

ELECTION MARCH 21

Commissioners Okay College Bond Vote

Members of the Burke County Board of Commissioners made a last month, the board held a routine approval of a \$1 million bond referendum and a special session and pointed out that a comprehensive resolution of five cents per \$100 tax should be made to cover resolutions by the school systems.

All three school boards have held meetings within the last week and all adopted resolutions requesting the bond and tax referendum.

Miss Betty Claywell, county accountant, reported to the commissioners that the county had no non-school debts, that the overall financial condition of the county is excellent and the proposed bond election is the only debt anticipated by the county.

The board took another routine step in officially creating a steering committee to lead the See COMMISSIONERS page 3-A

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community college election campaign.

Giving official status to the volunteers who have been aiding the movement for some time, commissioners appointed Dr. E. W. Phifer Jr., chairman, Frank C. Patton and W. Stanley Moore and empowered them to appoint additional members.

These three were spokesmen for the volunteer committee at a board meeting December 10.

This will have the effect of giving official sanction to the county-wide group operating voluntarily, with additional members to be designated.

Other business discussed by the board included plans for polling places in Morganton Precinct No. 10 and Icard Precinct No. 5. It was pointed out that there are no permanent polling places in either of these precincts. It was reported that buildings for polling places can be constructed for about \$660 each. The board's approval of the two polling places hinged on the condition that funds are available.

The county dog warden, Ralph Cloer, was instructed that he is to work a 40-hour week, but is considered to be on duty at all times for emergency service. The purchase of a .22 rifle for the dog warden was approved.

Seven petitions to include roads in the state road system were approved by the commissioners. They were .4 of a mile of a dirt road near Reeps Junction, .5 of a mile of rural road No. 1611, a mile of road in the Stroupe subdivision in the Salem community, .5 of a mile of Wall Road, .5 of a mile of Barus Road, .5 of a mile of Icard Grove Road and .25 of a mile of Ula Street.

A trip to a county attorneys meeting in Chapel Hill next week, at county expense, was approved for Taylor.

Prior to opening the meeting of the board of commissioners, the group met first as the board of Equalization and Review to hear a complaint about tax evaluation from Morgan P. Stillwell of the Icard township. The board agreed to have George Jolly make a trip to the Stillwell property for a reappraisal.