

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, convened at the County Courthouse in Whiteville, the regular place of meeting, at 10 o'clock, A.M., on September 7, 1954.

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

Absent: None.

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The Chairman announced that this was the date and hour fixed by the Board for the public hearing upon the order entitled:

"ORDER AUTHORIZING \$20,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS" and that the Board would immediately hear any and all citizens and taxpayers who might desire to protest against the issuance of any of said bonds.

No citizen or taxpayer of the County appeared, either in person or by attorney, to protest against the issuance of any of said bonds, and the Clerk announced that no protest in writing, signed by any citizen or taxpayer, had been presented.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Council, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on August 23, 1954, entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$20,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS", was read a second time and placed upon its final passage, The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Commissioners Stephens, Thompson, Buffkin, Council, & Chmn. Ward.

Noes: None.

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$20,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS", had passed.

The Clerk was thereupon directed to publish said order in The News Reporter, once in each of two successive weeks, and to publish at the foot of said order the appended note as required by The County Finance Act, as amended.

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Commissioner Buffkin introduced the following order authorizing County bonds which was read:

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$20,000 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER BONDS

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, the County of Columbus, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said County may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue County Public Health Center Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$20,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with other funds, for erecting and equipping a building to be used as a County Public Health Center upon land now owned by the County near the Town of Whiteville.

See 2 below:

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

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

4. That this order 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 \$20,000 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made and unanimously carried the Board fixed 10 o'clock, A.M. September 20, 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.

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Ordered: that Mr. Beam, applicant for free peddler's license, be required to pay regular fee.

Ordered: that A. M. Auger, J. P., be requested to vacate office as of Sept. 20, so that space may be used for public lounge.

Ordered: that circus to show in Whiteville on Sept. 17 and sponsored by Lions and Shriners Clubs be allowed county tax free.

Ordered: that Earl D. Edmund be appointed electrical inspector for Districts 2 and 3, subject to state requirements.

Ordered: that \$120 be paid A. E. Powell, Jr., for services rendered as Chairman Board of Elections.

Ordered: that P. K. Avant be allowed to pay 1937 and prior years taxes on James F. Pierce Estate at par.

Ordered: that Worth Reporting Co. be allowed \$125.00 per week for services as court reporter.

Ordered: that resignation of Sankey W. Robinson, Prosecuting Attorney, be accepted as of Oct. 1, 1954.

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in Section 14-413 of the General Statutes of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbus County do hereby issue a permit to the officials of the Town of Tabor City Athletic Commission to use and cause to be discharged pyrotechnics at their public celebration known as the Home Coming Game to be held on October 22, 1954, provided the use thereof is under the supervision of the Chief of Police of the Town of Tabor City.

Ordered: that Wilford Johnson be permitted to pay the 1937 tax at par that was listed in the name of J. W. Johnson in South Williams Township.

Ordered: that the valuation on real estate listed to Mrs. Katherine Whisnant for the year 1954 in Waccamaw Township be reduced by \$2,000.00 as this is there through error.

Ordered: that W. A. Weir, Tax Collector, be relieved of all uncollected tax receipts and landsale certificates as shown by combined audit and tax settlement os of June 30, 1954, prepared by S. Preston Douglas, Certified Public Accountant; and it is further ordered that W. A. Weir, Tax Collector, be charged with all uncollected tax receipts and landsale certificates of which he was relieved of above; and, it is further ordered that W. A. Weir be charged with the 1954 County-wide levy as per the records of Mrs. Venie H. Rouse, Asst. Tax Supervisor, and that the following order be delivered with said 1954 Levy:

NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY

TO THE TAX COLLECTOR OF COLUMBUS COUNTY

You are hereby authorized, empowered and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax books, filed in the office of tax collector, and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, and in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise there is set forth, and such taxes are hereby declared to be first lien on all real property of the respective taxpayers in Columbus County, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

L. P. WARD, Chm.
Clarendon, N. C.

Mrs. ALICE S. BURNS, Accountant
Whiteville, N. C.

RAYMOND B. MALLARD, Attorney
Tabor City, N. C.

Columbus County

Office Of

Board of County Commissioners

WHITEVILLE, N. C.

Sept. 7, 1954

COMMISSIONERS

L. P. Ward, Clarendon, N. C.

L. P. Stephens, Boardman, N. C.

Charles R. Council, Lake Waccamaw, N. C.

W. B. Buffkin, Rt. A, Whiteville, N. C.

Lacy R. Thompson, Chadbourn, N. C.

Mr. W. A. Weir, Tax Collector
Whiteville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Weir:

We are delivering to you herewith, and charging to your account for collection, the 1954 Levy, the following Townships having a face or par value of \$719,399.67 as per records of Mrs. Venie H. Rouse, Asst. Tax Supervisor:

<u>Townships</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Bogue	\$ 2,092,156	\$ 41,095.80
Bolton	915,573	18,186.43
Bug Hill	1,201,882	23,930.50
Cerro Gordo	1,461,624	28,832.49
Chadbourn	3,392,674	66,592.44
Fair Bluff	1,303,274	25,663.41
Lees	1,434,501	28,716.59
Ransom	2,441,282	48,096.56
Tatum	2,097,287	41,688.77
Waccamaw	1,334,526	26,193.17
Welches Creek	935,271	18,604.17
Western Prong	684,303	13,586.49
Williams	2,099,957	41,792.57
South Williams	3,205,204	62,799.00
Whiteville White	8,073,220	156,771.01
Whiteville Negro Corporation	674,219	14,001.90
	3,312,945	62,938.37
Total	\$ 36,659,898	\$ 719,399.67

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By Alice S. Burns
Clerk to Board

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above.

By W. A. Weir
W. A. Weir, Tax Collector

Ordered: that the Chairman and Clerk be authorized to sign Bond Interest & Redemption Fund Voucher in the amount of \$501.25 to pay the following debt service due Oct. 1, 1954:

\$ 15,000	10/1/42	Sch. Rfdg.	2½%	Interest	\$ 187.50
25,000	10/1/42	Rfd. Rd. & Br.	2½%	Interest	312.50
				Exchange	1.25
					<u>\$ 501.25</u>

Ordered: that the Sheriff summon the following good and lawful men and women to serve as jurors as the Sept-Oct Term of Court, 1954:

Oct. 4

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| John M. Council, Sr. | Wananish |
| John R. Brown | R-2, Chadbourn |
| Harry Brahch | Boardman |
| Rufus Scockley | Boardman |
| John Howard Robinson | Bolton |
| W. D. Batten | Whiteville |
| T. Edison Burns | Delco |
| J. L. Gore, Jr. | R-1, Nakina |
| Lawrence C. Ward | Tabor City |
| K. V. Cox | R-1, Tabor City |
| H. B. McDowell | R-3, Tabor City |
| M. K. Long | R-1, Nakina |
| Kermit Hinson | R-2, Chadbourn |
| Roy Larkins | Acme |
| Roy Ivey | R-1, Boardman |
| Jack Brown | Bladenboro |
| W. Gra dy Frink | R-3, Tabor City |
| H. C. Formy Duval | Nakina |
| Richard Aydell | R-2, Whiteville |
| Shelby Bullard | R-2, Chadbourn |
| Kenneth M. Squires | Bolton |
| Thomas W. Phillips | RFD, Delco |
| Albert Barney | Whiteville |
| J. Atkinson Nance | R-2, Chadbourn |
| Emory Odell Canady | R-4, Whiteville |
| G. L. Dorman | Tabor City |
| Jethro Pinkney | Whiteville |
| Dallas Clewis | R-4, Whiteville |
| Fletcher Austry | Clarkton |
| W. Herman Malpass | Delco |
| J. B. Council | Hallsboro |
| Harry M. Stephens | R-3, Tabor City |
| M. D. Beck | R-1, Whiteville |
| Floyd Batten | Whiteville |
| S. F. Butler | Whiteville |
| Maxie Harrelson | Cerro Gordo |

Oct. 11

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| James Henry Hayes | R-4, Whiteville |
| W. B. Hardin | Clarendon |
| J. D. Jenkins | Cerro Gordo |
| F. B. Foster | Whiteville |
| J. E. Israel | Whiteville |
| Ollen Stewart Watts | Tabor City |
| Faison Edge | Lake Waccamaw |
| Grover Guiton | Whiteville |
| J. M. McDowell | R-1, Cerro Gordo |
| Ernest W. Smith | R-1, Nakina |
| Guy Towne | B-224, Whiteville |
| J. L. Rhodes | Nakina |
| Leo Barnes | Cerro Gordo |
| Douglas T. Muir | E. Clay St., Whiteville |
| Oscar R. Baldwin | R-2, Whiteville |
| C. C. Stephe | Whiteville |
| Roy Chambers | R-1, Delco |
| D. J. Gore | Clarendon |
| S. B. Ward | Clarendon |
| Paul Mashburn | Chadbourn |
| Marvin Lewis | R-3, Tabor City |
| W. A. Duncan, Jr. | Whiteville |

G. C. Nunnery	Whiteville
Chester Graham	R-1, Whiteville
Belton Strickland	Cerro Gordo
D. G. Long	R-1, Nakina
Norman Lovette	R-2, Tabor City
Frank S. Love	Evergreen
Earl L. Fowler	R-1, Tabor City
Lonnie Bass	R-1, Bladenboro
William Phillips	Tabor City
R. R. Smith, Jr.	Chadbourn
Ben Neal Wyche	Hallsboro
Alfred Vance Williamson	Cerro Gordo
J. Carlyle Baldwin	R-2, Whiteville
W. H. King	Bolton

Nov. 1

Andrew B. Blackman	Chadbourn
S. B. Worrell	Whiteville
Tobie Hill	RFD, Whiteville
William Lloyd Hayes	Chadbourn
G. K. Andrews	R-3, Tabor City
James Warlick	Whiteville
Hardy W. Duncan	R-4, Whiteville
James Albert Williamson	R-1, Nakina
Horace Best	251 Walter St., Whiteville
T. M. Suggs	R-4, Whiteville
Harold Ward	Tabor City
John F. Puckett	R-3, Tabor City
Clifton McKeel	Whiteville
Almond Simmons	R-1, Nakina
Charlie N. Watts	Tabor City
Jack Gore	R-1, Clarendon
Gilford Strickland	Cerro Gordo
J. D. Peterson	Bolton
Eugene Baldwin	R-2, Whiteville
J. E. Hill	R-4, Whiteville
R. O. Perry	R-4, Whiteville
Dock Robert Williamson	Evergreen
T. S. Dowless	Hallsboro
W. B. Hayes	Cerro Gordo
W. L. Fipps	Tabor City
James Campbell	Whiteville
Glenn Carter	R-4, Whiteville
T. J. Batten	Whiteville
Joseph L. Hufham	Delco
John D. Stocks	R-3, Tabor City
Ernest Thompson, Sr.	Whiteville
C. B. Cartrette	Clarendon
Norlie D. Meares	Fair Bluff
Howard Osborne	Boardman
Clegg Williamson	Evergreen
P. D. Cox	Clarendon

Ordered: that the following general county bills be allowed and

paid:

R. B. Mallard	To Aug. Salary - County Attorney	220.50
Venie H. Rouse	" Asst. Tax Supervisor	197.60
W. A. Weir	" Tax Collector	326.10
Lolly G. Johnson	" Assisting Tax Collector	200.40
Helen Weir	1/2 " Assisting Tax Collector	131.80
H. Hugh Nance	"? " Sheriff & Travel	412.93
Horace Long	" Assisting Sheriff & Travel (133)	369.60
L. R. Wayne	" "	369.60
A. L. Duke	" "	364.20
Thurman C. Butler	" "	359.60
W. T. Stover	" "	364.20
Horace Shaw	" Fingerprint Expert	368.20
Town of Whiteville	" Radio Operator	95.00
Alice S. Burns	" County Accountant	294.90
Rosier Williams	" Janitor	160.20
A. M. Auger	" "	73.50
Leo L. Fisher	" Register of Deeds	296.78
Anna Belle Lane	" Assisting Register of Deeds	184.00
Gladys G. Woten	" "	155.80
Sarah Fay White	" "	140.60
Carolyn Burchette	" "	131.40
Ellen Sherill	" Nurses Aid at Boarding Home	73.50
Alice S. Wright	" Welfare Supt.	280.10
Minette Graham	" Caseworkers Asst.	194.00

Bearl H. Fowler	To Aug. Salary - Caseworkers Asst.	\$ 184.00
Marigene P. Lytton	" "	184.00
Maebelle Weaver	" Assisting Welfare Supt.	191.30
Margaret Lee MacDaniel	" " (156)	165.60
Leota H. Hodges	" "	175.30
Archie F. Martin	" Asst. Farm Agent	132.30
Mary Wade Robinson	" Assisting Farm Agent	81.60
Dorothy L. Miller	" "	83.90
Olivia George	" Assisting Negro Agent	50.00
J. M. Spaulding	" Negro Farm Agent	138.70
C. D. Raper	" County Agent	183.60
Elaine N. Blake	" Home Dem. Agent	120.90
Dorothy D. Spivey	" 1/2 Mo. assisting P. M. A.	39.20
Mrs. Allyn Smith	" Assisting P. M. A.	39.10
Columbus County Library Fund	To Aug. Appropriation	250.00
Thurston Formy Duval	" Service Officer & Travel	270.40
Jewel W. Dunivant	" Asst. C. S. C.	195.90
Elneta Collins	" Assisting C. S. C.	143.25
Mary Lou White	" "	132.20
Lee J. Greer	" Clerk of Court, etc.	346.58
W. E. Harrelson	" Judge of Recorders Court	229.60
Sankey W. Robinson	" Solicitor of Recorders Court	177.80
N. B. Icard	" Dog Warden	239.60
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co.	To account (177)	167.29
Miller-Bryant-Pierce	To account for Tax Collector	3.49
W. A. Weir	To reimbursment	3.00
Floyd-Barkley	To bond	10.00
Radio Service Co.	To Aug. 1 account	72.50
H. Hugh Nance	To reimbursment for Convention	37.50
Whiteville Merchants Association	To account for Board of Elections	2.25
Storr Sales Co.	To account for Co. Accountant	16.39
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	"	1740.00
News Reporter Co.	To account	161.05
Puritan Chemical Co.	To account for courthouse	107.30
Miller Motor Express Inc.	To account	2.06
Columbus Insulation Co.	To account for courthouse	200.00
Carolina Power & Light Co.	To account	199.90
Ralph T. Beason	To bond (192)	15.00
State of N. C. Dept. of Conservation & Development		290.76
Orkin Exterminating Co., Inc.	To account	13.00
Kramer's	To account for prisoner	2.23
A. O. Wilson	To account for jail (196)	30.48
John H. Shaw's Sons	To burial of indigents	80.00
Gray & Creech	To account for Co. Agent	4.02
Thurston Formy Duval	To reimbursment	9.40
Coastal Office Equipment	To account	7.00
Miller-Bryant-Pierce	To account for Clerk of Court	22.75
Minette Graham	To mileage	70.16
Pearl H. Fowler	To "	96.07
Mrs. Mamie Galemberti	To assisting Register of Deeds	115.27
Clara Thompson	To work on tax books	154.04
Leola Pickerall	"	144.04
Edna Buffkin	"	141.84
Beulah Singletary	"	144.04
Myrtle Nance	"	141.84
Lois F. Lewis	"	150.62
Eva Coleman	"	134.48
Etha Lee Green	To assisting Register of Deeds	41.65
Columbus County News	To account for Tax Supervisor	51.00
Miller-Bryant-Pierce	To account for "	7.32
L. K. Fuller	To account for tax collector	50.00
Storr Sales Co.	To account for accountant	8.50
Oscar High & Sons	To account	16.00
Town of Whiteville	To water account	18.75
Burns Bros., Contractors	To account for courthouse repairs	1129.50
Storr Sales Co.	To account for Register of Deeds	10.72
Owen G. Dunn Co.	" "	99.34
News Reporter Co.	" "	48.55
Mitchell Printing Co.	" " (223)	15.57
Burkhead-DeVane Printing Co.	" "	120.74
Edwards & Broughton Co.	" "	30.08
Commercial Printing Co.	" "	49.85
D. E. Baggett, Acting Postmaster	" "	80.16
Worth D. Williamson	To Coroner's investigations	172.45
James Walker Memorial Hospital	To " "	50.00
Collier Gas Co.	To account for jail	116.72
Leder Bros.	To account for jail	22.82
Donald R. Hunt	To Aug. support of jail	1075.70
Thomas Stanley	To account for jail (233)	14.00

James H. Anderson	To account for jail	\$ 274.81
J. L. Robinson	To Welfare Board Meeting and Mileage	6.00
Mrs. Ann N. Talbott	"	5.20
Charles R. Council	"	6.20
Lottie Howard	To Aug. Salary - Maid	29.40
News Reporter Co.	To account for Welfare Dept.	10.15
Storr Sales Co.	To account for Welfare Dept.	155.82
D. E. Baggett, Acting Postmaster	To postage for Welfare Dept.	40.00
Marigene P. Lytton	To mileage and depreciation	53.01
Smith Funeral Home	To funeral for indigent	40.00
Monroe Calculating Machine Co., Inc.	To account for Co. Agent	13.99
Storr Sales Co.	To account for Co. Agent (245)	95.65
C. D. Raper	To reimbursment	7.53
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co.	To account for Co. Agent	38.13
National School Supply Co., Inc.	To account for Co. Agent	73.65
H. Hugh Nance	To transporting prisoner	10.15
Mitchell Printing Co.	To account for Clerk of Court	27.83
Owen G. Dunn Co.	To account for Clerk of Court	39.50
N. E. Icard	To mileage	145.46
N. B. Icard	To reimbursment	9.38
Mrs. J. W. Roberts	To Boarding Home Care of Child	35.00
Mrs. Leon Ellis	"	42.00
Mrs. A. B. Dawsey	"	10.53
Lula Solomon	"	35.00
Alice S. Wright	To mileage	74.77
First National Bank of Wh.	To Aug. Withholding Tax	896.40
Wooten's Business Equipment Co.	To account	44.84
W. A. Weir	To mileage	49.56
A. M. Auger	To reimbursment	25.00
F. B. Foster	To repairs at county home bldg.	9.60
Rebecca Williams	To Aug. Salary - Asst. Home Dem. Agent	108.00
Elaine N. Blake	To reimbursment	13.09
Schulken's	To account for Home Dem. Kitchen	34.46
Belk-Hensdale Co.	To "	9.64
Whiteville Florist	To "	7.16
Montgomery-Green Co.	"	20.29
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	"	23.72
Mrs. Annie Lou Cowan	To Boarding Home care	53.39
L. P. Ward	To Board Meetings and Mileage	23.00
L. P. Stephens	"	23.00
Charles R. Council	"	22.20
W. B. Buffkin	" (275)	21.60
Lacy R. Thompson	"	21.40
A. E. Powell, Jr.	To 12 days Chairman Board of Elections	120.00
News Reporter Co.	To account	23.20
Radio Service Co.	To account for Sheriff's Dept.	72.50
Vineland Ice Co.	To account for courthouse	30.30
Orkin Exterminating Co.	To account	13.00
Fingerprint Equipment Laboratory	To account for Sheriff's Dept.	12.99
Washam & Warlick	To account for Dog Warden	13.30
Hospital Saving Association	To account for Hospital Insurance	138.25
D. E. Baggett, Acting Postmaster	To stamps for Tax Collector	100.00
Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co.	To account for "	9.95
Columbus County Petty Cash Fund	To reimbursment	81.93
D. H. Horton	To account for Courthouse	46.07
Todd Furniture Co.	To account for "	2373.00
Hinson Cabinet Works	To account for Register of Deeds	42.50
May & Halas, Inc.	To ironing Board for Home Dem. Kitchen	18.41
News Reporter Co.	To account for Clerk of Court	102.75
Out Door Poor		10.00
Insolvents		33.59

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until Monday, Sept. 13, 1954,
at 8:00 P. M.

Approved:

Alice S. Burns
Clerk

L. P. Ward
Chairman

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