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## Choanoke Assn. Must Include 'Poor' To Get Federal Money      Commissioners Endorse Airport, Library, Road Bonds; 'Scoopie' Grant To Promote

**MURFREESBORO** — Because lack of representatives of the group for which the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity has been set up has delayed the Choanoke Area Development Association grants, the Choanoke Association will include "poor and economically deprived" on its board.

That was the announcement made Tuesday when the Choanoke Area Development Association directors met.

Spokesman was President Fred L. Cooper who said the information had come from the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity at a Washington meeting with a Choanoke delegation seeking to learn why the Association Program Development Grant had not been approved and additional anti-poverty plans for the four county area had received no consideration.

Upon motion by Director Howard Hunter of Ahoskie the association voted unanimously to con-

tinue its corporate policy of electing nine members of the Board of Directors in each of the four Choanoke counties.

That beginning with the November, 1965, annual county elections each county will be required to elect from two to three directors from the poor or economically deprived, with care being given to representation by the poor of both predominant races. Too, care will be given to make sure these representatives of the poor will be nominated by the poor citizens themselves. Further, each county will elect a total of three to four Negroes to their respective Boards of Directors.

Cooper told the directors that the delegation had been assured that this modification of the board would allow the passage of the program grant to establish individual county offices to work on county anti-poverty plans and that as soon as this had been accomplished in about 60 days the

individual county plans would be considered for funding.

The program grant called for a state member and a secretary in each of the county seats in Northampton, Bertie, Hertford and Halifax counties.

The nomination of the nine directors for each county is the prerogative of the county associations and is handled by a nominating committee with election at a county annual meeting.

This will have to be accomplished prior to the Choanoke Association's annual meeting in late November.

The delegation went to Washington at the request of Cooper because the association was unable to determine why the plans submitted under the provisions of the Economic Opportunities Act of 1964 had not been considered over a period exceeding three months.

Resigns as President Cooper then told the directors (See CHOANOKE, Page 4)

**JACKSON**—Northampton County Board of Commissioners went on record Monday favoring "yes" votes on three of the four issues to be voted on in the November 2 referendum.

The commissioners endorsed the airport and library spending proposals and the \$300 million state bond issue for roads. No action was taken on the court reform constitutional amendment.

Most controversial of the three endorsements is that to allow the board to spend up to five cents per \$100 valuation for the county's \$25,000 share of improvements to Tri-County Airport.

All members present voted for endorsing both the library tax levy and the road bond issue.

In a separate action, R. L. "Scoopie" Grant of Jackson was named county chairman to promote passage of the road bond issue. Grant will serve as Northampton's representative on a statewide promotion committee.

Commissioner John H. Liverman, Jr., of Woodland made motion for endorsement of the airport levy after chairman Guy Revelle, Sr., brought the question up as one of the first matters of business at the regular monthly commissioners session.

Liverman's motion was seconded by Jackson commissioner John Boone who commented, "I don't see how we can do anything else but vote for it—in effect we've already endorsed it."

"I can see more need for it (the airport) now than at first (when the county first joined with Hertford and Bertie to build the airport). It seems to me to get the value out of what we've al-

ready spent we've got to go ahead and pave it."

On a vote Gaston commissioner Horace C. Guthrie opposed Liverman's motion. Revelle and Boone voted "yes." Commissioner David Gay of Seaboard was absent.

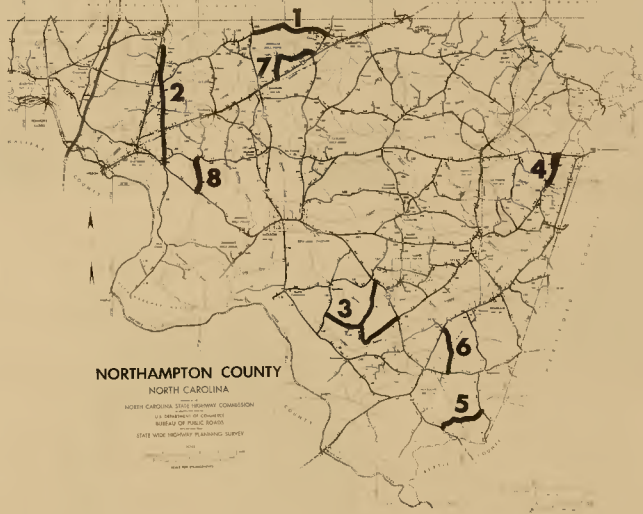
In presenting the airport question for discussion chairman Revelle said the problem was similar to that when bond issue for an ACS building was turned down by the voters several years ago.

Revelle reminded the board that the building had to be built and was started several months after being turned down at polls using funds other than those derived from property taxes.

Revelle said, "We can spend the money for the airport without this approval but it would be better to have it."

The County Commissioners on February 8 agreed to join with Hertford and Bertie in improving the jointly owned facility. Total cost of the project will run \$150,000 with each county putting up \$25,000.

Federal funds for the other \$75,000 of the cost have already (See COMMISSIONERS, Page 4)



**PAVING REQUESTED** — The Northampton County Voters Movement in a letter to County Commissioner meeting Monday requested paving of the secondary roads indicated on the map. The numbers on the map are the order in which the projects were listed in the request. The projects are (1) Rural Road 1300 from Turner's Crossroad to 1223; (2) 1301 from Pleasant Hill to U.S. 158; (3) 1118 and 1119 from N.C. 305 to 1121; (4) 1537 from U.S. 158 to 1536; (5) 1102 from N.C. 308 to 1100; (6) 1521 from U.S. 258 to N.C. 305; and (8) 1312 from U.S. 158 to 1311.

## Good Neighbor Council Named By Commissioners

**JACKSON**—Northampton County's Good Neighbor Committee will be composed of 20 members plus chairman Perry W. Martin who has accepted County Commissioner appointment as chairman.

Martin's acceptance and appointment of 15 of the members of the Good Neighbor group were announced at Monday's session of the commissioners.

The Good Neighbor Committee will work to maintain good racial relations in the county.

Members of the committee are being named four by each county commissioner to represent the same area as the commissioner. Each commissioner is naming two white and two Negro members.

**Jones**, Commissioner John Boone has named David F. Odum and Angus McKellar of Jackson, Ronald Chappell of Potosi and Nellie Harris to the committee.

Commissioner John H. Liver-

man, Jr., announced his appointments to the group as Perry W. Martin of Rich Square (named chairman), Rep. W. E. Herbert of Woodland, W. L. Dilday of Woodland, and James C. Boone of Rich Square.

## Jury List Is Drawn For November Court

**JACKSON** — The Commissioners drew a jury panel on Monday to serve during the two week Superior Court fall term that will begin on November 1, 1965. Judge Albert S. Peel, Jr., has been assigned as presiding judge.

Names drawn included:

**First Week**  
OCCONECHEE — Harry J. Wilson, C. H. Pate, Matt W. Edwards.

**Second Week**  
GASTON — Horace C. Guthrie, Nicholas Banks, Joseph F. Boone, J. P. Moody, John Birdsong, Doris W. Rose.

**KIRBY** — William Bruce Martin, Norman B. Van, Joyce Bridgers, James R. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Madrey, William Wood, Windell Byrd, Rodney Branch, Robert Barnes.

**RICH SQUARE** — Sig Baughman, Norman B. Parks, Winata Strickland, Eugene Emory.

**SEABOARD** — Clyde Parker, W. V. Whitehead, S. B. Stephenson, Floyd Boone, James Earl Flythe, Mrs. S. Praper, Mary Harris.

**WICCACANEE** — Milton Strickland, B. H. Worrell, D. C. Barnes,

Daniel Murphy, L. E. Davis, Bruce W. Warrick.

**JACKSON** — Doris H. McKellar.

**OCCONECHEE** — Raymond Turner, Linda Rham.

**RICH SQUARE** — Fred A. King, E. L. Timberlake, Deborah Griffin, Linda Parker.

**SEABOARD** — Mabel Rogers, David E. Gay, John Calvin Little, Mrs. E. H. Stephenson, Jessie Ann Davis, Issac Hughes, Jr.

**ROANOKE** — Ella Collier Vaughan, Mrs. D. M. Jones.

**GASTON** — J. S. Acree, Linus Marvin Newsome, J. E. Shaw, Jr., Beatrice Rook, J. T. Jordan, J. S. Wells.

**JACKSON** — Mrs. R. L. Grant, Willie Lewis Wheller.

**KIRBY** — Jim Vick, Lokie Wilkins Key, Russell Yarn, Hattie M. Futrell, R. C. Stephenson, E. B. Spence.

**WICCACANEE** — Leslie Parkes, William M. Davis, James Earl Flythe, Anne B. Pruden, Mrs. Bernice Long Smith, Mrs. Lola B. Barnes, C. F. Johnson.

## Group Asks \$870,000 Paving On 29 Miles

**JACKSON**—Northampton County Voters Movement Monday requested the County Commissioners to approve for paving eight secondary roads with a total mileage of between 29 and 32.4 miles.

The requested paving would amount to about two and a half times the total amount set aside for Northampton secondary road work under the \$300 million state road bond issue to be voted on November 2.

The request said that in the past secondary road maintenance and improvement had been done in a discriminatory manner. "Too many roads in Northampton County are paved only as far as

the last house in which white people live," according to the Voters Movement statement.

County commissioner chairman J. Guy Revelle, Sr., informed James C. Boone of Rich Square who presented the request that a meeting between the commissioners and new division highway commissioner Don Matthews, Jr., is planned during the next two weeks.

"If we know far enough in advance when Mr. Matthews is coming you will be informed so that you can be present," Revelle told Boone.

The request was signed for the Voters Movement by Boone, John H. Foriest of Pendleton and Jo-

seph M. Stephenson.

The request referred to the November 2 state highway bond issue as being the reason for bringing the secondary road paving policy question up.

Northampton County's share of the \$300 million bond issue will be \$95,100 for secondary roads.

In addition to the bond issue money the state sets aside funds each year for secondary road work. For the 1965-66 budget year Northampton's share of \$18 million for secondary road improvements is \$84,490.

District Highway Engineer D. W. Patrick of Ahoskie told "Your Home News paper" Wednesday (See PAVING, Page 4)

## Mrs. Buxton Midyette Named For Library Post

**JACKSON** — Mrs. Buxton Midyette of Jackson has been hired as assistant librarian for the Northampton Memorial Library. It was revealed at County Commissioner meeting here Monday.

Angus McKellar, representing the library board of trustees, also told the commissioners that the board had gone on record favoring "no architectural alteration" to the present library building.

The trustee resolution asked that any proposed changes to the building at any future date that they conform to the present architecture of the building.

The commissioners adopted a resolution that it was also the hope of the county board that no changes be made in the building said to be one of the best examples of Greek revival architecture in this part of the state.

McKellar said Mrs. Midyette's employment was subject to money being available in the remaining nine months of the budget year. The library board was given permission to go ahead with Mrs. Midyette's employment.

County manager Melvin Holmes told the commissioners approximately \$3,000 in beer license money is expected to be paid the county shortly by the state. This money had not been anticipated when the budget was drawn and would be available

in surplus to finance salary for an assistant librarian, according to Holmes.

The present assistant librarian salary is \$247 monthly. The present assistant is to be raised to \$282 and both she and Mrs. Midyette will draw this salary for the remainder of the current budget year.

Mrs. Nancie M. Froelich, librarian of many years will continue in her position.

McKellar said the library board had taken its action during the time when Mrs. Froelich will retire.

McKellar emphasized that Mrs. Froelich would remain the librarian for as long as she chooses to hold the position.

McKellar said Mrs. Midyette will work to meet the requirements of a "certified librarian," necessary for the library to receive state and federal funds.

Cost of the raise and additional assistant is expected to be \$3,000 during the remaining nine months of the budget.

McKellar said the addition would make it possible to keep the library open when the bookmobile is being operated. At present this is not possible and that it has become a hardship for Mrs. Froelich to make the bookmobile trips.

## \*\*\*\*\* New Welfare Building Is Important Addition To Northampton Services \*\*\*\*\*



**WELFARE DIRECTOR** Mrs. Janet Brown holds a staff conference in her office in the new building in Jackson. With her are child welfare worker Mrs. Charlene Dickinson of Murfrees-

**JACKSON** — The Northampton County Welfare Department realized a 10 year dream when it transferred operation from the third floor of the courthouse to its new building facing the courthouse this week.

Welfare Director Mrs. Janet B. Brown began a campaign over 10 years ago to try to get improved facilities for the vastly increased welfare programs that are administered for the county, state and federal governments.

She was able, this year, to start on the building project when the

state and federal governments agreed to a rental plan that would return to the county the cost of the building in about 10 years. After this the county will own the building with only maintenance costs as a yearly expense.

Mrs. Brown started as a caseworker with the department in July of 1937 and became the director in March of 1943. Her department now has a dozen employees and administrators seven different welfare plans.

The new building is a brick one-story design with aluminum framing and glass. The inside is decorated in cream asphalt tile and a light acoustical ceiling tile. There is some paneling mixed with painted walls.

All of the caseworkers have private offices where they can conduct private interviews and conferences.

There is a reception room with adequate waiting space and seats. Applicants used to sit in the third floor hall of the courthouse. Many of the old and infirm found it a real hardship to have to climb three flights of steps and some were actually unable to do

this without risk to their health and safety.

Other offices include a room for the food stamp program, a file room for records, a clerical room, and a conference room that can hold about 20 persons.

The rest of the space is occupied by a storeroom, a room for the clothing contributions for indigent families that come from churches and clubs, a kitchenette, rest rooms, and utility rooms.

The caseworkers now in the department are Mrs. Jerome

Bowers, Mrs. Elizabeth Cocke, Mrs. Margaret Britton, Mrs. John Price, Mrs. Martha Lassiter and Mrs. Mary Woodard in the food stamp program.

Clerical works include Mrs. Garland Collier, bookkeeper, and Miss Linda White, Miss Rachel Little and Miss Brenda Martel, secretaries.

Miss Lila Creech works on blind cases two days a week in Northampton County as well as in Bertie and Hertford.

Mrs. Brown explains that the details and ramifications of wel-



**RECEPTION ROOM**—members of the county welfare staff gather in the reception room to view the furnishings and flowers that were used to prepare for the opening of the new

fare are endless and that the public often is misinformed about the plans and the amounts that are available.

She points out, with justifiable pride, that state and federal auditors have rarely ever turned up a complaint in the county. Most of the persons on welfare rolls are the old, disabled or minors in broken families.

Public assistance money is disbursed under five programs that include: old age grants, aid to families with dependent children, aid to the totally and permanently disabled, aid to the blind, and

medical aid to the aged.

Those persons could hardly fall into the general category of malingerers.

The other large area that involves funds is that of child welfare. This involves adoption, desertion, correctional problems, foster homes and other similar categories.

One other service is that of assistance to the aged such as boarding house placement.

Mrs. Brown states that there is a need for an expanded mental health program and for home-maker service to the poor. She

hopes that funds can be found to work in these fields in the near future.

The county commissioners received the fruits of their labor when they were treated to a meal and a tour of the new building during the noon hour on Monday.

The entire department expressed its thanks for providing the new facility during the tour. The poor can't be heard but they surely must be thankful for the services that the county and the department have rendered over the years.