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Board Action

File #: 17-448

Board of Commissioners - County Attorney - To Approve the Calendar for a School Bond Referendum to be held during the May 8, 2018 Primary Election

STAFF CONTACT

Charles Moore, County Attorney

BUDGET IMPACT

N/A

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

During recent meetings between representatives of the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education, there has been identified in excess of \$200 million in capital needs for the school system. The Board of Commissioners intends to call for a school bond referendum to meet as many of those needs as possible. The Board also intends to call for a sales tax referendum to provide the additional revenues to meet those needs, rather than putting the entire burden on the property tax.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Bond Calendar

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Fraleigh	Grant	Hovis	Keighera	Philbeck	Worley	Vote
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Re: County of Gaston, North Carolina
Proposed General Obligation School Bonds

Dear Chuck:

In accordance with our discussion last week, I am writing to suggest a calendar of the various steps to be taken in connection with the authorization of the bonds described above of the County of Gaston and the holding of a special bond referendum on May 8, 2018, as follows:

- By January 22 -- Passage of resolution by The Gaston County Board of Education requesting the Board of Commissioners for the County to provide funds for additional school facilities.
- January 23 -- Passage of preliminary resolution by the Board of Commissioners.
- January 24 -- Filing of notice of proposed bond issue with Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government.
- January 26 -- Publication of Notice of Intent.
- February 6 -- Filing of application for approval of bonds with the Local Government Commission.
- February 13 -- Introduction of bond order, call of public hearing and passage of reimbursement resolution by the Board of Commissioners.
- February 16 -- Publication of bond order as introduced and notice of public hearing.
- February 27 -- Holding of public hearing, adoption of bond order and passage of referendum resolution by the Board of Commissioners.
- March 2 -- Publication of bond order as adopted.
- March 2 and
March 9 -- Publication of notice of referendum.

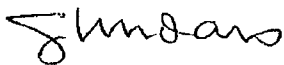
- March 9 – Absentee ballots to be available.
- April 13 – Last day for registration.
- May 8 – Referendum.
- May 18 – Canvassing of referendum returns by the County Board of Elections.
- May 22 – Declaration of result of referendum by the Board of Commissioners.
- May 25 – Publication of statement of result of referendum.

Please note that I've not discussed the above calendar with the County Board of Elections and let me know if it's not satisfactory to the County Board of Elections.

Also, please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ROBINSON, BRADSHAW & HINSON, P.A.



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