

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, was held at 6:00 P.M., on February 27, 2018, in the Harley B. Gaston, Jr. Public Forum on the second floor of the Gaston County Courthouse at 325 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, in Gastonia, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting.

Present: Chairman Chad Brown, presiding, and Commissioners_____

_____.

Absent: _____.

* * * * *

At 6:00 P.M. the Chairman announced that this was the hour, date and place fixed by the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing upon the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$250,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS" and that the Board of Commissioners would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds.

No one appeared, either in person or by attorney, to be heard on the question of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds and the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners announced that no written statement relating to said questions had been received.

NOTE: The preceding page is written on the theory that no person wishes to be heard, either orally or in writing. If the contrary is true, one or more of the following clauses may be added after the last sentence on the preceding page:

except _____, residing at _____, who appeared in person and stated _____.

except _____, Esq., who stated that he represented _____, residing at _____, who wishes to state _____.

except _____, who presented a statement signed by _____ persons, which statement was read and ordered spread upon the minutes, and is as follows: [If any written statement is presented it should be inserted in full in the minutes at this point, including names of signers, if such insertion is practicable].

All of the foregoing statements were duly considered by the Board of Commissioners.

[Remove this page from the proceedings prior to their certification.]

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____ and carried, the order introduced and passed on first reading on February 13, 2018 entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$250,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS" was read a second time by title and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Commissioners _____

_____.

Noes: _____.

The Chairman then announced that the order entitled: "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$250,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS" had been adopted.

The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The Gaston Gazette.

Thereupon Commissioner _____ introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner:

**RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL
BOND REFERENDUM**

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

Section 1. A special bond referendum is hereby called to be held between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Gaston 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 Gaston 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 by law or the Gaston County Board of Elections (the “Board of Elections”), (ii) the chief judges, judges and other officers of election appointed by the Board of Elections for the precincts and voting places in said County 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 Board of Elections, subject to change as provided by law. The Board of Elections is hereby requested to conduct said referendum and to take all necessary steps to that end.

Section 3. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall cause a notice to be published in The Gaston Gazette once at least fourteen days before April 13, 2018 (being the last day on which persons may register for said referendum except for certain situations) 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
COUNTY OF GASTON, NORTH CAROLINA

A special bond referendum will be held throughout the County of Gaston, North Carolina, between 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at which there will be submitted to the qualified voters of said County the following question:

Shall the order adopted on February 27, 2018, authorizing not exceeding \$250,000,000 School Bonds of the County of Gaston, North Carolina, plus interest for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, enlarging, reconstructing, renovating and replacing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings, equipment and appurtenant facilities therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County to maintain the school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, and providing that additional taxes shall be levied 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 the County of Gaston.

Said referendum will be conducted by the Gaston County Board of Elections (the “Board of Elections”). Except for certain situations, the last day to register to vote in said referendum is April 13, 2018, subject to change as provided by law. For more information concerning registration, procedures for residents who have changed residences from the date of the last election, voting by absentee ballot, one-stop voting and polling places, please contact the Board of Elections at 410 W. Franklin Blvd., Suite 50, Gastonia, North Carolina 28052 or at 704-852-6005, or by visiting its website, www.gastoncountyelections.com.

James W. Ragan
Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Elections
North Carolina

Donna S. Buff
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the
County of Gaston, 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:

.....

Shall the order adopted on February 27, 2018, authorizing not exceeding \$250,000,000 School Bonds of the County of Gaston, North Carolina, plus interest for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting additional school buildings and other school plant facilities, enlarging, reconstructing, renovating and replacing existing school buildings and other school plant facilities and acquiring any necessary land, furnishings, equipment and appurtenant facilities therefor, in order to provide additional school facilities in said County to maintain the school term as required by Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution, and providing that additional taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

.....

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

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

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners _____

_____.

Noes: _____.

* * * * *

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gaston, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on February 27, 2018, as relates in any way to the holding of a public hearing upon an order authorizing the issuance of bonds of said County as described in such proceedings, the adoption of said order and the calling of a special bond referendum and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. ____ of the minutes of said Board, beginning at page ____ and ending at page ____.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that I mailed or delivered a certified copy of the resolution passed by said Board on February 27, 2018 entitled: "RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM" to the Gaston County Board of Elections on or before the third day following the passage of said resolution.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that notice of said meeting was duly given in accordance with G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this _____ day of February 2018.

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners