

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, met in special session at the Courthouse in Whiteville, the regular place of meeting, at 11:00 o'clock, A. M., August 23, 1954.

Present: Chairman L. P. Ward and Commissioners Council, Stephens, Buffkin, and Thompson.

Absent: None

The Chairman announced that a special meeting had been called to be held at 11:00 O'clock, A.M., August 23, 1954, at the Courthouse in Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of taking any necessary action in connection with the authorization of School Building Bonds of said County, and acting upon such other business as may come before the Board, and that two days written notice in the following form had been given to each of the Board members and a copy thereof had been posted on the Courthouse bulletin board on August 17, 1954 and has remained so posted:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBUS COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, will be held at 11:00 o'clock, A. M., August 23, 1954, at the Courthouse in Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of taking any necessary action in connection with the authorization of School Building Bonds of said County, and acting upon such other business as may come before the Board.

L. P. Ward  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Dated this 17 day of August, 1954.

Commissioners W. B. Buffkin introduced the following order authorizing County bonds which was read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$20,000  
SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

WHEREAS, on August 18, 1954, 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 erect an additional school building at the Cerro Gordo School to be used as a physical education building, and acquire necessary equipment, and that the estimated cost thereof is \$ \_\_\_\_\_; 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 authorize the issuance of the bonds hereinafter mentioned in order to provide funds, with other available 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 \$20,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with other available funds, for erecting an additional school building at the Cerro Gordo School to be used as a physical education building, and acquiring necessary 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 file 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 \$20,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made and unanimously carried the Board fixed 10 o'clock, A.M., September 7, 1954, 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.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1954.

Approved:

Alice S. Burns  
Clerk

L. P. Ward  
Chairman