the question to appear in the ballot frame of the voting machines to be used at said referendum shall be substantially as follows:

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WATER BONDS	YES	NO	Shall the order adopted on September 17, 1976 authorizing not exceeding \$4,500,000 Water Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, 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, 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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The form of the paper ballott to be used at said referendum shall be substantially as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

November 2, 1976

Instructions

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

YES	Shall the order adopted on September 17, 1976, authorizing not xceeding \$4,500,000 Water Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
NO	

RETHA C. STEVENS
Chairman of the County Board of Elections

EMOGENE W. SUGGS
County Accountant and ex officio
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

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, upon motion of Commissioner Edward W. Williamson seconded by Commissioner Mayo Brown, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM" was passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until September 20, 1976, at 10:00 a.m.
which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene M. Suggs
Clerk

Donald P. Currie
Chairman