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**Notice of Election.**

**ORDER FOR ELECTION.**

Office of the Board of Commissioners of Polk County, North Carolina.

At a meeting duly, legally and regularly called and held by the Board of Commissioners of Polk County, in the court house, in the said county on 10 day of September 1907, it being made to the said Board that a number of the citizens of said county have subscribed to the capital stock of the Bat Cave Railroad Company, and have been engaged in an effort to build a railroad through Polk County from a connection where satisfactory traffic arrangements can be secured for said road in a way by which said Railway will be independent in its operations, thereby securing the best rates that competition will make for our people, said railroad to be constructed a distance in no case less than twenty-five (25) miles within the County and to be constructed via or near Mill Springs and Columbus;

And whereas a petition has been filed signed by a number of citizens of Polk County, requesting this action on the part of this board,

And whereas the best interest and prosperity of Polk County depends greatly upon the construction of said railroad,

And whereas the construction of said railroad will bring directly into the County taxable property of approximately one-half million dollars, to say nothing of the taxable property that will flow into said County by reason of said railroad,

And Whereas the wisest financial policy for the county will be subserved by extending to the construction of the said railroad material aid by said County,

And whereas the subscription hereinbelow mentioned is necessary to aid in the construction of said railroad in which the citizens of the county have an interest,

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED by the Board that the question of subscription to the capital stock of said Company in the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (which amount this Board proposes to subscribe) to be paid in County bonds to mature in not less than thirty years with 5 per cent interest coupons attached, payable semi-annually at the place provided for in said bonds, the interest on said bonds and the bonds themselves at maturity to be paid by taxation as provided by law, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said county as provided by charter of said company and Chapter 61, Vol. 1, of the Revisal of 1905 of North Carolina, on the 29th, day of October, 1907, which election is hereby ordered for the purpose of voting for or against the proposition to subscribe the said amount of stock agreed on by the Board of County Commissioners, and at which election the said voters shall vote a ticket as follows: Those favoring the subscription shall vote a ticket upon which shall be written or printed, "FOR Subscription," and those opposed shall vote a ticket upon which shall be written or printed, "AGAINST Subscription," if the majority of the voters of said county shall vote for subscription, then the Board of County Commissioners, through their chairman, shall subscribe to the capital stock of said company the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS to be paid in bonds specified above, which said bonds shall be issued upon conditions following, viz: The said bonds shall not be issued and delivered to said company or to any one else until after said company or its assigns shall have complete and put in operation a standard gauge railroad in compliance with the construction contract submitted for the inspection of the Board at this date from a physical connection via or near Mill Springs and Columbus and beyond those points, a total distance within the county of at least twenty-five miles and that a regular schedule of train service for freight and passengers be in operation as evidenced by the publication of a schedule in a newspaper published in Columbus; provided, however that one-half of the bonds shall be issued and paid to said Railway Company of the railroad as above specified to Columbus; and provided further that when said conditions have been complied with, then the said Board of Commissioners shall issue and pay to the said company the said County bonds in exchange for the same amount of the capital stock of the said Bat Cave Railway Company at par,

under the following terms and conditions: That the said Railway Company shall have issued at that time first mortgage 5 per cent thirty year gold bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 each of the Railway Company, at the rate of Twenty Thousand Dollars per mile, such bonds to be secured by a first mortgage on all of the existing and after acquired property of the Railway Company, which mortgage is to secure not only said bonds but may also provide for a further issue of such bonds at a rate not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars principal amount per mile of said railroad; but in that event such additional bonds are to be retained in the treasury of the Railway Company to be issued only as follows, to-wit: Twenty Five Hundred Dollars per mile of such additional issue for the acquisition at par by the Railway Company at its election of stock issued pursuant to this subscription to its capital stock, provided such acquisition be lawful, and the remaining Twenty-five Hundred Dollars per mile of such additional bonds to be used only to secure money for the payment of interest upon other bonds of said issue when the purpose of the Company so require, and the Board of County Commissioners hereby consents and agrees that the Railway Company shall have the right, at its election, to acquire its said stock with the Railway bonds aforesaid for that purpose.

Provided further that under no circumstances shall the County bonds be issued except upon the conditions set forth above, nor unless the road as specified above shall be completed by July 1 1912.

C. A. CARSON,  
Chairman Board of County Commissioners

Attest,  
F. M. BURGESS  
Clerk to B. C. Coms., Polk County.

It is further ordered that the herein after named persons are appointed registrars and judges to register voters and to hold said election at the voting precincts indicated, to-wit:

| PRECINCT       | REGISTRARS      | JUDGES                         |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Columbus       | J. B. Page      | J. D. Carpenter & A. Jackson   |
| Mill Spring    | F. C. Jackson   | E. B. Edwards & J. R. Williams |
| Pea Ridge      | H. T. Green     | W. L. Gibbs & J. R. Phillips   |
| Big Level      | W. H. Ledbetter | C. D. Elliott & W. W. Gibbs    |
| Jackson's Mill | Le Roy Constant | Vance Thompson & M. A. Jackson |
| Tryon          | R. B. Engel     | W. H. McFarland & E. Brownlee  |
| Saluda         | Q. C. Soinner   | T. E. Pace & G. W. Pearson     |
| Green Creek    | J. A. Feagans   | Henry Calvert & M. A. Cornwell |

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3 It will touch every important railroad system of the South short circuit them for business to and from the important trade centers, bring to our doors the advantages of them all, yet belong to none of them.

4 There will be about 30 miles of standard gauge road in Polk County, which will extend from the Rutherford County line, near Chimney Rock to the lower end of Greens Creek Township, which with the present railroad facilities will give every township in the county a railroad.

5 The parties proposing to build the road have ample funds to complete it.

6 No bonds are to be issued until the road is in operation, with a regular schedule of trains.

7 The County's stock will be secured by a first Mortgage Bond on the Railroad which pays 5 per cent interest, the same rate that the County's Bonds draw, therefore the County cannot lose a cent.

8 The taxes the county will get from the railroad, at the lowest rate any road is, assessed in the State, will be at least

That the said registrars at said voting precincts shall receive and correct the registration books so that they will show a truthful and accurate list of the qualified voters in his precinct, and register all such as may apply under the law to be registered.

That the said election be advertised for thirty days by publication in The Polk County News at Columbus and by posting a notice at said voting precincts and that said election in all particulars shall be held by said judges and registrars as provided by law.

C. A. CARSON,  
Chm'n B C C for Polk County.  
F. M. BURGESS,  
Cl'k B'rd Coms. Polk County.

Office Board of Election } Sept 10, 1907.  
Polk County N. C.

The order as set forth above appointing Judges and registrars for the election mentioned in said order is approved, and ratified and so far as the judges and registrars are concerned, made by us, the Board of Election in meeting assembled.

N. T. MILLS,  
W. J. GAINES,  
Board of Election for Polk County.



REMEMBER that if you stay away that you vote against it.

Respectfully submitted for your careful consideration by

J. G. HUGHES  
F. M. STEARNS  
J. P. ARLEDGE  
H. C. MORGAN  
W. M. JUSTICE  
W. C. NEWMAN  
J. E. SHIPMAN  
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J. W. McFARLAND

**In Polk County.**

(Hendersonville Times.)

Editor Time: Is Polk county going to vote the railroad bonds? This is a question heard many times a day on the streets of Hendersonville. Now that Buncombe and Henderson counties seen so certain to carry for the railroad all eyes are centered on our neighbor county to east of the Blue Ridge.

None of the five counties which are soon to vote on great railroad for Western North Carolina will be so greatly benefited as Polk county. It is vastly more in need of railroad facilities than any other county. Its benefits will be to relatively much greater than it will be to any of the other counties.

The undeveloped resources of Polk county are enormous. With its tens of thousands of acres of timber covering vast areas of the county; With its thousands horse power on Green River and on other streams just awaiting development with its wonderfully fertile soil in which every variety of fruits an vegetables, grape, peaches, sweet potatoes, together with the heavier crop of cotton and corn can be so successful grown; who can guess the result that a railroad would have upon that county.

When it come to climate; it can safely be said that there is no finer all the year round climate on the American continent. Lying as it does in the very foot hills of the Blue Ridge mountains it enjoys a remarkable protection against the cold north-west winds.

The benefits which a railroad would have is beyond calculation.

Now is Polk's chance of getting this great benefit. The taxes on railroad would about pay interest on the bonds so the county could not lose. This railroad would increase the assessed valuation by over a million dollars in five years. Thousand of tourists would be attracted by Polk's wonderful climate and mountain scenery. It would give every farmer markets for his produce, tan bark, cross ties, lumber and cotton. The railroad will spent in construction alone in Polk county nearly one half million dollars.

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