The Chowan County Commissioners Meeting: Resolution Adopted

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budget to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Copeland, seconded by Commissioner Peele, and unanimously carried that the budget be approved as presented.

Troy Toppin, Sheriff, requested the Board to consider ordinances banning alcohol and drugs on school grounds in the County. A motion was made by Commissioner Copeland, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously carried that the Sheriff, County Manger, and County Attorney, be authroized to draw up the proper documents necessary for an ordinance for these purposes.

A motion was made by Commisssioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner Elmore, and unanimously carried, authroizing Troy Toppin, Sheriff, to buy the minimum equipment and supplies needed to operate the jail during an interim period in order to determine costs and personnel required.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, seconded by Commissioner Peele, and unanimously carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Government conveyed one mobile home (Ser. No. 3450) to the Chowan County Water Department for use as an office, and

WHEREAS, The Chowan County Water Department has been unable to utilize the trailer for the previous two years, and

WHEREAS, the Perquimans-Chowan Landfill is in need of a mobile home to serve as office space for the landfill operation, and

WHEREAS, under General Statutes 160A-274, a unit of government may transfer property to another governmental unit;

NOW THEREFORE, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners authorizes the transfer of this trailer by title to the Perquimans-Chowan Landfill.

The State has allocated two grants, $15,946.00 and $5,000.00 to the replacement of the roof on the old Courthouse. Money has been appropriated in the amount of $19,189.00. To fulfill match requirements, $1,757.00 additional monies is needed. A motion was made by Commissioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously carried, that the County match the State requirements for reroofing the old Courthouse.

Bids were received for furnishing the Courthouse-Detention Facility on August 13; following is a bid tally:

Blanchard Office Supply, Ahoskie: Pro. 1 $27,421.28 (bid on equipment only not on refinishing or moving)

Edenton Office Supply: Pro. 1 no bid; Pro. 2 $35,150.25, Add 1 5,759.70.

Owen G. Dunn Co., New Bern: Pro. 1 $53,045.00; Pro. 2 no bid.

Carolina Office Equipment Co.: Pro. 1 $57,370.32.

Rocky Mount: Pro. 2 36,986.31; omit 5,313.04.

As can be surmised from the tally, the bid specifications contained two propsals. The first proposal requested a bid for furnishing the entire Courthouse-Detention Facility exlusive of the judge's chambers. The second proposal requested a bid for furnishing the following offices: Clerk of Court, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, and two vaults. Neither furnishings for the judge's chambers nor the jury room were included in the second proposal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, seconded by Commissioner Peele, and unanimously carried, that the bid for furnishing the new Courthouse-Detnetion Facility be awarded to Edenton Office Supply, low bidder, subject to further negotiations, authorizing transfer up to $7,000.00 from General Fund, fund contingency, depending upon the determination of itemized costs from Edenton Office Supply.

A motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, seconded by Commissioner Peele, and unanimously carried, authorizing installation of a 36-A Key Telephone System for the new Courthouse-Detention Facility.

The Board discussed the purchase of venetian blinds for the Courthouse-Detention Facility. Commissioner Elmore stated he had measured all windows and had consulted with dealers of venetian blinds and the approximate cost will be $800.00. No formal action was taken.

Cliff Copeland, County Manger, in accordance with General Statute 105-321, informed the Board it would be necessary to charge the Tax Collector.

The County Manger certified the following legal requirements had been met:

G.S. 105-352

(b) Settlement, Bond, and Prepayments - Before the tax receipts for the current year are delivered to the tax collector, he shall have:

(1) Delivered to the chief accounting office of the taxing unit the duplicate receipts issued for prepayments received by the tax collector.

(2) Demonstrated to the satisfaction of the chief accounting officer that all moneys received by the tax collector as prepaymens have been deposited to the credit of the taxing unit.

(3) Made his annual settlement (as defined in G.S. 105-373) for all taxes in his hands for collection.

(4) Provided bond or bonds as required by G.S. 105-349 (c) for taxes for the current year and all prior years in his hands for collection.

Motion was made by Commissioner Copeland, seconded by Commissioner Elmore, unanimously carried, authorizing the Chairman to execute the order.

Cliff Copeland, County Manger, read the Tax Collectors valuation report to the Board:

1979 tax valuation is $135,944,885 which equals to $1,348,169.98 in tax dollars. The Corporate Excess and car list will be added at a later date.

Dallas Jethro, Tax Collector, informed the Board of the County converting to a permanent tax listing system for all real estate and eliminate the mailing of abstracts. He said it will still be necessary for taxpayers to come in and list personal property. The change should be in effect by January 1, 1980.

A motion was made by Commissioner Copeland, seconded by Commissioner Peele, and unanimously carried, to endorse the Tax Collectors concept to convert to a permanent listing system.

Motion was made by Commissioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner Copeland, and unanimously carried, tht pick-up taxes in the amount of $12.45 be charged to the Tax Collector.

Commissioner Elmore and Commissioner Copeland was directed by the Chairman to work with the County Manger to pursue the subject that the County may be able to save operational money if a central communications system is established for the Town and County. This could be beneficial to all citizens.

The Chairman asked Commissioner Peele and Commissioner Elmore to work as a committee to plan a dedication program for the Courthouse-Detention Facility, tentatively set for November 18. Citizens group to be appointed at a later date.

Cliff Copeland, County Manager read of premium increase for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield hospital insurance.

Chowan County Arts Council has applied for a grant which requires $1,000.00 match over and above what was appropriated fiscal year 1979-80. Grant funds are to support the administrative expense of the Chowan Arts Council. The total appropriations to community arts organizations for the fiscal year 1979-80 will be at least $1,720.00 which is a thousand dollars more than any appropriation in any prior fiscal year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peele, seconded by Commissioner Jones, an unanimously carried, tht the following appropriations be approved:

Chowan County Arts Council - Amount $1,000.00

Civil Defense - Amount $800.00 - for moving civil defense surplus materials from the airport hangar to the Conger building.

Increase appropriations - Amount of $25.00, fire-fund, for Pansy Elliott, Finance Directors bond

The County Manger reported that E.D.A. has questioned money spent on contract with Albemarle Associates serving as project coordinator on the Courthouse-Detention Fa-Facility. The Board of Commissioners agreed that the County Manger and County Attorney should confer on the issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Anne K. Spruill
Clerk to the Board

Phone Co. Employees Strike

TARBORO — Several hundred employees of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company and Norfolk Carolina Telephone Company walked off their jobs Monday. The contracts between the two companies and the Communications Workers of America expired at midnight Sunday.

Both companies are subsidiaries of United Telecommunications, Inc., of Kansas City, Mo. Norfolk Carolina is expected to merge into Carolina Telephone at the end of this year. Carolina Telephone already has assumed management responsibilities for Norfolk Carolina.

The walkout followed union leadership's rejection of a proposed three-year contract between the companies and the Communications Workers of America union.

Although bargaining between the company and the union has continued for several weeks, no agreement has been reached on the terms of a contract.

Carolina Telephone offered a contract worth over $15,000,000 in increase pay and benefits to affected employees over the three-year term of the contract. Some of the major items included in the company offer were (a) wage increases of 10 per cent the first year, 9 per cent the second year and 9 per cent the third year, (b) increase the company's contribution toward hospitalization insurance premium costs from 70 per cent to 90 per cent over the three years, (c) give employees one additional holiday for a total of 11 holidays, (d) pay 60 per cent of the premium costs of a dental insurance plan to be introduced during the second year of the contract, (e) pay double-time wage rates for hours worked in excess of 60 hours, (f) improve personal travel expense allowance and (g) pay a larger portion of employee life insurance and health insurance premiums. The company refused to agree to a cost of living wage adjustment which the union proposed in addition to the offered fixed wage increases.

Norfolk Carolina Telephone Company employees in North Carolina were offered the same contract except for the wage offer. Pursuant to a previous agreement between Norfolk Carolina and the CWA, employees in that company were offered about 75 per cnt of the wage offer made to Carolina Telephone.

The proposal outlined above was rejected by the union bargaining committee without submitting it to the general membership for a vote.

Terry F. Daniels, commercial and marketing manger for the company, said that superivsory employees and nonunion employeees have been assigned to various jobs vacated by absent employees.

"We regret that part of our telephone team has elected to stop working, but we will do everything possible to maintain adequate telephone service," Daniels said.

He continued, "Customers are encouraged to use Direct Distance Dialing to complete their long distance calls.

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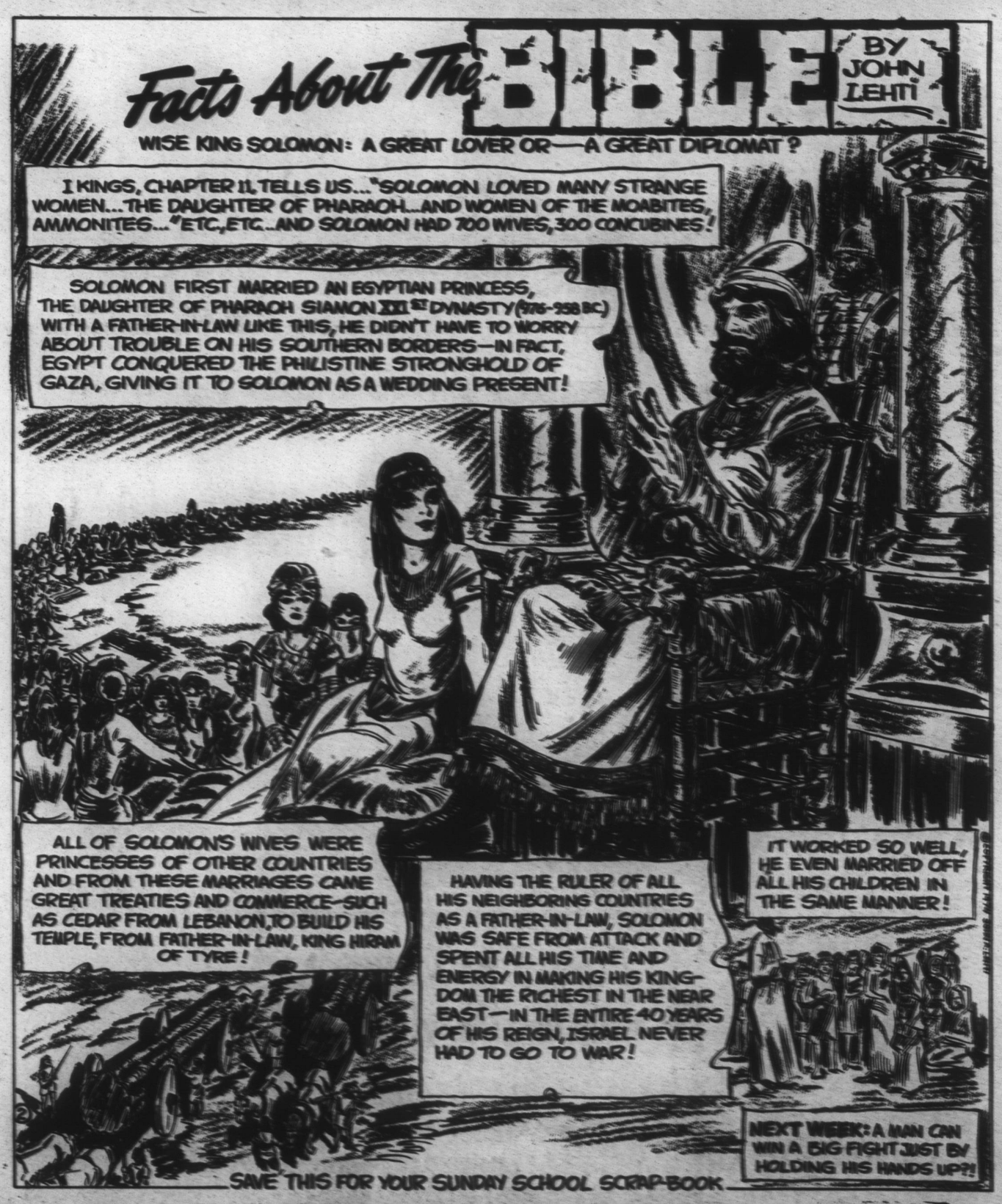

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