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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF SPECIAL ELECTION ON $75000 BOND ISSUE

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Special Election, Saturday, July 17, 1926

"Are you in favor of voting Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($75,000.00) in bonds for the purpose of completing the two State Road projects, Nos. 58 3-4 and 126, known as the Headquarters road, 6-2 miles, and the Myers Station road, 9 miles, in said County."?

YES .... ☐

NO .... ☐

I, Jno. A. Westfall, Clerk of the County Court for the County and State aforesaid, certify that the foregoing Ballot is a true and correct copy Official Ballot, to be voted, on Saturday, July 17, 1926.

Jno. A. Westfall

Clerk Nicholas County Court

Porto Bello Gold

By A. D. Howden Smith

CHAPTER XIX

Cap'n Bill Bones

NICHOLAS COUNTY NEEDS GOOD ROADS

Nicholas County has an opportunity to get them by voting a $75,000 Bond Issue July 17th. This $75,000 will be matched by the State Highway Department with $225,000 and the entire $300,000 will be spent to build the remaining roads in Nicholas County in the State Primary System. After they have been rebuilt the State takes them over for future maintenance without further cost to Nicholas County.

Why You Should Vote For The Road Bond Issue

Here are ten reasons why the voters and tax-payers of Nicholas county should vote for the issue of $75,000 in bonds to complete the Primary Road System in this county:

First—It is the best plan yet devised to solve the road problem in Nicholas county where the regular road fund has proven inadequate to maintain the highway system now under county maintenance. It will mean the turning over to the State Road Department for perpetual maintenance of all roads in the Primary System, which are conceded to be not only the most important but the most expensive thoroughfares in the county to keep in a usable condition. With the main roads off the county's hands the annnual road fund of $25,000 will be sufficient to keep the remaining roads in good repair.

Second—It will prove less costly to the tax-payers to approve the Bond Issue than to defeat it. If the Bond Issue is adopted it will require a tax levy of only 10 cents on the $100 to meet the interest requirements and create a sinking fund to pay off the principal. If the Bond Issue is defeated it will only be a matter of a few years until all of the roads in the county will become impassible and the next step will be the imposition of the Special Road Tax Levy of 20 cents on the $100 in an effort to get out of the mud. A tax-payer with an assessment of $5,000 will pay $5.00 taxes annually if the Bond Issue carries or $10.00 additional taxes annually if the Bond Issue is defeated.

Third—If the Bond Issue is approved the State will expend $3.00 for every $1.00 Nicholas county spends in the reconstruction of the roads in the Primary System. This the most liberal proposition yet made in the reconstruction of roads in the State Primary System. Heretofore such roads that have been built in Nicholas county have been paid for on a fifty-fifty basis. That is, the State expended only $1.00 for every $1.00 spent by Nicholas county. This will be the first, last and only opportunity Nicholas county will ever have to rebuild its main roads on such a liberal basis. So many counties have already voted bonds under the 3 for 1 plan that the State will not have funds available to continue it longer than this year.

Fourth—The adoption of the Bond Issue is the only chance people living on the small county roads will ever have to get their roads improved. With insufficient funds to keep all the roads in repair the main expenditure will continue on the more important thoroughfares where the travel is the heaviest and if the Bond Issue is defeated the smaller county roads will soon become impassible to traffic during the winter season. If the Bond Issue is adopted the county will get the main roads off its hands and the funds heretofore expended in their repair and upkeep will then be used on the smaller pikes.

Fifth—Nicholas county, while an important agricultural community, must keep its thoroughfares in a usable condition if it expects to maintain the prosperity it has enjoyed in the past and invite new comers to its borders either to lcoate by the purchase of land or to buy its products. With counties surrounding it having already voted bonds to reconstruct their main roads and turn them over to the State for future maintenance competition will be keener than ever before. With roads almost impassible one-half of the year in Nicholas county and smooth thoroughfare always in good condition in Bourbon and Fayette it will influence farm land buyers to turn Nicholas county down for one of its more fortunate neighbors.

Sixth—Nicholas county is paying into the State treasury close to $20,000 annually in automobile licenses and gasoline tax. The only possible way to secure the benefit of this vast expenditure each year is to approve the Bond Issue and turn ALL of the roads in this county in the Primary System over to the State for maintenance. If this is done the county will be ACTUALLY receiving more funds in the way of maintenance of its State Primary roads each year than it pays into the State treasury. Defeat the Bond Issue and the big bulk of automobile licenses and gasoline tax paid by Nicholas countians will continue to be expended elsewhere in the State. This one reason alone should be sufficient to cause every automobile owner in Nicholas county to vote for the bonds. Why pay 5 cents tax on every gallon of gasoline we use here in Nicholas county and get not a cent of it back? Our good money will go to help build roads in other counties that have accepted the three-for-one proposition of the Road Department. Our neighbors, Harrison and Fleming, voted to accept this proposition. It will be nice and neighborly and unselfish for us to help them build their roads, but why not get some roads built ourselves, when we are paying a nickel into the road department every time we buy a gallon of gasoline?

Seventh—The completion of the roads in the Primary System so that they may be hereafter maintained by the State and the subsequent improvement in the remaining smaller pikes in the county that will result from the release of funds now being used on the main thoroughfares is bound to result in improved business to every farmer and business man in the county. Farmers will save money and make money in increased speed to market, in the upkeep and operation of their cars, as well as in the improvement and accessibility of their farms in the event they desire to sell them. Every merchant in the county will share in the increased business that invariably follows good roads, not only from the local buyers, but from visitors from other counties and States that will be attracted here as a result.

Eighth—The defeat of the Road Bond Issue will effectively end all hope for the present at least of Nicholas county getting out of the financial rut and business depression that has steadly gripped it since the land boom days following the World War. Its roads will continue to deteriorate and its farm land market will grow weaker and weaker as a result. Farmers will find it more and more expensive getting their crops and stock to market and all business will suffer from the decreased returns therefrom. When it is too late the community will wake up. But the opportunity to get the State to put up $3.00 for $1.00 will be gone. The only alternative then will be to vote the Special 20-cent Road Tax Levy.

Ninth—The $75,000 raised by the Bond Issue will never leave Nicholas county. It will be deposited in Nicholas county banks and paid out for labor, supplies, materials, etc., by the contractors as the roads are built. In addition $225,000 of the money put up by the State will be expended for like purposes. Practically every person in the county will benefit either dirctly or indirectly from the expenditure of this big sum here.

Tenth—And finally. The issuance of bonds for permanent improvements is a sound principle of business. Future generations enjoy the benefits of permanent improvements and it is just that they should share in their cost. As the couny will forever be relieved of the maintenance of the roads in the Primary System that will be constructed under the proposed Bond Issue it is entitled to be classed as a permanent improvement. For this reason Nicholas county will make no mistake in voting "Yes" on the Bond Issue July 17th.

The few opponents of the Road Bond Issue have utterly failed to offer any other plan for solving our Road Problem, let alone a better plan. They have advanced no sound business reasons against voting the bonds.

Don't vote against the Road Bond Issue because you think the entire $75,000 rests on your shoulders. There are 4,500 other voters in Nicholas county who share the same responsibility.. Your part of the $75,000 is actually only $16.66 and you will have twenty years to pay it in.

A Comparison

IF THE BOND ISSUE CARRIES:—Nicholas county will get rid of the remaining mileage of the Primary Road System, thus releasing the $25,000.00 present road fund for use on the side roads.

The State will spend for the maintenance of the Primary Roads during the twenty years in Nicholas county SIX times as much as the bonds plus interest, will cost the people of Nicholas county. For many years to come the State will spend on Nicholas county roads more than TWICE as much money as the county pays into the State for road purposes.

IF THE BOND ISSUE FAILS:—Nicholas county will continue to have her "nose on the grindstone" trying to maintain and bring up to the required condition for State acceptance the remaining primary heavy traffic roads, and will continue to have NO money to spend on the side roads, already in sad need of repairs.

Taxes will be increased by the necessity of voting a special road tax levy of 20 cents to repair these side roads when they finally become so badly impaired as to make the need imperative.

The large amount of money Nicholas county will draw from other parts of the State under Bond Issue proposition will be spent elsewhere and along with it would go nearly half the money Nicholas county pays into the State fund for roads and we will be a "POORER BUT WISER" county at the end of the twenty years.

Note Well This Fact

The principal reason for favoring this Bond Issue is that it releases the $25,000 annual road income of Nicholas county so it can be used on the side roads.

This is better than voting aditional bonds for side roads because the $125,000 available for side roads during the next five years bears no interest charges.

Don't Fail To VOTE "YES" On The Road Bonds

GOOD ROADS COMMITTEE OF NICHOLAS COUNTY

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