

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in adjourned regular session in the Columbus County Administrative Building, in Whiteville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 9:00 A.M., on September 27, 1979.

Present: Chairman C. W. Marlowe, presiding, and Commissioners David L. McPherson and Junior W. Dew.

Absent: Edward W. Williamson and L. A. Hinson

The Chairman announced that this was the hour and the day fixed by the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing upon the orders entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS", "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$500,000 LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS" and "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,150,000 SCHOOL BONDS" and that the Board of Commissioners would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the question of the validity of said orders or the advisability of issuing said bonds.

No one appeared, either in person or by attorney, to be heard on the questions of the validity of said orders or the advisability of issuing said bonds and the Finance Officer and Clerk to the Board of Commissioners announced that no written statement relating to said questions had been received, except Robert Inman, Tabor City, North Carolina, who appeared in person and stated his concern over expansion to the education system in Columbus County, and except Amanda Bible, Chadbourn, North Carolina, who appeared in person and questioned some technical questions

All the foregoing statements were duly considered by the Board of Commissioners.

Thereupon Commissioner David L. McPherson introduced the following order which was read:

ORDER AMENDING AN ORDER
AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 COMMUNITY
COLLEGE BONDS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina introduced and passed on first reading on September 17, 1979 an order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS", which order and the preamble thereto refer to Chapter 115A of the General Statutes of North Carolina;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 462 of the 1979 Session Laws, said Chapter 115A has been repealed and a new chapter designated "Chapter 115D" relating to community colleges and technical institutes has been enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the first paragraph of the preamble to said order inadvertently refers to "Columbus College"; now, therefore,

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

1. That said order introduced and passed on first reading on September 17, 1979 and the preamble thereto be amended by changing to "Chapter 115D" all references therein to "Chapter 115A" and by changing to "Southeastern Community College" the reference therein to "Columbus College".

2. That this order shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon, the order entitled: "ORDER AMENDING AN ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS" was adopted by the approval of all of the members of the Board of Commissioners.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner David L. McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Junior W. Dew and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on September 17, 1979 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS", as amended, was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Commissioners McPherson, Dew, Marlowe

Noes: None

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,100,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS" had been adopted.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner David L. McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Junior W. Dew and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on September 17, 1979 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$500,000 LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS" was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Commissioners McPherson, Dew, Marlowe

Noes: None

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$500,000 LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS" had been adopted.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner David L. McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Junior W. Dew and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on September 17, 1979 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,150,000 SCHOOL BONDS" was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Commissioners McPherson, Dew, Marlowe

Noes: None

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$8,150,000 SCHOOL BONDS" had been adopted.

The Finance Officer and Clerk of the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed to publish each of the foregoing orders, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The News Reporter.

Thereupon Commissioner David L. McPherson 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, December 1, 1979, at which there shall be submitted

to the qualified voters of Columbus County the questions 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 Finance Officer and Clerk of the Board of Commissioners shall cause a notice to be published in The News Reporter once at least fourteen days before November 2, 1979 (being the last day on which persons may register for said referendum except as otherwise provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution) 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 Saturday, December 1, 1979, at which there will be submitted to the qualified voters of said County the following questions:

1.

Shall the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$1,100,000 Community College Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and improving the facilities for Southeastern Community College, including the construction of a library building to replace the existing library facility, the expansion and completion of the existing "G" Building and the acquisition of any necessary furnishings and equipment therefor, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

2.

Shall the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$500,000 Library Facilities Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and improving the library facilities for said County including the expansion, remodeling and renovation of an existing County library, the construction of a covered parking area for a County bookmobile, the betterment of the parking lot and a walk serving such library and the acquisition of any necessary furnishings and equipment therefor, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

3.

Shall the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$8,150,000 School Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds to be expended in accordance with said order, 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 any necessary land, furnishings and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County to maintain the nine months' school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, and authorizing the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

Each of the questions hereinabove set forth contains a statement of the purpose for which the bonds are authorized by the order referred to in such 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 from 9:00 A.M. until 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 N. C. Highway 130, in Whiteville, North Carolina.

Registration applications will be accepted and qualified persons may register also at the following public library facilities at the respective locations and times:

Whiteville Library
117 East Columbus Street
Whiteville, N. C.
Hours: Monday to Friday, inclusive,
10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Saturday
10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Tabor City Library
N. C. Highway 701 Business
Tabor City, N. C.
Hours: Monday to Friday, inclusive,
12:00 Noon to 7:30 P.M.

Fair Bluff Library
Railroad Street
Fair Bluff, N. C.
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
1:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Also, registration applications will be accepted by and qualified persons may register with the registrars and the judges of election for the several precincts in the County by appointment.

In addition, registration applications will be accepted by and qualified persons may register with special registration commissioners by appointment upon their designation by the County Board of Elections.

Furthermore, certain persons in the armed forces and their spouses, certain veterans, certain civilians working with the armed forces, and members of the Peace Corps may register by mail at any time prior to said referendum in the manner provided in Article 21 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and in person at any time, including the day of said referendum.

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 registration of those not now registered under Columbus County's permanent registration system is Friday, November 2, 1979.

The last day on which registered voters who have changed residence from one precinct to another may transfer registration is Friday, November 2, 1979.

Any qualified voter of the County who is qualified to vote by absentee ballot in said special bond referendum may apply to the County Board of Elections for an absentee ballot. Any qualified voter who is qualified to vote by military absentee ballot pursuant to Section 163-245 of the General Statutes of North Carolina may also apply for an absentee ballot as provided by Section 163-247 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Persons who are not certain whether they are registered to vote or qualified to vote by absentee ballot 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 prior to the close of the registration books, and such days are challenge days.

The registrars, judges and other officers of the elections designated by the County Board of Elections will serve as the elections 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:

PRECINCT	VOTING PLACE
Bogue	Hallsboro Fire Station Hallsboro, N. C.
Bolton	City Hall Bolton, N. C.
Bug Hill I	Community Hut Highway 904
Bug Hill II	Guideway School Route 3 Tabor City, N. C.
Bug Hill III	Nakina Fire & Rescue Nakina, N. C. Highway 905/1108
Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo Fire & Rescue Railroad Street Cerro Gordo, N. C.
Chadbourn	Chadbourn Civic Center Pine Street Chadbourn, N. C.
Cherry Grove	Cherry Grove Community Building Highway 904

PRECINCT	Cont'd	VOTING PLACE	Cont'd
Fair Bluff		Fair Bluff Fire & Rescue Dept. Railroad Avenue Fair Bluff, N. C.	
East Lees		Simmons Store Highway 130	
North Lees		Old Hills' Store Highway 130	
South Lees		Elizabeth Blackmons Home Road 1001	
West Lees		VFW Building Nakina, N. C.	
Ransom		Union Hall 738 North Side of NC 87 Riegelwood, N. C.	
Tatum		Lyons Club Building Evergreen, N. C.	
Waccamaw		Town Hall Lake Waccamaw, N. C.	
Welches Creek		Welches Creek Community Center Road 1700	
Western Prong		Western Prong Community Bldg. Road 1545	
Whiteville I		Courthouse Whiteville, N. C.	
Whiteville II		Town Hall Madison Street Whiteville, N. C.	
North Whiteville		North Whiteville Community Center Road 1005	
South Whiteville		South Whiteville Community Center 701 South	
West Whiteville		National Guard Armory Bldg. Highway 74	
Williams I		Roseland Community Center Intersection 1319/410	
Williams II		Mollie Community Center Intersection of 1117/1173	
South Williams		Courthouse Tabor City, N. C.	

E. L. Green

Chairman of the County Board of Elections
of Columbus County

Emogene W. Suggs
Finance Officer and Clerk of the Board
of Commissioners of Columbus County

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

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA
December 1, 1979

Instructions

1. To vote in favor of an order make a cross (X) mark in the square to the

right of the word "YES"

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

1.

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 YES

Shall the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$1,100,000 Community College Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and improving the facilities for Southeastern Community College, including the construction of a library building to replace the existing library facility, the expansion and the completion of the existing "G" Building and the acquisition of any necessary furnishings and equipment therefor, 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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 NO

2.

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 YES

Shall the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$500,000. Library Facilities Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds with any other funds, for enlarging and improving the library facilities for said County, including the expansion, remodeling and renovation of an existing County library, the construction of a covered parking area for a County bookmobile, the betterment of the parking lot and a walk serving such library and the acquisition of any necessary furnishings and equipment therefor, 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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 NO

3.

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 YES

Shall the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$8,150,000 School Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds to be expended in accordance with said order, 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 any necessary land, furnishings and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County to maintain the nine months' school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, 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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 NO

Waldo Malone
 Chairman of COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The form of the questions to appear in the ballot frames of the voting machines to be used at said referendum shall be substantially as follows:

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE BONDS	YES	NO	Shall the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$1,100,000 Community College Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and improving the facilities for Southeastern Community College, including the construction of a library building to replace the existing library facility, the expansion and completion of the existing "G" Building and the acquisition of any necessary furnishings and equipment therefor, 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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LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS	YES	NO	Shall the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$500,000 Library Facilities Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and improving the library facilities for said County, including the expansion, remodeling of an existing County library, the construction of a covered parking area for a County bookmobile, the betterment of the parking lot and a walk serving such library and the acquisition of any necessary furnishings and equipment therefor, 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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SCHOOL BONDS	YES	NO	Shall the order adopted on September 27, 1979, authorizing not exceeding \$8,150,000 School Bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds to be expended in accordance with said order, 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, remodeling, enlarging and reconstructing existing school buildings and other school plan facilities, and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County to maintain the nine months' school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, 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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Section 5. The Finance Officer and Clerk to 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 David L. McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Junior W. Dew, the foregoing resolution entitled: 'RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM' was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners McPherson, Dew and Marlowe
 NOES None

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew, seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed to appoint Commissioners Hinson and Williamson to screen the applicants for the positions advertised in the local paper which were approved in the meeting of September 17th.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until October 1, 1979 at 10:00 a.m., which is regular meeting time.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Leggs
Clerk

Waldo Marlowe
Chairman