

AT JOINT MEETING

Community College Vote Is Certified

In a joint meeting this morning, the Burke County Board of Elections and the Burke County Board of Commissioners certified the Saturday bond election for the community college.

The board of elections presented the results of a canvass of the precincts, which showed the voters approved the bond and special tax issues by nearly a 17 to one margin.

With the certification and approval of the election, the next step will be for the commissioners to prepare and offer the bonds for sale.

Prior to meeting with the board of elections, the commissioners met as the Burke County Board of Equalization and Review to hear any complaints concerning property valuation for tax purposes. There was no business to come before this board.

During a discussion session, not an official meeting of the commissioners, Chairman Thomas N. Clontz brought out the need of hiring an office manager for the county office, to primarily head up tax appraisals, tax maps and tax collections.

Clontz noted that some of the tax divisions are 18 months behind in their work. This situation is not new, he said, but something that has been building up in the county for many years.

Clontz said the county offices
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Official Vote On College Bond Issue Was 8,938 To 510

Official returns from Burke County's election for a comprehensive community college show slight change from the unofficial tabulation compiled on election night.

The board of election and county commissioners certified the final results after a canvass yesterday as follows:
On bond issue: 8,938 for, 510 against.

On tax for local support: 8,856 for, 588 against.

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are under staffed and it would represent a savings to tax payers in the county if office procedures were handled more efficiently.

Livingston Vernon, county attorney, stepped from his official role to endorse Clontz's opinion. Also, Graham DeVane, an accountant, talked with the group and said he was of the opinion that the county offices need a real expert in handling the affairs.

Though no official opinions were voiced, the commissioners seemed to be pleased with the suggestion. The matter is to be discussed at length during the May meeting of the board.

The commissioners were holding a business meeting this afternoon.



KEEPING IN RADIO CONTACT — James Maney (standing) and Claude Coffey (sitting), both with microphones in the community college headquarters in the Patton Building, are shown in contact with six mobile units of the Cross Band Radio Club of Burke County at polling places during the election

Saturday. The radio club members kept headquarters informed on how many had voted at certain times of the day, and if any voter wanted a ride to the polls, a radio call was sent for an automobile to provide transportation. (Staff photo by J. W. Long)