

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in regular session at the Courthouse in Whiteville on November 2, 1953, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Present: Chairman L. F. Ward and Commissioners Lacy R. Thompson, Charles R. Council, W. B. Buffkin, L. P. Stephens.

Absent: None.

Also present: Alice S. Burns, County Accountant.

Commissioner Lacy R. Thompson introduced the following order authorizing County bonds which was read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$65,000
SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

WHEREAS, on October 9, 1953, The Board of Education of the County of Columbus passed a resolution finding that it is necessary, in order to maintain the six months' school term in Columbus County as required by the Constitution, to provide funds for erecting an additional school building at the Chadbourn School to be used as a physical education building, and acquiring necessary land and equipment, and that the estimated cost thereof is \$65,000; and

WHEREAS, said resolution requests the Board of Commissioners for said County to take all necessary steps, by the issuance of bonds or otherwise, to provide funds for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has carefully examined the facts and has determined, and does hereby find as a fact that the statements in said resolution are true and that it has become the duty of said Board of Commissioners, acting as an administrative agent of the State in providing a State system of public schools, to provide funds for such purpose in order to maintain the six months' school term as required by the Constitution; now, therefore,

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

1. That, pursuant to The County Finance Act, as amended, bonds of the County of Columbus, North Carolina, shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$65,000 for the purpose of providing funds for erecting and additional school building at the Chadbourn School to be used as a physical education building, and acquiring necessary land and equipment, in order to maintain the six months school term in Columbus County as required by the Constitution.

2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds when due shall be annually levied and collected.

3. That a statement of the debt of the County has been filed with the clerk and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect thirty days after the first publication

thereof after final passage, unless in the meantime a petition for its submission to the voters is filed under said Act, and that in such event it shall take effect when approved by the voters of the County at an election as provided in said Act.

The Board thereupon designated the County Accountant as the officer to make and file with the Clerk the statement of debt and assessed valuation of the County as required by The County Finance Act, as amended, to be filed before the final passage of the bond order which was introduced at this meeting.

Thereupon the County Accountant filed with the Clerk in the presence of the Board the statement of debt and assessed valuation as so required.

Thereupon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$65,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made and unanimously carried the Board fixed 10 o'clock, A.M., Nov. 16, 1953, as the hour and day for the public hearing upon the foregoing order, and directed the Clerk to publish the said order, together with the appended note as required by The County Finance Act, as amended, in The News-Reporter not later than the tenth day before said date.

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Ordered: that the tax collector be given a release in the amount of \$15.01 listed in the name of A. Byron Powell, Whiteville Township, as this is an error in valuation of car.

Ordered: that a cash refund of \$2.00 be sent to William R. Ray Lees Township, as this is poll tax charged through an error as he was in sergice.

Ordered: that a cash refund of \$2.00 be sent to Earl Faulk, Bogue Township, as he was charged with poll tax in two townships.

Ordered: that Ralph Gore, Bug Hill Township, be given a refund in the amount of \$14.44 as this was an error in valuation of a 1942 Farmall H. Tractor.

Ordered: that a cash refund of \$2.00 be sent to O. L. Duncan, Bug Hill Township, as poll tax was charged through an error to his son, who is a minor.

Ordered: that the taxes listed in the name of Samuel Harriston Heirs, Lees Township, be cancelled for the years 1936 through 1953 as these taxes have been listed through an error.

Ordered: that a cash refund of \$1.05 be sent to Bonnie L. Frink, Whiteville Township, as this is tax on a lot listed through an error, for 1953.

Ordered: that the taxes of Haywood Taylor Estate in Whiteville Township be permitted to be paid by Barbara Taylor Rogers provided she pays all of said taxes except all penalties and court costs for the years 1937 and prior thereto which are hereby released and the tax collector is given a release for the said penalties and court costs.

Ordered: that courthouse be closed Nov. 11 for Armistice and Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving.

ROAD PETITIONS

1. Williams Township. Road runs from Beaverdam Road to Rosalin Road.
2. Road runs from Reaves's Curve, on the Nakina-Pireway Road just below the Nakina High School Building, and follow the old tram road bed to the Old Bug Hill Camp Ground, and there connect with the County Road at the home of Rowland Smith, a distance of approximately two miles.

At 2:00 P. M. the Chairman turned the meeting over to Mr. William Moore Weber, Architect, who opened the following bids for alterations to Columbus County Courthouse:

I. B. Smith Construction Co.	\$ 44,678.00
Burns Bros.	44,470.00

As this exceeded the budget appropriation, motion was made by Commissioner Council and seconded by Commissioner Buffkin to instruct the Architect to negotiate with the low bidder on accepting a portion of the work to be completed during this fiscal year with an understanding that contract for the balance will be let as soon as a new budget goes into effect.

Ordered: that the following bills be allowed and paid:

R. B. Mallard	To Oct. Salary - County Attorney (473)	221.62
Venie H. Rouse	" Asst. Tax Supervisor	196.42
W. A. Weir	" Tax Collector & Travel	348.87
Lolly G. Johnson	" Assisting Tax Collector	201.45
Myrtle Nance	" "	138.22
H. Hugh Nance	" Sheriff & Travel	412.93
Horace Long	" Assisting Sheriff & Travel	369.60
L. R. Wayne	" "	369.60
A. L. Duke	" "	363.60
Thurman C. Butler	" "	357.90
Horace Shaw	" Fingerprint Expert & Travel	366.30
Town of Whiteville	" Radio Operator	95.00
Alice S. Burns	" County Accountant & Travel	281.10
A. M. Auger	" Janitor	73.87
Leo L. Fisher	" Register of Deeds	300.12
Anna Belle Lane	" Assisting Register of Deeds	183.05
Gladys G. Wooten	" "	165.22
Etha Lee Green	" "	150.25
Sarah Fay White	" "	132.97
Carolyn Purchette	" "	120.60
Ellen Sherill	" Nurses Aid at Boarding Home	73.87
Alice S. Wright	" Welfare Supt. (495)	264.35

Nell Wilson	To Oct. Salary - Caseworkers Asst.	183.40
Minette Graham	"	175.95
Pearl H. Fowler	"	156.60
Tommy Hardwick	"	206.95
Maebelle Weaver	"	180.55
Margaret Lee MacDaniel	"	156.25
Leota H. Hodges	"	151.35
Archie F. Martin	"	137.00
J. M. Spaulding	"	138.00
Mary Wade Robinson	"	90.70
Dorothy L. Miller	"	94.90
Olivia George	"	50.00
C. D. Raper	"	181.80
Elaine N. Blake	"	119.30
Doris Crayton	"	120.00
Dorothy D. Spivey	"	78.80
Mrs. Allyn Smith	"	39.32
Columbus County Library Fund	To Oct. Appropriation	250.00
Thurston Formy Duval, Jr.	To Oct. Salary - Service Officer	245.65
Jewel W. Dunivant	To Oct. Salary - Asst. C. S. C.	198.70
Elneta Collins	"	141.80
Mary Lou White	"	132.97
Lee J. Greer	"	345.29
Sankey W. Robinson	"	178.32
N. B. Icard	"	240.25
Rosier Williams	"	159.77
Mrs. Olivia Clemmons	To refund as per order of Board 10-5-53	2.00
C. Y. Powell	"	14.63
C. F. Gore	"	1.00
Mrs. R. W. McLaughlin	"	34.52
Lewis Leggett	"	8.93
Sims C. Mitchell	"	2.00
Joe Gore	"	6.75
Carlton Nance	"	9.12
Melvin Pope	"	2.00
W. J. Freeman	"	12.48
Institute of Government	To membership dues for 1953-54	126.55
Lois F. Lewis	To work on tax books	124.65
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co.		204.41
Horace Long	To capturing stills	25.00
Link Radio Corp.	To account for Sheriff's Dept.	42.98
Columbus Drug Store	To account for Sheriff's Dept.	4.09
Keystone Envelope Co.	To account for County Accountant	34.04
J. D. Harrison	To account for "	5.65
Puritan Chemical Co.	To account for Courthouse	392.18
Vineland Ice Co.	To account for Courthouse - Sept.	12.30
Allen Sanitary Supplies	To account for Courthouse	99.80
Carolina Power & Light Co.	To account	185.26
Town of Whiteville	To account	35.25
Keys Printing Corp.	To account for Register of Deeds	9.24
Leo L. Fisher	To reimbursment for envelopes 7	6.64
State of N. C. Dept. of Conservation & Development	(548)	360.70
Puritan Chemical Co.	To account for jail	50.31
John W. Barnes	To fire extinguishers and installation	66.00
State Commission for the Blind	To appropriation	69.12
Veterans Information Service	To account for Ser. Officer	6.00
Western Auto Associate Store	To account	2.80
Thurston Formy Duval, Jr.	To reimbursment	15.30
Worth Reporting Co.	To services as Court Reporter	125.00
Rosier Williams	To reimbursment	2.50
L. R. Watson	To conveying prisoners	6.50
Herbert G. Phifer	To 1 day Judge of Elections	7.00
Paul Hooks	"	7.00
Mildred H. Moore	"	7.00
Noel Dunivant	To services for Board of Elections	25.00
Worth D. Williamson	To Coroner's Investigations	157.70
Hilda Cartrette	To typist for inquests	20.00
J. N. Garrell	To Coroner's Jury (564)	5.00
Donald Prince	"	5.00
Bill Wilson	"	5.00
Harry Bell	"	5.00
J. E. Young	"	5.00
Paul Harper	"	5.00
Dewey Strickland	"	5.00
H. C. Covington	"	5.00
Bartley Stewart	"	5.00
Lawrence Coleman	"	5.00
H. C. Brown	"	5.00
E. B. Thompson	"	5.00
Dr. W. E. Miller	To professtional services	10.00
L. R. Watson	"	10.00

News Reporter Co.	To Sept. account for Board of Elections	52.20
Town of Whiteville	To water account for Oct.	15.25
Mrs. Mamie B. Galemberti	To assisting Register of Deeds	149.37
Kee Lox Mfg. Co.	To account for Register of Deeds	14.00
Edwards & Broughton	"	14.49
Mitchell Printing Co.	To account	85.68
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	To account for jail	62.35
Maryland Coal and Coke Co.	To account for county home building	296.73
Best Transfer	To hauling coal for county home building	94.41
H. G. Reeves, Agent	To freight for county home building	261.66
Minette Graham	To mileage for Oct.	45.41
Tommy Hardwick	"	106.71
Monroe Calculating Machine Co., Inc.	To account for county agent	1.00
Oscar High and Sons	To account for Clerk of Court	3.50
First National Bank of Whiteville	To Oct. Withholding Tax	829.30
Charles R. Council	To Welfare Board Meeting and Mileage	6.20
Ann N. Talbott	"	5.20
Lottie Howard	To Oct. Maid Service	29.55
A. E. Powell, Postmaster	To November postage	40.00
Mrs. Agnes T. Duncan	To Boarding Home Care for children	25.20
Mrs. J. W. Roberts	"	35.00
Mrs. Lula Long	"	75.60
Mrs. A. B. Dawsey	" (601)	70.00
Alice S. Wright	To Oct. Mileage	101.45
Nell Wilson	"	52.91
Pearl H. Fowler	"	11.96
J. L. Stephens & Sons	To funeral expense for J. W. Todd	40.00
New Hanover County	Boarding care for Barbara Ann Williamson	40.00
L. P. Ward	To Board Meetings and Mileage	23.00
L. P. Stephens	"	23.00
Charles R. Council	"	22.20
W. B. Buffkin	"	21.60
Lacy R. Thompson	"	10.70
Radio Service Co.	To Oct. Maintenance	65.00
N. B. Icard	To Oct. Mileage	113.33
Donald R. Hunt	To Oct. Support of Jail	730.80
Mrs. Annie Lou Cowan	To Boarding care for inmates	34.00
Marigene P. Lytton	To Oct. Salary - Case workers Asst.	111.47
Storr Sales Co.	To account for Negro Agent	5.21
J. W. Brown	For 1 week Recorder's Court Judge	61.56
W. E. Harrelson	To 3 weeks "	180.79
Helen Weir	To assisting Tax Collector	159.57
Wade Dowless	To Oct. Salary - Assisting Sheriff & Travel	375.00
Hospital Saving Association	To Hospital insurance	88.65
Bonnie L. Frink	To refund as per order of Board 11-2-53	1.05
The News Reporter Co.	To account (624)	572.08
Waccamaw Electric Co.	To account	60.00
Commercial Printing Co.	To account for Register of Deeds	63.10
J. A. Gordon	To account for County Home Dem. Dept.	99.50
Schulken's	"	215.97
Edwards & Broughton	To account for Clerk of Court	1.80
Columbus County News	To "	45.40
Ellis Meares Hardware Co.	To account for Dog Warden	1.80
Schulken's	To "	8.34
J. C. Lennon	To account for Jail	3.90
O. L. Duncan	To refund as per order of Board 11-2-53	2.00
Ralph Gore	"	14.44
Earl Faulk	"	2.00
William R. Ray	"	2.00
Insolvents		278.68
Out Door Poor		13.00

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until Nov. 4, 1953, at 2:00 at which time Mr. C. A. Hasty, Highway Commissioner, will meet with the Board.

Approved:

Glen J. Burns
Clerk

L. P. Ward
Chairman