

Four Architects Present Plans For Buildings to Local Board

Tax Charge For County Is \$623,691

\$25,600 Increase Over That for 1952, Deputy County Auditor Says

The total tax charge on Highland County property for 1953 has been set at \$632,691.39, according to an announcement made today by W. R. Sharp, deputy county auditor.

This is an increase of about \$25,689 over the total tax charge on local property during the previous year, records reveal.

The total tax charge is figured on the taxing rate set in each of the taxing districts in the county and the valuation of the property located in these taxing districts.

The Hillsboro Board of Education heard four architects present their proposals for the new elementary school buildings and the addition to the high school building, Monday night. All board members were present in addition to the citizens' advisory committee.

The group was in session over five hours. Architects included Ralph H. Harman of Springfield, Grunkemeir & Sullivan of Cincinnati, Kellam & Foley of Columbus and E. C. Landberg of Cincinnati.

Some of the architects had preliminary drawings of the proposed new structures here while others cited other school buildings they had constructed.

NO ACTION was taken at the meeting relative to the hiring of an architect. Their plans and proposals will be studied and one selected in the near future.

Two new elementary buildings and addition to the high school were approved by the voters of the school district last November when they voted a \$675,000 bond issue.

Various proposals were given the group by the architects. One firm

had a drawing prepared which would salvage a part of the Washington building. The foundation, basement and some of the first story walls would be used for the new structure. Most of the architects thought the Washington building foundation and walls were in good condition but would not say if they could be used until a thorough

study was made. The architect advocating use of the Washington building indicated it would save the taxpayers considerable money, while others were uncertain as to the economy of the proposal.

All of the architects advised tearing down the Webster building but thought the annex there could be used.

