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NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING DIVISIONS NEWSLETTER

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VOTERS AND POLITICIANS OKAY NEARLY \$800 MILLION FOR CAROLINAS CONSTRUCTION

In a big boost for the Carolinas construction industry, voters and politicians this month approved nearly \$800 million for building, road, water and sewer, and parks improvements.

In North Carolina, voters on Nov. 4 gave the green light to \$518,150,000 in bonds for building, road, water and sewer, and parks improvements. Those projects include:

- * Guilford County: \$300,000,000 for 11 new or replacement schools and renovations to 17 more schools.
- * Durham County: \$123,665,000 for schools, library, museum, community college improvements.
- * Davie County: \$8,825,000 for schools.
- * Huntersville (Mecklenburg County): \$20,000,000 for street/highway, municipal buildings, recreation.
- * Pinehurst (Moore County): \$16,000,000 for water, sewer.
- * Carrboro: \$4,600,000 for sidewalk/greenway.
- * Chapel Hill: \$29,360,000 for library, sidewalk/street, recreation, open space, municipal building.
- * Spring Lake: \$15,700,000 for recreation, water, sanitary sewer.

The only bond referendum on the Tuesday ballot which failed involved \$59,000,000 for schools in Surry County. For a complete list of those successful projects, and other information, go to www.cagc.org for Building Contractors.

In South Carolina, the Berkeley County School Board voted unanimously Nov. 4 to issue \$227.7 million in bonds to build two schools and renovate three more under an alternative financing method. Issuing "installment revenue" bonds will allow the district to build an elementary-middle school on Daniel Island and a high school in Goose Creek and renovate Berkeley, Sedgefield and College Park middle schools without increasing taxes, said Brantley Thomas, the district's executive director of financial services.

Also getting overwhelming voter approval was a \$48 million school facilities bond referendum for the Darlington County School District.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

The South Carolina Legislative Joint Bond Review Committee recently approved funding for several state projects. All of the projects still require approval by the Budget and Control Board, which is scheduled to meet in mid-November. Approval is expected for these projects:

Probation, Pardon & Parole will receive \$508,375 to replace defective fire retardant treated roofing, including decking, trusses and shingles on the main building.

The Citadel will receive an increase of \$500,000 to demolish the West Stands of the Johnson Hagood Stadium and for the construction of new West Stands, including seating, concessions, press boxes, sky boxes and other spaces. The Citadel will also receive \$300,000 to demolish the masonry facade and do other structural repairs on the East Stands of the Johnson Hagood Stadium.

Clemson University has been allotted \$500,000 to design and perform site improvements around the residence halls. Work will include constructing and repairing hardscape, installing outdoor lighting and irrigating and planting areas.

Lander University will receive \$11.1 million to construct an 81,000 square-foot, 300-bed student housing complex.

Vocational Rehabilitation is granted \$386,500 to replace the 17-year-old roof of the Muscular Development Building at the Boston Avenue campus.

Mental Health will see an increase in their budget by \$2.2 million to cover the low bid to replace the roofs on 22 buildings at Morris Village.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism will receive an increase of \$900,000 to fund additional maintenance and repairs on park facilities throughout the State.

CAROLINAS AGC BUILDING DIVISION LEADERS

Congratulations to these members who recently took over the lead of the Building Division for 2004:

Building Division Chair, **Cleve Paul**, D. S. Simmons, Inc., Goldsboro, and Division Vice Chair, **Mark Hood**, Hood Construction Company, Inc., Columbia. Both are also on the CAGC Board of Directors. In addition, **Art Baiden** of Potter-Shackelford Construction Co. in Greenville is Chairman of the Board.

Other Building Division members on CAGC's Board of Directors are: **Bill Marshburn** of D. J. Rose & Son, Inc., Rocky Mount, Immediate Past Chairman of the Board; **Barry Gardner** of Shelco, Inc., Raleigh, Treasurer; **Harry Myrick**, Myrick Construction, Inc., Biscoe, Director at Large; **Pat Rodgers**, Rodgers Builders, Charlotte, Director at Large; and **Ben Mixon** of Mixon Construction Co. Inc., Durham, Appointed Director.

BAHAMAS HERE WE COME!

The 83rd Annual Carolinas AGC Convention is scheduled Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, 2004 at the [Atlantis](#). The 2004 Convention—at the members' request—will differ from previous conventions in both look and feel. However, the programs will be as informative as always; especially the Building Division meeting. Make your plans to attend the meeting in Atlantis. You won't be sorry!

To register, go to www.cagc.org. Also, at our newly redesigned website, under For Building Contractors, check out the latest information on what you need to know.

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"Look at a day when you are supremely satisfied at the end. It is not a day when you lounge around doing nothing. It's when you've had everything to do, and you've done it."

- Margaret Thatcher, Former British Prime Minister