

An adjourned 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 20, 1954.

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

Absent: None

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Commissioner Buffkin introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSU*
ANCE OF A \$20,000 SCHOOL BUILDING
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE.

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

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners has determined and does hereby find and declare:

(a) That an order authorizing \$20,000 School Building Bonds was finally passed on September 7, 1954.

(b) That none of said bonds has been issued, and that it is necessary to provide for a temporary loan of \$20,000 in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds.

Section 2. That in order to anticipate the receipts of the proceeds of said bonds, a temporary loan of \$20,000 is hereby authorized to be evidenced by a negotiable note of the County of Columbus designated "School Building Bond Anticipation Note", which note shall be dated October 15, 1954, shall mature on February 15, 1955, without option of prior payment, shall be numbered 1, and shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Local Government Commission at the time the note is sold, not exceeding 6% per annum, which interest shall be payable at the maturity of the note to which no interest coupons shall be attached. Said note shall be payable as to principal and interest at such bank or trust company as may be determined by the Chairman of the Board after the award of the note by the Local Government Commission, and shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, at the time of payment, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

Section 3. That said note shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and by the Clerk of said Board, under the corporate seal of the Board, and shall have endorsed thereon the written approval of the County Attorney, and the form of said note shall be substantially as follows:

No. 1 \$20,000

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS

School Building Bond Anticipation Note

The County of Columbus, North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to

the bearer on the 15th day of February, 1955, the principal sum of

TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

and to pay interest thereon from the date hereof at the rate of _____% per annum payable upon the presentation and surrender of this note at its maturity. Both the principal of and the interest on this note are payable at the _____, in _____, _____, in any coin or currency of the United State of America which, at the time of payment, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same fall due, the full faith and credit of said County of Columbus are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This note is issued by said County in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of a like amount of School Building Bonds authorized by an order finally passed on September 7, 1954, and this note is issued pursuant to and in full compliance with The County Finance Act, as amended, and the Local Government Act, as amended, and resolution duly passed by the Board of Commissioners for said County.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required to happen, exist and be performed by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina precedent to and in the issuance of this note have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required, and that the total indebtedness of said County, including this note and all other indebtedness heretofore contracted in the fiscal ^{year} in which this note is issued, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF said County of Columbus, pursuant to said resolution of its Board of Commissioners, has caused this note to be executed by the Chairman of said Board and by the Clerk of said Board, under the corporate seal of said Board, all as of the 15th day of October, 1954.

L. P. Ward
Chairman of Board of Commissioners

Alice S. Burns
Clerk of Board of Commissioners

The issuance of the within note is hereby approved.

R. B. Mallard
County Attorney

(To be endorsed upon reverse of note)

Local Government
Commission Serial No.....

The issuance of this note has been approved under the

provisions of the Local Government Act of North Carolina.

W. E. EASTERLING, Secretary
Local Government Commission

By _____
Designated Assistant

Section 4. That the application of the County Attorney to the Local government Commission of North Carolina for the approval of said \$20,000 School Building Bond Anticipation Note and for the advertisement and sale thereof and the same is hereby ratified.

Section 5. That said \$20,000 School Building Bond Anticipation Note, and all other indebtedness heretofore contracted in the current fiscal year, does not exceed two-thirds of the amount by which the outstanding indebtedness of the County of Columbus was reduced in the preceding fiscal year.

Commissioner Buffkin moved the passage of the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A \$20,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE", and Commissioner Council seconded the motion and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Buffkin, Stephens, Council, Thompson & Ward.
Noes: None.

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The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in adjourned regular session at the Courthouse in Whiteville, the regular place of meeting, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on September 20, 1954.

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

Absent: None.

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 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER BONDS" and that the Board would immediately hear any and all citizens and taxpayers who might desire to protest against the issuance 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 Buffkin and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on September 7, 1954, entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$20,000 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER BONDS", was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Commissioners Council, Buffkin, Stephens, Thompson, and Ward.
Noes: None.

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$20,000 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER BONDS", had passed.

The Clerk was therupon 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;

Thereupon Commissioner Council introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION

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

Section 1. That at the regular election for county officers to be held in the County of Columbus on November 2, 1954, between 6:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and at the same places at which such regular election for county officers will be held, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said County the following questions:

1. Shall an order finally passed on September 20, 1954, authorizing the County of Columbus, North Carolina, 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, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
2. If a majority of the qualified voters of Columbus County who shall vote thereon shall vote in favor of the approval of the order mentioned in the foregoing question, shall a special tax not to exceed one cent (1¢) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed value of real and personal property in Columbus County be levied and collected annually, if necessary, for the purpose of financing the cost of operation, equipment and maintenance of the County Public Health Center mentioned in said order?

Section 2. That for said election the regular registration books for elections in said County shall be used and such books shall be open for the registration of voters not theretofore registered from 9 A. M. until sunset on each day beginning Saturday, October 9, 1954, and closing Saturday, October 23, 1954. On each Saturday during such registration period said books shall be open at the polling places. Saturday, October 30, 1954, shall be Challenge Day. For said election the registrars and judges appointed for the regular election for county officers shall act as registrars and judges.

Section 3. That a notice of said election shall be published in the News Reporter at least thirty days before the day hereinabove fixed for said election and thereafter twice before the election at intervals of at least one week between publications, reading sunstantially as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION
in the
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA
to be held on
NOVEMBER 2, 1954

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the regular election for county officers to be held in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, on Tuesday, November 2, 1954, between 6:30 A. M. and 6:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time, and at the same places at which such regular election for county officers will be held, there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Columbus the following questions:

1. Shall an order finally passed on September 20, 1954, authorizing the County of Columbus, North Carolina, 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 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, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
2. If a majority of the qualified voters of Columbus County who shall vote thereon shall vote in favor of the approval of the order mentioned in the foregoing question, shall a special tax not to exceed one cent (~~1¢~~) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed value of real and personal property in Columbus County be levied and collected annually, if necessary, for the purpose of financing the cost of operation, equipment, and maintenance of the County Public Health Center mentioned in said order?

Question numbered 1 hereinabove set forth contains a statement of the purpose for which the bonds are authorized by the order referred to in said question.

If said bonds are issued a tax will be levied for the payment of the principal and interest thereof on all taxable property in Columbus County.

For said election the regular registration books for elections in said County will be used, and such books will be open for the registration of voters not theretofore registered from 9A.M. until sunset on each day beginning Saturday, October 9, 1954 and closing Saturday, October 23, 1954. On each Saturday during such registration period said books will be open at the polling places. Saturday, October 30, 1954, is Challenge Day.

The registrars and judges appointed for the regular election for county officers will act as registrars and judges.

Alice S. Burns
Clerk of Board of Commissioners

A. E. Powell, Jr.
Chairman of County Board of Elections

Section 4. That the form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL BOND AND TAX ELECTION
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA

November 2, 1954

Instructions

1. To vote "For" any question make a cross (X) mark in the square to the left of the word "FOR".
2. To vote "AGAINST" any question make a cross (X) mark in the square to the left of the word "AGAINST".
3. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot return it and get another.

1.

FOR the order finall passed on September 20, 1954, authorizing not exceeding \$20,000 County Public Health Center Bonds of Columbus County 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, and a tax therefor.

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AGAINST the order finally passed on September 20, 1954, authorizing not exceeding \$20,000 County Public Health Center Bonds of Columbus County, 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, and a tax therefor.

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2.

FOR the levy and collection annually, if necessary of a special tax not to exceed one cent (1¢) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed value of real and personal property in Columbus County for the purpose of financing the cost of operation, equipment and maintenance of the County Public Health Center mentioned in the foregoing question, if a majority of the qualified voters of Columbus County who shall vote thereon shall vote in favor of the approval of the order mentioned in said question.

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AGAINST the levy and collection annually, if necessary, of a special tax not to exceed one cent (1¢) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed value of real and personal property in Columbus County for the purpose of financing the cost of operation, equipment and maintenance of the County Public Health Center mentioned in the foregoing question, if a majority of the qualified voters of Columbus County who shall vote thereon shall vote in favor of the approval of the order mentioned in said question.

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Alice S. Burns
Facsimile of Signature of
Clerk of Board of Commissioners

A. E. Powell, Jr.
Facsimile of signature of
Chairman of County Board of Elections

Section 5. That the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to immediately certify a copy of this resolution to said County

Board of Elections of Columbus County.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Council, seconded by Commissioner Buffkin, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Council, Buffkin, Thompson, Stephens, & Ward.
Noes: None.

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Ordered: that Joe W. Brown be appointed as Recorders Court Solicitor to serve at the will of the Board.

Voting For: Commissioners Council, Thompson, Ward, Buffkin, Stephens.
" No : None

(Motion was previously made by Commissioner Buffkin, seconded by Commissioner Stephens to appoint Ed Williamson as Solicitor, and withdrawn by Commissioners Buffkin & Stephens so they might join in making the decision to appoint Brown unanimous)

Ordered: that salary of Olivia George be increased to \$75.00 retro-active to Sept. 1.

Ordered: that Armlin Holmes be allowed \$5.00 out door poor monthly until his application for Aid To Blind Assistance is approved.

Ordered: that Alice S1 Burns, Clerk to Board, be directed to sell whiskey now in the hands of the Sheriff, as per order of Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr.

Ordered: that J. P. Mercer, R-1, Chadbourn, be given a refund of \$2.00 as he was charged with poll tax for 1954, and is not subject as he is 68 years of age.

Ordered: that B. M. Norris, R-3, Tabor City, So. Williams Township, be given a refund of \$13.20 for an error on 1954 personal property valuation.

Ordered: that Jim D. Fowler, R-2, Tabor City, So. Williams Township, be given a refund of \$2.00 for 1954 poll tax as he is a resident of South Carolina.

Ordered: that T. E. Smith, R-3, B-176, Tabor City, be given a refund of \$21.00 on 1954 tax of Robert E. Smith Heirs, as E. Smith was dead at time of listing and not subject to poll tax.

Ordered: that tax collector be given a release on tax of Alma Soles, Lees Township, in the amount of \$8.36 for error in valuation of car. (1954)

Ordered: that J. W. Riggs, R-2, Whiteville, Welches Creek Township, be given a refund in the amount of \$9.61 for 1954 for error in valuation of car.

Ordered: that J. V. Norris Heirs, Tabor City, Williams Township, be refunded \$2.00 for 1954 poll tax as Mr. Norris was dead at time of listing.

Ordered: that E. L. Joyner, Tabor City, So. Williams Township, be given a refund of \$2.00 for 1953 poll tax as he was 67 at time of listing.

Ordered: that Clyde F. Stanley, Tabor City, (Williams & So. Williams Townships) be given a refund of \$2.00 on 1954 tax as he was charged with poll tax twice.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned until Oct. 4, 1954,
at 10:00.

Approved:

Walter S. Brown
Clerk

Chairman