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Approved:

A. W. Baldwin  
Clerk

C. A. Small  
Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office February 9th, 1939, according to adjournment. Members of the Board present:

C. A. Small, Chairman

H. G. Avant

R. C. Benton

W. L. Hobbs

W. M. Stephens

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

The following business was transacted.

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in adjourned regular session in the County Court House in Whiteville, North Carolina, at 11 o'clock, A. M., February 9th, 1939.

Present: C. A. Small, Chairman and H. G. Avant, R. C. Benton, W. L. Hobbs and W. M. Stephens, Commissioners.

Absent: None

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After calling the meetings to order and after the Clerk had called the roll, the Members of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus who were present sat at the table at which the County Board of Elections was holding its meeting, and thereupon said County Board of Elections and said Board of Commissioners, as two separate bodies, separately received from the Registrars and Judges of Election in the various precincts of the County of Columbus the returns of the special bond election held February 7th, 1939.

After said returns had been canvassed by said Board of Commissioners, being simultaneously with the canvassing thereof by the County Board of Elections in the same place, Commissioner W. L. Hobbs introduced the following Resolution, which was read:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CANVASSING  
OF THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION  
HELD FEBRUARY 7, 1939, AND DECLARING THE  
RESULT THEREOF.

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

Section 1. That the returns of the special bond election held February 7, 1939, having been received from the proper election officers, and the Board having canvassed the same, the following facts are hereby found and determined:

(a) That the Registrars and Judges for the special bond election held in the County of Columbus on February 7, 1939 were duly qualified by law and had taken the necessary oath.

(b) That the election officers had incorporated in their said returns not only the number of votes cast for and against the question submitted, but also the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in the election.

(c) That this Board has examined the special registration books made for said election.

(d) That at said election there was submitted to the qualified voters of said County the following question:

Shall an order finally passed December 22, 1938 authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$55,000.00 bonds of Columbus County for the purpose of erecting and equipping a County Hospital, including the payment of debt theretofore incurred for such purpose, and a tax for said bonds be approved?

(e) That the following schedule correctly shows the designations of the several preceints in which such election was held, the number of voters registered at the special registration provided for said election and who were accordingly qualified to vote in each precinct in the election, the number of votes cast in each precinct in favor of the question submitted, and the number so cast against said question and the number of spoiled ballots and the totals of such numbers:

Precinct	Voters registered and qualified to vote	Votes for question submitted	Votes against question submitted	Spoiled ballots
Bogue	452	373	32	_____
Bolton	164	128	14	_____
Bug Hill #1	217	156	40	_____
Bug Hill #2	236	51	131	_____
Cerro Gordo	341	180	122	_____
Chadbourn	664	88	408	_____
Cherry Grove	164	15	104	_____
Fair Bluff	491	300	48	_____
North Lees	163	125	6	_____
East Lees	238	234	1	_____
West Lees	167	136	26	_____
South Lees	121	95	5	_____
Ransom	370	304	29	_____
Tatums	699	68	325	_____
Waccamaw	170	159	5	_____
Western Prong	118	46	42	_____
Welches Creek	164	128	21	_____
Whiteville #1	807	771	9	_____
Whiteville #2	764	713	23	_____

Williams #1	503	179	270	_____
Williams #2	256	85	140	_____
South Williams	970	40	565	_____
Totals	8519	4525	2449	. . . . .

(f) That no complaints have been made to this Board against the regularity of such election and that this Board believes that said election was conducted in full accordance with law and with the orders of this Board.

Section 2. That from canvass so made by this Board it is determined and declared that 8519 voters were registered in said special registration and were qualified to vote, and that at said election 4525 thereof voted for the order authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$55,000 bonds of Columbus County for the purpose of erecting and equipping a County Hospital, including the payment of debt theretofore incurred for such purpose, and a tax for said bonds, and 2449 thereof voted against said order, and that a majority of all the qualified voters of the County of Columbus voted in favor of the approval of said order, and that said order was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

Upon motion of Commissioner W. L. Hobbs, seconded by Commissioner H. G. Avant, the foregoing resolution entitled "Resolution concerning the canvassing of the returns of the Special Bond Election held February 7, 1939, and declaring the result thereof was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: H. G. Avant, R. C. Benton, W. L. Hobbs, W. M. Stephens and C. A. Small.  
 Noes: None

Thereupon Commissioner W. L. Hobbs introduced the following resolution, which was read:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION  
 OF THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND  
 ELECTION HELD FEBRUARY 7, 1939.

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

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners has prepared and does adopt the following statement of the result of the special bond election held in the County of Columbus on February 7, 1939 as required by Section 29 of the County Finance Act:

RESULT OF SPECIAL BOND  
 ELECTION OF THE  
 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, N.C.  
 HELD FEBRUARY 7, 1939.

At a special bond election held throughout Columbus County on February 7, 1939, 8519 voters were registered and qualified to vote; 4525 votes were cast for the order authorizing not exceeding \$55,000 bonds of Columbus County for the purpose of erecting and equipping a County Hospital, including the payment of debt theretofore incurred for such purpose, and a tax for said bonds, and 2449 votes were cast against said order, and said order was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

By order of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus.

C. A. Small  
 Chairman  
H. G. Avant  
W. M. Stephens  
W. L. Hobbs  
R. C. Benton  
 Commissioners

Section 2. That when the foregoing statement shall have been signed by a majority of the members of this Board and delivered to the Clerk, the latter shall ~~thereby~~ record it in the Minutes of the Board, which recording may be made by recording in ~~the~~ the usual way the minutes of this meeting and with the names of those members of this Board who signed the statement, and such statement shall be filed in the office of said Clerk and published by him once in the News Reporter, a newspaper published in Columbus County.

Upon motion of Commissioner W. L. Hobbs, seconded by Commissioner H. G. Avant, the foregoing resolution entitled "Resolution concerning the publication of the result of the special bond election held February 7, 1939" was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: H. G. Avant, R. C. Benton, W. L. Hobbs, W. M. Stephens and C. A. Small.  
Noes: None

I, A. W. Baldwin, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been carefully copied from the actually recorded minutes of said Board of Commissioners at a meeting held February 9, 1939, the record having been made in Minute Book No. 11, beginning at page 105 and ending at page 108, and is <sup>a</sup> true copy of so much of the said proceedings as relate in any way to the issuance of bonds of Columbus County.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County this 9th day of February, 1939.

A. W. Baldwin  
Clerk to Board of Commissioners.

On motion of H. G. Avant, seconded by W. L. Hobbs, it is ordered that the following resolution be recorded:

CERTIFIED COPY OF  
RESOLUTION FIXING MINIMUM  
WAGE RATES ON PROJECT  
DOCKET NC 1452-F  
COLUMBUS COUNTY HOSPITAL  
WHITEVILLE, N. C.

RESOLUTION FIXING MINIMUM WAGE RATE

WHEREAS, the Contractor, U. A. Underwood Company, General Contractor on Docket No. 1452-F Hospital Columbus County North Carolina, has asked that a minimum wage be set up for rough carpenter.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus that the following rate for the trade of rough carpenter shall be and ~~is~~ is hereby fixed as the minimum hour wage rate to be paid the classification of rough carpenter.

ROUGH CARPENTER, 2/3 of the hourly rate paid finish carpenter or a rate of 60¢ per hr.

I certify that the foregoing resolution is on file and of record in my office as Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Columbus.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of Columbus County, this the 9th day of February, 1939.

(SEAL)

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk to Board

The following Commissioners voting AYE: H. G. Avant, W. L. Hobbs, W. M. Stephens, C. A. Small.

The following Commissioners voting NO: R. C. Benton

On motion of H. G. Avant, seconded by W. L. Hobbs, it is ordered that the following resolution be recorded:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, North Carolina:

1. That pursuant to Section 39 of the County Finance Act notes of the County of Columbus shall be issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of bonds duly authorized by an Order finally passed on the 22nd day of December 1938 and approved by a majority of the qualified voters at a special election held on the 7th day of February, 1939.
2. That said notes shall be in the principal sum of \$55,000.00, dated Debruary 15, 1939 shall mature April 15, 1939, and shall bear interest from date at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable at maturity.
3. That the Chairman and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to execute said notes, and said Clerk is hereby directed to turn said notes over to the Local Government Commission for delivery to the purchasers.
- 4.- That the Local Government Commission is hereby requested to advertise and sell said notes in accordance with the Local Government Act.

North Carolina  
Columbus County

I, A. W. Baldwin, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners in meeting February 9th, 1939.

(SEAL)

A. W. Baldwin  
Clerk to Board

The following Commissioners voting AYE: H. G. Avant, W. L. Hobbs, W. M. Stephens, C. A. Small.

The following Commissioners voting NO: R. C. Benton

On motion of W. M. Stephens, seconded by W. L. Hobbs, it is ordered that deed from W. E. Miller and wife to Columbus County be accepted for a hospital site known as the J. D. Maultsby home place containing 4 1/10 acres. The purchase price of \$8,500.00 is to be paid to the said W. E. Miller and wife when funds are available from a bond issue and a P.W.A. grant, and when it is approved by J. K. Powell, County Attorney, as to the title to said property.

On motion of H. G. Avant, seconded by W. L. Hobbs, it is ordered that C. A. Small, Chairman, execute with U. A. Underwood, his contract to erect or construct the Columbus County Hospital as per his contract which was approved by Leslie N. Boney, Architect, and by P. W. A. Officials.

Ordered: that the Chairman sign letter to U. A. Underwood Company as follows:

"U. A. Underwood Co.,  
Wilmington, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Under your contract for \$64,426.00 which was accepted on November 29th, 1938 and formally executed on February 9th, 1939, for all work included in the General Contract after deducting alternates 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, you are hereby directed and authorized to proceed with regular construction on this project immediately.

Yours very truly,

C. A. Small, Chairman,  
Board of Commissioners"

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, adjournment was voted in order until February 17th, 1939.

Approved:

A. W. Baldwin  
Clerk

C. A. Small  
Chairman

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office February 17th, 1939, according to adjournment. Members of the Board present:

C. A. Small, Chairman

R. C. Benton

W. L. Hobbs

W. M. Stephens

A. W. Baldwin, Clerk

Absent: H. G. Avant

The following business was transacted:

On motion of W. L. Hobbs, seconded by W. M. Stephens, it is ordered that the strip of land be purchased from H. G. Walters for \$225.00 as outlined by Commissioners W. L. Hobbs, W. M. Stephens and C. A. Small. The Attorney is to see about deed and title.

On motion of W. L. Hobbs, seconded by W. M. Stephens, it is ordered that Thomas Stanley be awarded contract for Heating for hospital, subject to State License to be adjusted by Architect and P.W.A.

Ordered: that A. W. Baldwin, Clerk, file application with Local Government Commission to borrow \$30,000.00 for General County purposes, said note to be