

COLUMBUS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

The Honorable Board of Columbus County Commissioners met in their said office at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, NC at 8:00 A.M., September 12, 2000 to hold a Special Called Meeting by the Chairman for the purpose of a passage of a Resolution to finalize the Columbus County Water and Sewer Districts IV and V boundary lines.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynwood Norris, Chairman

Spruell R. Britt, Vice Chairman

A. Dial Gray, III

Sammie Jacobs

Amon E. McKenzie

C.E. Wilson

James E. Hill, Jr.
County Attorney

Dempsey B. Herring
County Administrator

Ida L. Smith
Clerk to Board

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

David L. Dutton, Jr.

Chairman Norris called the Board Meeting to order and Commissioner Gray gave the invocation.

**WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV - RESOLUTION ADOPTED CALLING FOR
A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Britt and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution.

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held at 8:00 A.M., on September 12, 2000, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina.

Present: Chairman Lynwood Norris, presiding, and Commissioners Spruell R. Britt A. Dial Gray, III, Sammie Jacobs, Amon E. McKenzie and C.E. Wilson.

Absent: David L. Dutton, Jr.

Commissioner C. E. Wilson introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner and which was read by title:

RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

Section 1. A special bond referendum is hereby called to be held between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV the question stated in the notice of special bond referendum set forth in Section 3 of this resolution.

Section 2. For said referendum, (i) the regular registration books for elections in Columbus County shall be used and the registration books, process or records shall be open for the registration of qualified persons and for public inspection in the manner, under the conditions and at the times and places as provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, (ii) the chief judges, judges and other officers of election appointed by the Columbus County Board of Elections for the precincts and voting places in said District shall be the election officers for such precincts and voting places and (iii) the precincts and voting places for said referendum shall be those fixed by the Columbus County Board of Elections as provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, subject to change as provided by law. The Columbus County Board of Elections is hereby requested to conduct

said referendum and to take all necessary steps to that end in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Section 3. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall cause a notice to be published in The News Reporter once at least fourteen days before October 13, 2000 (being the last day on which persons may register for said referendum except as otherwise provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution) and once again not less than seven days before said day, such notice to read substantially as follows:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM
IN THE
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT IV,
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

A special bond referendum will be held throughout the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at which there will be submitted to the qualified voters of said District the following question:

Shall the order adopted on September 5, 2000, authorizing not exceeding \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of water mains and lines, an elevated water storage tank, water pumping facilities and appurtenant facilities for the transmission and distribution of water to be provided by the Town of Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina and two private water systems, the improvement of certain existing water pumping facilities of said private systems and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way and equipment, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

The question hereinabove set forth contains a statement of the purpose for which the bonds are authorized by the order referred to in such question.

If said bonds are issued, taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereof will be levied upon all taxable property in said District.

For said referendum the regular registration books for elections in the County of Columbus will be used and the registration books, process or records will continue to be open for the acceptance of registration applications and the registration of qualified persons from 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Monday to Friday, inclusive, of each week at the office of the Columbus County Board of Elections located at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North Carolina 28472.

For said referendum registration applications will be accepted and qualified persons may register also at each of the Columbus County public libraries during their respective regular business hours.

In addition, registration applications will be accepted and qualified persons may register at any Drivers License Examining Station located in the State of North Carolina (the "State") during normal business hours when applying for, renewing or correcting driver licenses.

Moreover, registration applications will be accepted and qualified persons may register at every office in the State which accepts claims for benefits under the Employment Security Law or applications for a program of public assistance under Article 2 of Chapter 108A or Article 13 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and at every office in the State designated by the State Board of Elections which accepts applications for State-funded State or local government programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities. Such programs include Medicaid, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamps, Women, Infants and Children and programs of the Division of Mental Health and the Division of Services for the Blind.

Qualified persons may also register by mail and otherwise as provided in Article 7A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Furthermore, certain persons in the armed forces and their spouses, certain

veterans, certain civilians working with the armed forces, and members of the Peace Corps may register by mail at any time prior to said referendum in the manner provided in Article 21 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and in person at any time, including the day of said referendum.

The last day for new registration of those not now registered under Columbus County's permanent registration system and who wish to register for said referendum is Friday, October 13, 2000, except as otherwise provided in Article 7A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

The last day on which registered voters who have changed residence may notify the Columbus County Board of Elections of their changes of address in order to be registered for said referendum is Friday, October 13, 2000, except as otherwise provided in Article 7A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Any qualified voter of said District who is qualified to vote by absentee ballot in said special bond referendum may apply to the Columbus County Board of Elections for an absentee ballot. Any qualified voter who is qualified to vote by military absentee ballot pursuant to Section 163-245 of the General Statutes of North Carolina may also apply for an absentee ballot as provided by Section 163-247 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Persons who are not certain whether they are registered to vote or qualified to vote or who desire further information concerning the registration process or said referendum should contact the Columbus County Board of Elections at the office of said Board mentioned above, telephone number (910) 640-6609.

The registration books for elections in Columbus County will be open to inspection by any registered voter of said District during the normal business hours of the Columbus County Board of Elections on the days when the office of said Board is open, and such days are challenge days.

The chief judges, judges and other officers of election appointed by the Columbus County Board of Elections will serve as the election officers for said referendum.

The Columbus County Board of Elections will conduct said referendum.

The precincts and voting places for said referendum, subject to change as provided by law, are as follows:

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>VOTING PLACE</u>
Welches Creek	Welches Creek Fire Department 10519 Red Hill Road Whiteville, North Carolina
Bogue	Hallsboro Fire Department 754 Hallsboro Road South Hallsboro, North Carolina
Portion of Waccamaw	Lake Waccamaw Fire Department 203 Flemington Drive Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina 28540

Robert E. Sessions
Chairman of the Columbus County Board of Elections
North Carolina

Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the
County of Columbus, North Carolina

Section 4. The form of the question to appear in the ballots and in the instructions to voters for said referendum shall be substantially as follows:

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Shall the order adopted on September 5, 2000, authorizing not exceeding \$5,142,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of water mains and lines, an elevated water storage tank, water pumping facilities and appurtenant facilities for the transmission and distribution of water to be provided by the Town of Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina and two private water systems, the improvement of certain existing water pumping facilities of said private systems and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way and equipment, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

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Section 5. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to mail or deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Columbus County Board of Elections within three days after the adoption hereof.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner C. E. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Spruell R. Britt the foregoing resolution entitled: "**RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM**" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Lynwood Norris: Spruell R. Britt., A. Dial Gray, III, Sammie Jacobs, Amon E. McKenzie and C.E. Wilson.

Noes: None.

I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, at a special meeting held on September 12, 2000, as relates in any way to the matters described therein and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 25 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 831 and ending at page 837.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that I mailed or delivered a certified copy of the resolution passed by said Board on September 12, 2000 entitled: "**RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM**" to the Columbus County Board of Elections on or before the third day following the passage of said resolution.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that the Chairman of said Board duly notified or caused to be notified each member of said Board of said meeting and that, at least 48 hours before said meeting, notice of said meeting, signed by the Chairman of said Board and stating that a special meeting of said Board, as the governing body of said District, would

be held at 8:00 A.M. on September 12, 2000, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, concerning the passage of a resolution calling a special bond referendum, was posted on the principal bulletin board of said Board and mailed or delivered to each newspaper, wire service, radio station, television station and person that had filed with me a written request for notice pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 12th day of September 2000.

/s/ Ida L. Smith

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V - RESOLUTION ADOPTED CALLING FOR
A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adopt the following Resolution.

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, was held at 8:00 A.M., on September 12, 2000, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina.

Present: Chairman Lynwood Norris, presiding, and Commissioners Spruell R. Britt A. Dial Gray, III, Sammie Jacobs, Amon E. McKenzie and C.E. Wilson.

Absent: David L. Dutton, Jr.

Commissioner Sammie Jacobs introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner and which was read by title:

RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, as the governing body of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina:

Section 1. A special bond referendum is hereby called to be held between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, November 7, 2000, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V the question stated in the notice of special bond referendum set forth in Section 3 of this resolution.

Section 2. For said referendum, (i) the regular registration books for elections in Columbus County shall be used and the registration books, process or records shall be open for the registration of qualified persons and for public inspection in the manner, under the conditions and at the times and places as provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, (ii) the chief judges, judges and other officers of election appointed by the Columbus County Board of Elections for the precincts and voting places in said District shall be the election officers for such precincts and voting places and (iii) the precincts and voting places for said referendum shall be those fixed by the Columbus County Board of Elections as provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, subject to change as provided by law. The Columbus County Board of Elections is hereby requested to conduct said referendum and to take all necessary steps to that end in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Section 3. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall cause a notice to be published in The News Reporter once at least fourteen days before October 13, 2000 (being the last day on which persons may register for said referendum except as otherwise provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution) and once again not less than seven days before said day, such notice to read substantially as follows:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM
IN THE
COLUMBUS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT V,
IN COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

A special bond referendum will be held throughout the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at which there will be submitted to the qualified voters of said District the following question:

Shall the order adopted on September 5, 2000, authorizing not exceeding \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District IV, in Columbus County, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of wells, water treatment facilities and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way and equipment, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

The question hereinabove set forth contains a statement of the purpose for which the bonds are authorized by the order referred to in such question.

If said bonds are issued, taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereof will be levied upon all taxable property in said District.

For said referendum the regular registration books for elections in the County of Columbus will be used and the registration books, process or records will continue to be open for the acceptance of registration applications and the registration of qualified persons from 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Monday to Friday, inclusive, of each week at the office of the Columbus County Board of Elections located at 715 North Legion Drive, Suite A, in Whiteville, North Carolina 28472.

For said referendum registration applications will be accepted and qualified persons may register also at each of the Columbus County public libraries during their respective regular business hours.

In addition, registration applications will be accepted and qualified persons may register at any Drivers License Examining Station located in the State of North Carolina (the "State") during normal business hours when applying for, renewing or correcting driver licenses.

Moreover, registration applications will be accepted and qualified persons may register at every office in the State which accepts claims for benefits under the Employment

Security Law or applications for a program of public assistance under Article 2 of Chapter 108A or Article 13 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes of North Carolina and at every office in the State designated by the State Board of Elections which accepts applications for State-funded State or local government programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities. Such programs include Medicaid, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamps, Women, Infants and Children and programs of the Division of Mental Health and the Division of Services for the Blind.

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Any qualified voter of said District who is qualified to vote by absentee ballot in said special bond referendum may apply to the Columbus County Board of Elections for an absentee ballot. Any qualified voter who is qualified to vote by military absentee ballot

pursuant to Section 163-245 of the General Statutes of North Carolina may also apply for an absentee ballot as provided by Section 163-247 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Persons who are not certain whether they are registered to vote or qualified to vote or who desire further information concerning the registration process or said referendum should contact the Columbus County Board of Elections at the office of said Board mentioned above, telephone number (910) 640-6609.

The registration books for elections in Columbus County will be open to inspection by any registered voter of said District during the normal business hours of the Columbus County Board of Elections on the days when the office of said Board is open, and such days are challenge days.

The chief judges, judges and other officers of election appointed by the Columbus County Board of Elections will serve as the election officers for said referendum.

The Columbus County Board of Elections will conduct said referendum.

The precincts and voting places for said referendum, subject to change as provided by law, are as follows:

PRECINCT

VOTING PLACE

Bug Hill 1

Riverside Baptist Church
Highway 904
15838 Swampfox Highway East
Tabor City, North Carolina

Bug Hill 2

Guideway School
11570 Swampfox Highway East
Tabor City, North Carolina

Bug Hill 3

Nakina Rescue Building
214 Ramsey Ford Road
Nakina, North Carolina

West Lees

VFW Hut
Road 1006
4604 Ervin T. Richardson Road
Nakina, North Carolina

East Lees

Old Dock Community Building

1282 New Britton Highway
Whiteville, North Carolina

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North Carolina

Ida L. Smith
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the
County of Columbus, North Carolina

Section 4. The form of the question to appear in the ballots and in the instructions to voters for said referendum shall be substantially as follows:

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Shall the order adopted on September 5, 2000, authorizing not exceeding \$5,705,000 Water Bonds of the Columbus County Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a water system of said District, within and without the corporate limits of said District, including the construction and installation of wells, water treatment facilities and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way and equipment, and authorizing the levy of taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

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Section 5. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to mail or deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Columbus County Board of Elections within three days after the adoption hereof.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner C. E. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Spruell R. Britt the foregoing resolution entitled: "**RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM**" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Lynwood Norris: Spruell R. Britt., A. Dial Gray, III, Sammie Jacobs, Amon E. McKenzie and C.E. Wilson.

Noes: None.

I, Ida L. Smith, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Columbus, North Carolina, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board, as the governing body of the Columbus County

Water and Sewer District V, in Columbus County, North Carolina, at a special meeting held on September 12, 2000. as relates in any way to the matters described therein and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 25 of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page 838 and ending at page 844.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that I mailed or delivered a certified copy of the resolution passed by said Board on September 12, 2000 entitled: "**RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM**" to the Columbus County Board of Elections on or before the third day following the passage of said resolution.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that the Chairman of said Board duly notified or caused to be notified each member of said Board of said meeting and that, at least 48 hours before said meeting, notice of said meeting, signed by the Chairman of said Board and stating that a special meeting of said Board, as the governing body of said District, would be held at 8:00 A.M. on September 12, 2000, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the Second Floor of the Columbus County Courthouse Annex at 112 West Smith Street, in Whiteville, North Carolina, concerning the passage of a resolution calling a special bond referendum, was posted on the principal bulletin board of said Board and mailed or delivered to each newspaper, wire service, radio station, television station and person that had filed with me a written request for notice pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 12th day of September 2000.

/s/ **Ida L. Smith**

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Britt, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie and passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:20 A.M.

APPROVED:


Ida L. Smith, Clerk to Board


Lynwood Norris, Chairman