

Special Meeting - May 12, 1967

The Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, with the following members present: (County Commissioners) E. M. Fowler, Gerald Barnes, Macon Wise, W. O. Kelley and Clifford Wilson. (Election Commission) Oscar Kirsch, W. K. Naftel, W. H. Rhodes, W. F. Price, Herbert Henzleman, Richard Finlay; and the following were absent: (Election Commission) Joel Ward.

Mr. Ray C. Helms, Clerk of the County Commissioners called the meeting to order and declared the chair vacant, and it was in order that a joint chairman be elected and also a clerk. Mr. Gerald Barnes was elected Acting Chairman and Mr. Ray C. Helms, Acting Clerk of the joint meeting. Mr. W. H. Rhodes was elected to take minutes for the Election Commission. The Chairman declared a quorum present and the Board took up the first item of business. David McDonald, Supervisor of Elections, presented a petition containing 862 signatures requesting the Board of County Commissioners to levy an annual tax for the establishment and maintenance of a public hospital at Milton, Florida. The Supervisor has certified that he has examined the petitions and found that according to the registration records of that office 674 of the 862 signatures on the petitions were of duly registered resident freeholders of Santa Rosa County. He further certified that as of May 12, 1967, there were 9,815 registered resident freeholder electors in Santa Rosa County, Florida. (Petition is on file in the office of the Clerk). Fowler moved the acceptance of the Petition as presented by the Supervisor of Registration, which was seconded by Kirsch and carried by unanimous vote. A Resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION ORDERING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A FREEHOLDER ELECTION IN SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING \$2,000,000 HOSPITAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY" was introduced by Attorney A. L. Johnson. Said Resolution was then read in full, discussed and considered. Attorney Johnson advised that before the resolution is finalized and adopted there must be a time set for the election, a newspaper designated for the publication of the resolution, and the voting places, the clerks and inspectors in the respective voting places must be named and inserted in the resolution.

Finlay moved the date of the election be set for June 27, 1967, which was seconded by Price and carried by unanimous vote.

Fowler moved the resolution be published in The Press-Gazette and The Milton Times, which was seconded by Kirsch and carried by unanimous vote.

Finlay moved we use the same clerks and inspectors that we used in the last special election, as these are trained and would save time and money. Kirsch seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. After the resolution was completed in every detail, Mr. Finlay moved its adoption, which was seconded by Fowler, and, on roll call, the following voted "yea": E. M. Fowler, Gerald Barnes, Macon

Wise, W. O. Kelley, Clifford Wilson, Oscar Kirsch, W. K. Naftel, W. H. Rhodees, W. F. Price, Herbert Henzelman and Richard Finlay; and the following voted "Nay": None. The Chairman thereupon declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted as introduced and read.

"RESOLUTION ORDERING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A FREEHOLDER ELECTION IN SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING \$2,000,000 HOSPITAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY."

WHEREAS, there has been received by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, a petition signed by more than five percent of the resident freeholders of Santa Rosa County, Florida, asking that an annual tax be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a public hospital at Milton, Florida and that building the hospital, save and except federal funds and donations, shall not exceed the sum of \$2,000,000, and

WHEREAS, a freeholder election shall be called and duly held in Santa Rosa County in order to determine whether County bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 payable from an annual ad valorem tax not to exceed five mills on the dollar and maturing serially within thirty years from date thereof shall be issued to provide funds for the purchase of a hospital site and the erection thereon of a public hospital and hospital buildings and for the support of same

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners and the County Election Commission of Santa Rosa County, Florida, that:

SECTION 1. It is hereby found and determined that the aforesaid petition has been duly signed by not less than five per cent of the resident freeholders of Santa Rosa County, Florida, hereinafter called "County", in accordance with the requirements of Section 155.04, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 2. A freeholder election is hereby ordered and called to be held in Santa Rosa County on June 27, 1967, to determine whether hospital bonds of the County in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 bearing interest payable semi-annually at such rate or rates not exceeding the legal rate, as shall be determined at the time of sale thereof, to mature serially within thirty years from the date of issue. Such bonds shall be payable from a special and valorem tax not to exceed five mills in any year on all taxable property within Santa Rosa County, Florida.

SECTION 3. The places of voting in said bond election shall be the usual places of voting in said County in general elections. The polls will be open at the voting places on the day of said bond election from 7:00 o'clock A.M. until 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the same day. In the event the polling places herein designated be not available for use for any cause on the date fixed for said election, the right is reserved to forthwith designate another and different polling place. Only the duly qualified electors residing in said County who are registered as freeholders on the date of such election will be permitted to vote at said bond election; provided, however, that any qualified elector residing in the County who is a freeholder on such date may vote at said bond election upon complying with the requirements of Section 100.241 (4), Florida Statutes.

SECTION 4. Voting machines shall be used at said bond election.

The ballots shall be in substantially the following form:

BALLOT

For a five mill tax for a bond issue not to exceed \$2,000,000 for a public hospital and for maintenance of same.

Yes

No

Instructions to voters: indicate by pulling down lever over "Yes" if you favor proposed bond issue.

Indicate by pulling down lever over "No" if you do not favor proposed bond issue.

SECTION 5. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners shall have printed sample ballots and deliver them to the inspectors and clerks on or before the date and time for opening of the polls for such bond election for all precincts and is further authorized and directed to make appropriate arrangements for the use of voting machines at all precincts, and to have printed on plain white cardboard or paper and delivered in accordance with law the official ballots for use in such voting machines.

SECTION 6. The Supervisor of Elections of Santa Rosa County is hereby authorized and directed to make up and certify a list of all qualified electors residing in the County who are freeholders. A certified copy of such list shall be furnished to the inspectors and clerks of the election at each place where the votes are to be cast in said bond election, and a certified copy of such list shall be filed and preserved among the records of the Board of County Commissioners and among the records of the County Election Commission.

SECTION 7. The Clerk of the County Commissioners, ex officio Clerk of the Board, shall publish this resolution containing the following notice of the bond election hereby called in THE MILTON TIMES & THE PRESS GAZETTE, newspapers of general circulation in Santa Rosa County, Florida. Said resolution and notice shall be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks with the first publication thereof to be not less than thirty days prior to the date of said bond election. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

"NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION IN SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA on June 27, 1967.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a bond election will be held on the 27th day of June, 1967 in Santa Rosa County, Florida for the purpose of determining whether or not hospital bonds of said County shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$2,000,000 bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at such rate or rates not exceeding the legal rate, as shall be determined at the time of the sale thereof, and maturing serially in annual installments over a period not to exceed thirty years from the date of said bonds, to provide funds for the purchase of a hospital site in Milton, Florida, the erection thereon of a public hospital and for maintenance of the same, all as provided in the joint Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners and County Election Commission of Santa Rosa County, Florida adopted on the 12th day of May, 1967.

Such bonds shall be payable from ad valorem taxes not to exceed five mills in any year on all taxable property located within Santa Rosa County, Florida.

The places of voting in said election shall be the usual places of voting in said County in general elections. The polls will be open at the voting places on the day of said bond election from 7:00 o'clock A.M. until 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the same day.

All duly qualified electors residing in said County who are registered as freeholders on the date of such election will be permitted to vote in said bond election; provided, however, that any qualified elector residing in said County who is a freeholder on the date of such election may vote at said bond election upon complying with the requirements of Section 100.241 (4), Florida Statutes.

This notice is published by reason of a petition being filed and signed by more than five per cent of the resident freeholders of Santa Rosa County, Florida which said petition reads as follows:

PETITION REQUESTING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO LEVY AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC HOSPITAL AT MILTON, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

WE, the undersigned resident freeholders of Santa Rosa County, Florida, do hereby petition the Board of County Commissioners of said Santa Rosa County, Florida, to levy an annual tax for the establishment and maintenance of a public hospital in said county, at Milton, Florida, in addition to and exclusive of the existing Santa Rosa Hospital as located on North Stewart Street, Milton, Florida, and we do hereby state that the maximum amount of money proposed to be expended, save and except federal funds and donations for purchasing a site, the construction and maintenance of said hospital is \$2,000,000.

/s/ RAY. C. HELMS

Clerk, Circuit Court, ex officio Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Santa Rosa County, Florida

SECTION 8. The following named voting places shall be used in such election, and the following persons are appointed as Inspectors and Clerks in the respective voting places, to-wit:

Pct. No. 1, S. Milton, Courthouse
Wallace-Robinson Clubhouse

Pct. No. 2, Wallace;

Isabelle Bonifay (Clerk)

Velma Caraway (Clerk)

Katie Long

George Rivenbark

Louise Craft

Jesse H. Smith

Raymond Simmons

John J. McDonald

Gwendolyn Enfinger

Vera M. McBride

Myrtle Woodward

Pct. No. 3, Coon Hill; B. L. Diamond's Store
Bureau Building

Pct. No. 4, Jay; Farm

J. L. Smith (Clerk)

Flora H. Shell

Lillian J. Wade

Lillie R. Dobson

Mildred C. Hudson

Elmer J. Hawsey (Clerk)

Mrs. Jim Martin

Mrs. Annie Youngblood

Mrs. Mattie R. Harrison

Mrs. Gertrude Smith

T. U. Bynum

Pct. No. 5, McLellan; McLellan School
Kaltz Home

Pct. No. 6, Red Rock; Mammie

Louise Phillips (Clerk)

Mrs. Corbon Morris

Betty Grice

Elizabeth Pitman

Elsie Boyette (Clerk)

Leona Riley

Frances Joyner

Mammie Kaltz

Pct. No. 7, Munson; Munson School
City Hall

Hilda McDonald (Clerk)

Sarah Kelley

Ila Mae Coogle

Oscar E. VonAxelson

Pct. No. 8, N. Milton, Milton

Voncile Jernigan (Clerk)

Ida Lee Carpenter

Sue Carpenter

Elba Robertson

Quinna M. Mallory

Lena Thompson

Pct. No. 9, Waterworks; E. Milton Elementary School
Holley; Holley School

J. J. Chiles (Clerk)

Wells (Clerk)

Earnestine Williams

Doris Weekley

Eleanor B. Holifield

Hazel L. Carpenter

Pct. No. 10,

Mamie Lou

Louise Barnard

Linda Cox

Janie Johnson

Pct. No. 11, Springhill; E. J. Hardy Home
Gas Island Ser. Station

Pct. No. 12, Whiting Field; Ed's

Shirley Blackwell (Clerk)

Patsy Sexton

Jacob Smith

Edward Pittman

Rassie Thrash (Clerk)

Marion Maddox

Edward G. Rowell

Edward R. Vaughn

Pct. No. 13, Allentown; Allentown School
Crain's Store

Pct. No. 14, Harold,

C. T. Dozier (Clerk)

W. D. Arnette

Emma Zarahn

Marilyn Stowers

Louise Barnes (Clerk)

Nettie Morrell

Millie Myers

Lena Bell Parker

Pct. No. 15, Ferris Hill; American Legion Hall
Gospel Tabernacle

Pct. No. 16, Bagdad;

Mary Duren (Clerk)

Kathryn Gilbert

Pat Butcher

John Q. Carnley

Donie Smith

John H. Glover

Avis Prather (Clerk)

Jewell Golden

Elva Walling

Wm. D. Hatcher

Myrtle Smith

Pct. No. 17, Robinson; Fidelis School
Dean Home

Jesse D. Phillips (Clerk)

Vinson Ates

David McCraw

Irene Cooley

Pct. No. 18, Boutwell; Felian

James Shiver (Clerk)

Adell Jones

Nellie J. Ward

R. D. Smith

Pct. No. 19, Chumuckla; Chumuckla School
Elementary School

Asbury M. Kimbrough (Clerk)

Trudie Strickland

Minnie Burns

C. E. Enfinger

Pct. No. 20, Pace; Pace

Cora Whitehead (Clerk)

E. K. Simmons

Howard Barnes

Mildred Jenson

Cynthia Hamilton

Mabel Riddles

Pct. No. 21, Mulat; Avalon Beach Fire Department
Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze Fire Department

Stella Metos (Clerk)

Jane Richards

Janet Lindabury

Bessie Dean Tinsley

Pct. No. 22,

Lois G. Henrichs (Clerk)

Anna Bonifay

Zoe H. Bush

Ruth K. Stevens

Margaret Villane

Grethel Bilby

Pct. No. 23, Midway; Midway Fire Dept.

Alice P. Marble (Clerk)

Ruby Jane Grant

Ruth Hodges

Edith Harrell

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida

/s/ RAY C. HELMS

Clerk, Circuit Court, ex officio Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Santa Rosa County, Florida.

SECTION 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners and the County Election Commission of Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Fowler brought out for discussion the fact that the Resolution says the hospital is to be constructed "in Milton", and after some discussion moved that it be constructed "in the vicinity of Milton", which was seconded by Finlay and carried by unanimous vote.

Leedy, Wheeler & Alleman, Fiscal Agents for the hospital bonds (if the bonds are sold) prepared an Amortization Schedule for \$2,000,000 for twenty year, twenty-five year, and thirty year pay. Wilson moved this board give favorable consideration to a lesser term than thirty years, twenty years if possible. Fowler seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote. This will be worked out with the fiscal agent and the board at a later date. (the 20 year principal and interest would be \$2,941,240.

the 25 year principal and interest would be \$3,201,000. and the 30 year principal and interest would be \$3,468,800.)

There being no further business to come before the joint meeting, Fowler moved it be adjourned, which was seconded by Wise and carried by unanimous vote. Fowler advised that after a ten minute recess the Board of County Commissioners would reconvene for a short meeting to take care of some other business.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND SANTA ROSA COUNTY
ELECTION COMMISSION

Gerald Barnes, Acting Chairman

ATTEST

Ray C. Helms, Acting Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fowler with all members present. (Board of County Commissioners only)

Mr. Eugene Braswell, representing Charles H. McCauley, Architects, was present concerning his application previously placed with the Board for architects for the Santa Rosa Hospital. His fee would be 7%, which would include an inspector and no charge would be made to the county if the hospital should not be constructed. He said they would work with interested groups in promoting the sale of the bonds, and in the planning of the layout for the hospital would work with and get the approval of the doctors as to the x-ray room. He said they would do everything possible to please the people who would work in and use the hospital and its facilities. Wise moved the Board employ the firm of Charles H. McCauley, Architects, for the Santa Rosa County Hospital, which was seconded by Kelley and carried by unanimous vote.

Fisher again met with the Board concerning the IBM record keeping machine. He said this machine can be leased for \$7,000.00 per year. The Board would pay \$3,000.00 and the various offices who use the machine would pay the balance. The amount each office would pay would depend on the per cent of use for each one. The school board would not use it, they would also pay according to the time used.

Wilson moved Fisher be authorized to place the order for the machine, which was seconded by Kelley and carried by unanimous vote.

The Clerk read a letter from the Santa Rosa County Medical Society advising that they and the Hospital Staff had met and considered the various proposed sites for the construction of the new hospital. He said the general consensus of opinion among the doctors is that of the sites proposed, the Berryhill Road property is the most desirable, with the North Stewart Street property being second choice. Barnes moved we have test borings on the two pieces of property recommended by the Medical Society and request the Florida Development Commission to send their representative to inspect the two locations. If the test boring can be completed a decision as to the location will be made at the next regular meeting of the board. Wilson seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

E. M. Fowler, Chairman

ATTEST: Ray C. Helms, Clerk & Auditor