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COMMISSIONERS' MEETING, Thursday, December 11, at Bogue Banks Country Club - Mayor KEN HALLER reported that a telephone survey had found that 90% of the 80% contacted recently were against construction of a convention center in PKS. Although the County Economic Development Council has tentatively proposed that the County build the three million dollar center on Bridge Road, PKS, this area is not zoned for such a facility.

Nelson Taylor, Town Attorney, explained to the townspeople in attendance that there is no possibility of their getting back fire taxes some of them have paid the County since the fire contract with Atlantic Beach was signed. The eastern part of PKS was formerly in the Atlantic Beach fire district, and Atlantic Beach has made it clear they would credit the town for the taxes collected by the County during that period, although State law does not allow this money to be returned to individual people. It was apparent that most people were ready to adjust to this since the amount of money involved was small. JOHN COLLIER, for one, said his was \$11. and he was not worried about the loss.

The Board appointed five men to study the Town's fire protection needs, including the economic feasibility of building a substation or a town hall with a fire station, but MAYOR HALLER emphasized that such a study did not mean a town hall was in tomorrow's agenda - he only wants long range needs looked at. The five men are: BILL ROBBINS, JACK GOLDSTEIN, BILL MUELLER, BILL JORDAN AND BILL UEBELE. (After copying those names, one wonders if maybe Mr. Goldstein is really called Jack).

Commissioner HAYES McCULLEY reported that the Town will soon receive the eastern end of Oakleaf into the street system, and the Board agreed to try to have the speed limit lowered to 35 on Salter Path within town limits. They also voted to conduct an extra meeting the last Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall, at which no formal action would be taken, and to which the public would be invited.

In the future, representatives of both PIKSCO and Pine Knoll Association will attend Board meetings, and presidents of these organizations have been asked to study proposed waterways ordinances with LARRY JEROME, Chairman of the Planning Board.

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At the new COASTAL RESOURCES CENTER on Bridge Road., PKS more lectures and films are in store for us. On Tuesday, January 13th, at 8:00 P.M., Dr. Michael O'Connor will speak on "Coastal Erosion: Processes and Problems", and on January 27th, we can hear Mr. Jim Brown on "Commercial Aspects of Estuaries". The lectures will continue every other Tuesday through May 11th. The films will start up again later this month, with schedules to be announced in local newspapers.

If you haven't been seeing the releases on these Coastal Resources Centers, here is a brief description: there are three of them - each located near one of North Carolina's famous capes - Cape Hatteras, Cape Fear and Cape Lookout. Each center serves a geographically separate coastal region of our State. They will offer education opportunities for elementary and high school students in the marine sciences, teacher training, applied research labs, marine advisory services, extension education programs to bring this information directly to coastal residents, public programs (such as those we have already had) and exhibits, high quality tourist attractions, and even jobs. Our particular center will focus on fisheries, with emphasis on education. Curious to know more? Stop in at the center.

We are proud to say that one of our Pine Knoll Shore residents, ED CRUMLEY, has been appointed by our Governor as the Carteret County member of the Administrative Board of the State's Marine Resources Centers. This Board is made up of 16 persons throughout State to administer the affairs of these Centers. On 22 January, the Pine Knoll Shores Center will be used for the Official swearing in ceremonies.

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Strange things are happening on that piece of land on the northside of the BEAUFOR-MOREHEAD CAUSEWAY. If you have been uneasy about the future of this area (and there is increasing distress being aired by several groups, including our PKS Garden Club) please voice your own feelings in letters. Write one to Colonel Homer Johnstone, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington, N. C. 28401, with copies to our own County Board Chairman, Ken Newsome, and to Walter Jones, our member of Congress, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515.