



A RESOLUTION

ORDERING A REFERENDUM IN SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE COUNTY SHALL ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$6,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES ; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF BALLOT TO BE USED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE REFERENDUM; AND PROVIDING FOR ALL OTHER THINGS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT THE AFORESAID QUESTION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The County Council (the "Council"), as the governing body of Sumter County, South Carolina (the "County"), hereby finds and determines:

(a) Pursuant to Section 4-9-10, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and the results of a referendum held in accordance therewith, the Council-Administrator form of government was adopted and the County Council constitutes the governing body of the County.

(b) Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended (the "Constitution"), provides that counties of the State shall have the power to incur general obligation debt only in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the General Assembly shall prescribe by law.

(c) Article X, Section 14, subsection (5) of the Constitution provides that if general obligation debt is authorized by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the County voting in a referendum authorized by law, there shall be no conditions or restrictions limiting the incurring of such indebtedness except: (i) those restrictions and limitations imposed in the authorization to incur such indebtedness; (ii) such general obligation debt shall be issued within five years of the date of such referendum; and (iii) general obligation debt may be incurred only for a purpose which is a public purpose and which is a corporate purpose of the County and such debt shall mature within thirty years from the time such indebtedness shall be incurred.

(d) The provisions of Title 11, Chapter 27, Code of Laws of South Carolina, empower the Council of the County to order any such referendum as is required by Article X of the Constitution, to prescribe the notice thereof and to conduct or cause to be conducted such referendum in the manner prescribed by Title 4, Chapter 15, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "County Bond Act").

(e) There is a need to construct and equip new library facilities (including architectural, engineering, legal and related fees) in the County, the cost of which must be defrayed with the proceeds of general obligation bonds of the County. Under the County's present constitutional debt limitation, the amount of bonds authorized to be issued is limited unless the question of issuing such bonds is submitted and approved by the qualified electors of the County.

(f) It is in the best interest of the County for the Council to provide that a referendum be held in order to submit to the qualified electors of the County the question of whether the County may construct and equip new library facilities in the County (including architectural, engineering, legal and related fees).

SECTION 2. Order to Hold Referendum. Pursuant to the aforesaid provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina including, without limitation, Title 7 of the Code, there is hereby ordered a referendum to be held in the County on August 24, 2004 (the "Referendum"), at which there shall be submitted to all persons, residents of the County, qualified to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, the question set forth in Section 4 hereof.

SECTION 3. Voting and Polling Places. The voting precincts in the County for the Referendum shall be those designated by Section 7-7-501 of the Code. The polling places in each of such precincts shall be designated by the Sumter County Registration and Elections Commission (the "Commission") in accordance with Section 7-7-501 of the Code with the approval of a majority of the Sumter County Legislative Delegation.

The polls shall be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock in the afternoon on the date fixed for the Referendum and shall be held open during said hours without intermission or adjournment.

SECTION 4. Form of Ballot. The Commission shall furnish to the managers of election a sufficient number of ballots printed on clear white paper, of such form and size as will fit the ballot frames of the voting machines, the arrangement of the form of questions to be prescribed by the Commission. The Referendum shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the South Carolina Election Law governing voting machines. The form of question on the ballot frame to be used in the Referendum and the instructions to voters appearing thereon shall be in substantially the form set forth below. The format on the ballot may be changed to accommodate voting machines, but the form of questions shall remain the same.

There must be provided for each voting place where voting machines are used a number of ballots not to exceed ten percent of the registered qualified voters at the voting place.

(FORM OF BALLOT)

OFFICIAL BALLOT,  
REFERENDUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING  
OF NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES  
SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
August 24, 2004

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Precinct \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initials of Issuing Officer

-----

OFFICIAL BALLOT,  
REFERENDUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING  
OF NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES  
SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

August 24, 2004

Shall the County Council of Sumter County, South Carolina (the "County") be empowered to issue, at one time or from time to time as several separate issues, general obligation bonds of the County in a principal amount not exceeding \$6,000,000, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the costs (including architectural, engineering, legal and related fees) of constructing and equipping new library facilities in the County?

In favor of the question             [Yes]

Opposed to the question            [No]

If the voter wishes to vote in favor of the question, place a check or crossmark in the square after the words "In favor of the question;" if the voter wishes to vote against the question, place a check or crossmark in the square after the words "Opposed to the question."

SECTION 5. Qualifications of Voters. Every person offering to vote (a) must be at least eighteen (18) years of age; (b) must be duly registered on the books of registration for the County as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides and offers to vote; (c) must be registered on or before the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum; and (d) must present his or her registration certificate, valid South Carolina driver's license, or other form of identification containing a photograph issued by the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation, if not licensed to drive. Any registered elector who has moved his or her place of residence within the County after the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum, but before the date of the Referendum, shall be entitled to vote in his or her previous precinct of residence in the Referendum.

Absentee ballots for the Referendum shall be available at the Commission. The books of registration shall be closed 30 days before the date of the Referendum.

SECTION 6. Notice of Referendum. A Notice of Referendum substantially in the form hereinafter set forth shall be published in *The Item*, a newspaper having general circulation in the County. In compliance with Section 7-13-35 of the Code, such notice shall be published 60 days before the date of the Referendum and again two weeks thereafter. Such Notice shall also be published not less than 15 days prior to the occasion set for the holding of the Referendum.

(FORM OF NOTICE OF REFERENDUM)

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ON  
THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES  
SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

August 24, 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Referendum will be held in the County of Sumter, South Carolina (the "County"), on August 24, 2004 for the purpose of submitting to all persons qualified to vote in the County, under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina the following question:

Shall the County Council of Sumter County, South Carolina (the "County") be empowered to issue, at one time or from time to time as several separate issues, general obligation bonds of the County in a principal amount not exceeding \$6,000,000, the proceeds of which shall be used to pay the costs (including architectural, engineering, legal and related fees) of constructing and equipping new library facilities in the County?

In favor of the question             [Yes]

Opposed to the question             [No]

If the voter wishes to vote in favor of the question, place a check or crossmark in the square after the words "In favor of the question;" if the voter wishes to vote against the question, place a check or crossmark in the square after the words "Opposed to the question."

The question is being submitted pursuant to Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended; Title 7, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; and a resolution adopted by the Council on June 22, 2004.

The precincts within the County and locations of the several polling places for such Referendum are as follows:

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Location of Polling Place</u>
Absentee	Voter Registration/Election Office Sumter County Courthouse, Rm. #114 141 N. Main St. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Bates	Bates Middle School 714 Estate St. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Birnie	Birnie Hope Center 210 S. Purdy St. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Burns Down	Alice Drive Fire Station 225 Alice Dr. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Causeway Branch	Millwood Elementary School 24 Pinewood Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Cherryvale	Cherryvale Community Center 4340 Confederate Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29154

Crosswell	Crosswell Elementary School 301 Crosswell Dr. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Dalzell	American Legion Post #175 3635 Camden Hwy. Dalzell, South Carolina 29040
Delaine	Delaine Elementary School 5355 Cane Savannah Rd. Wedgefield, South Carolina 29168
Ebenezer	Ebenezer Middle School 3440 Ebenezer Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Folsom Park	Black River Electric Co-op 1121 N. Pike Road W Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Furman	Furman Middle School 3400 Bethel Church Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29154
Green Swamp	School District #2 District Office 1345 Wilson Hall Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Hampton Park	Rembert House 114 N. Salem Ave. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Hillcrest	Hillcrest Middle School Intersection of Hwy. 441 & 521 Dalzell, South Carolina 29040
Horatio	Horatio Fire Station 7720 Sumter Landing Rd. Horatio, South Carolina 29062
Lemira	Lemira Elementary School 952 Fulton St. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Loring	Bethel A.M.E. Church 219 E. Calhoun St.

	Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Magnolia-Harmony	Lafayette Center 190 Lafayette Dr. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Manchester Forest	Wedgefield Fire Station 6280 Wedgefield Rd. Wedgefield, South Carolina 29168
Mayesville	Mayesville Town Hall S. Main St. Mayesville, South Carolina 29104
Mayewood	Mayewood Middle School 4300 Brewington Rd., East Sumter, South Carolina 29153
McCray's Mill 1 & 2	Sumter County Career Center 2612 McCrays Mill Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29154
Millwood	Millwood Elementary School 24 Pinewood Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Morris College	Optimist Gym 200 Pine St. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Mulberry	National Guard Armory 395 N. Pike West Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Oakland Plantation 1 & 2	Oakland Elementary School 5415 Oakland Dr. Sumter, South Carolina 29154
Oswego	Oswego Fire Station 1260 Jessamyn Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29153
Palmetto Park	Central Carolina Technical College Environmental Building #700 Guignard & Theater Dr. Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Pinewood	Manchester Elementary School 200 Clark St. Pinewood, South Carolina 29125
Pocotaligo 1 & 2	Lakewood High School 350 Old Manning Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Privateer	Pocalla Springs Elementary School 2060 Bethel Church Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29154
Rembert	Rembert Fire Station 7045 Post Office St. Rembert, South Carolina 29128
Salem	Dabbs Crossroads Fire Station 6090 Myrtle Beach Hwy. Gable, South Carolina 29051
Salterstown	Chestnut Oaks Middle School 1200 Oswego Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29153
Savage Glover	Salem Baptist Church 320 Fulton St. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Second Mill	Elk's Lodge 1100 W. Liberty St. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Shaw	Shaw Heights Elementary School 5121 Frierson Rd. Shaw AFB, South Carolina 29152
South Liberty	American Legion Building 38 Artillery Dr. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
South Red Bay	Fire Station/Hwy. 521 South 1121 Manning Road Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Spectrum	Spectrum Senior Center 1989 Durant Lane Sumter, South Carolina 29150

St. John	St. John Elementary School 4515 Narrow Paved Rd. Lynchburg, South Carolina 29080
St. Paul	St. Paul Church 1495 N. St. Paul Ch. Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29154
Stone Hill	Jehovah Baptist Church 803 S. Harvin St. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Sumter High 1 & 2	Sumter High School 2580 McCrays Mill Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Sunset	Kingsbury Elementary School 825 Kingsbury Rd. Sumter, South Carolina 29154
Swan Lake	Willow Drive Elementary School 26 Willow Dr. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Thomas Sumter	Hillcrest Middle School Intersection of Hwy. 441 & 521 Dalzell, South Carolina 29040
Turkey Creek	Lemira Elementary School 952 Fulton St. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Wilder	Wilder Elementary School 900 Floral Ave. Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Wilson Hall	Wilson Hall School 2801 Wise Dr. Sumter, South Carolina 29150

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the polling places designated above and shall be open during these hours without intermission or adjournment. The Managers of Election shall see that each person offering to vote takes the oath that he or she is qualified to vote at this election according to the Constitution of this State and that he or she has not voted before in this election.

Voters who are blind, who are otherwise physically handicapped, or who are unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting their ballot. This assistance may be given by anyone the voter chooses except his or her employer, an agent of his or her employer, or an officer or agent of his or her union. The Managers of Election must be notified if assistance is needed. Voters who are unable to enter their polling place due to physical handicap or age may vote in the vehicle in which they drove, or were driven to the polls. When notified, the Manager will help voters effectuate this curbside voting provision. Registered voters may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee balloting should contact the Sumter County Registration and Elections Commission at (803) 436-2312.

Every person offering to vote (a) must be at least 18 years of age on the date of the Referendum; (b) must reside in the County; (c) must be duly registered on the books of registration of the County as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides and offers to vote on or before the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum; and (d) must present his or her registration certificate, valid South Carolina driver's license, or other form of identification containing a photograph issued by the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation, if not licensed to drive.

Any registered elector who has moved his or her place of residence within the County after the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum, but before the date of the Referendum, shall be entitled to vote in his or her previous precinct of residence in the Referendum; provided, however, in case any registered elector shall have moved from one precinct in the County to another precinct in the County within 30 days prior to August 24, 2004, and shall have surrendered his or her registration certificate and has received a new certificate, such elector may vote in the precinct provided for by such new certificate. Persons who become of age during the 30-day period preceding the Referendum shall be entitled to register before the closing of the books if otherwise qualified.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote in the Referendum will be July 24, 2004. Applications for registration to vote sent by mail must be postmarked not later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, or delivered to the Sumter County Registration and Elections Commission, Sumter County Courthouse Rm. 114, 141 N. Main St., Sumter, South Carolina 29150, on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2004. The process of examining the return-envelopes containing absentee ballots will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the date of the Referendum.

A hearing on ballots challenged, if any, in the Referendum will be held by the Sumter County Registration and Elections Commission on Thursday, August 26, 2004, at \_\_\_\_\_ [a.m.][p.m.] , in the office of the Sumter County Registration and Elections Commission, Sumter County Courthouse Rm. 114, 141 N. Main St., Sumter, South Carolina.

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, County Council for Sumter  
County, South Carolina

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Sumter County Registration and Elections  
Commission

The Commission is authorized to change any of the locations of polling places for the Referendum as deemed necessary or advisable. Appropriate changes are authorized to be made in the Notice of Referendum.

SECTION 7. County Registration and Elections Commission. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Commission, and the Commission is hereby requested as follows:

- (a) To join in the action of the County in providing for the respective Notices of Referendum in substantially the forms contained herein;
- (b) To prescribe the form of ballot to be used in the Referendum;
- (c) To arrange for polling places in each precinct, or any part of a precinct within the County;
- (d) To appoint Managers of Election;
- (e) To provide ballot labels, ballot cards and vote recorders for the Referendum;
- (f) To conduct the Referendum, receive the returns thereof, canvass such returns, declare the results thereof, and certify such results to the Council; and
- (g) To take other steps and prepare such other means as shall be necessary or required by law in order to properly conduct the Referendum.

Adopted this 22nd day of June, 2004.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUMTER COUNTY,  
SOUTH CAROLINA

---

Chairperson

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

---

Secretary