

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, met in regular adjourned session at the County Courthouse in Whiteville, North Carolina at 11 o'clock A.M., on December 12, 1968.

Present: Chairman H. J. Watts and Commissioners J. Roland Gore, Edward W. Williamson and W. O. Johnson.

Absent: T. E. Burns

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At 11 o'clock A.M. the members of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus met with the County Board of Election of Columbus County and the two Boards, 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 on December 10, 1968.

After said returns had been canvassed by said Board of Commissioners, such canvass being simultaneous with the canvassing thereof by the County Board of Election in the same place, Commissioner Edward W. Williamson introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HELD DECEMBER 10, 1968, IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS AND DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF

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

Section 1. The returns of the special bond election held in the County of Columbus on December 10, 1968, having been received from the proper election officers and having been canvassed, the Board has found and determined and does hereby declare:

(a) That each registrar and judge for the special bond election held in the County of Columbus on December 10, 1968, was duly qualified by law and had taken the necessary oath.

(b) That the election officers had incorporated in their 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 each precinct in the election.

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

Shall an order finally passed on October 7, 1968, 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 School Building Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodeling, enlarging and reconstructing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities, and acquiring necessary land and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in the County of Columbus to maintain the six months' school term in said County as required by Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution, 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?

(d) That no complaints have been made to this Board against the regularity of said election.

(e) That said election and the registration therefor were duly and properly held in accordance with law.

Section 2. The following schedule correctly shows the designations of the several precincts in which said election was held and, as to each precinct, the location of the polling place, the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in each precinct in the election, the number of votes cast in each precinct in favor of the question submitted, the number cast against the question, and the totals of such numbers:

<u>Precincts and Polling Place</u>	<u>Voters registered & qualified to Vote</u>	<u>Question submitted</u>	
		<u>Votes for</u>	<u>Votes against</u>
Bogue Hallsboro School	1360	56	296
Bolton Bolton Store	627	81	96
Bug Hill #1 Pirway Store	328	4	121
Bug Hill #2 Guideway School	264	13	77
Bug Hill #3 P. O. Gore's Store	439	37	154
Cerro Gordo Legion Hut	1020	20	164
Chadbourn Town Hall	2068	71	517
Cherry Grove Community Hut	358	1	133
Fair Bluff Town Hall	1416	27	251

<u>Precinct and Polling Place</u>	<u>Voters registered & qualified to vote</u>	<u>Question submitted</u>	
		<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes against</u>
South Lees M. L. Ross Home	247	4	60
North Lees Graham Harrelson Home	335	20	102
East Lees Old Dock	518	21	83
West Lees Nakina	244	39	59
Ransom Delco School	1623	86	339
Tatum Evergreen School	1579	47	300
Welches Creek Community Hut	552	24	123
Western Prong Community Hut	336	24	99
N. Williams Stephens Store	1311	44	362
Williams #2 Mollie	536	48	185
South Williams Town Hall	3334	38	783
Waccamaw Fire Dept., Lake Waccamaw	740	106	151
Whiteville #1 Courthouse	2331	427	247
Whiteville #2 City Hall	1376	138	198
Whiteville #3 Central School	737	65	86
South Whiteville New Hope	765	46	229
North Whiteville Community Hut	<u>279</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>76</u>
Totals	24,723	1,516	5,291

Section 3. From the canvass so made by this Board it is determined and declared:

- (a) That 24,723 voters were registered and qualified to vote.
- (b) That at said election 1,516 votes were cast for the order authorizing the County of Columbus to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$4,000,000 School Building Bonds for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting

additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodeling, enlarging and reconstructing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities, and acquiring necessary land and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in the County of Columbus to maintain the six months' school term in said County as required by Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 5,291 votes were cast against said order, that a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted at said election voted against the approval/said order, and said order was thereby/not approved and is/in force and effect.

Upon motion of Commissioner Edward W. Williamson seconded by Commissioner J. Roland Gore, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HELD DECEMBER 10, 1968 IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, AND DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Edward W. Williamson, J. Roland Gore and W. O. Johnson.

Noes: None

Thereupon Commissioner W. O. Johnson introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HELD DECEMBER 10, 1968 IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING, FILING AND PUBLICATION THEREOF

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

Section 1. 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 December 10, 1968:

STATEMENT OF RESULT OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION
held in the
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, NORTH CAROLINA
on December 10, 1968

At a special bond election held throughout the County of Columbus, North Carolina, on December 10, 1968, 24,723 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said election 1,516 votes were cast for the order authorizing the County of Columbus to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$4,000,000 School Building Bonds for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, remodeling, enlarging and reconstructing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities, and acquiring necessary land and equipment therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in the County of Columbus to maintain the six months' school term in said County as required by Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 5,291 votes were cast against said order that a majority of the qualified voters of said County who voted at said election voted against the approval/said order, and said order was thereby/not approved and is/not in force and effect.

This statement is given by order of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, this 12th day of December, 1968.

_____/s/_____
 H. J. Watts
 Chairman
 _____/s/_____
 Edward W. Williamson
 _____/s/_____
 J. Roland Gore
 _____/s/_____
 W. O. Johnson

Section 2. 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 record it in the minutes of the Board, and such statement shall be filed in the office of said Clerk and published by said Clerk once in The News Reporter. A notice in substantially the following form, with the printed signature of the Clerk appended thereto, shall be published with the foregoing statement:

TO THE CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY:

No right of action or defense founded upon the invalidity of the election mentioned in the foregoing statement shall be asserted, nor shall the validity of such election be open to question in any court upon any ground whatever, except in an action or proceeding commenced

within thirty days after the publication of the foregoing statement.

/s/ Betty S. Williamson
 Clerk, Board of Commissioners
 for the
 County of Columbus, North Carolina

Upon motion of Commissioner W. O. Johnson seconded by Commissioner J. Roland Gore, the foregoing resolution entitled; "RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HELD DECEMBER 10, 1968, IN THE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING, FILING AND PUBLICATION THEREOF" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners W. O. Johnson, J. Roland Gore and Edward W. Williamson.

Noes: None

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Upon motion the meeting adjourned until December 16, 1968 at 10:00 A.M.

APPROVED:

Betty S. Williamson
 Clerk

A. J. Watts
 Chairman

Utilities - Sewers

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Walters, Rudolph

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Columbus County.- Economic Development Commission

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Utilities - WATER

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