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GOP Makes Changes; Administrator Is Leaving

BY FLORENCE GILKESON In actions related to the budget, the board eliminated the positions held by Martin Chriscoe, an assistant administrator, and Don Richardson, tax collector. They were among at least 10 employees who either resigned or had their positions abolished during the meeting.

Positions held by Fire Marshal Joe Adams and Public Works Director and County Planner Larry Moubry's resignation as county administrator, the appointment of Robert S. Ewing as director of the Economic Development program, and the appointment of Jerry Rhoades to the social services board.

The board appointed Mark Liddell as tax supervisor and shifted the present tax supervisor, Dewitt Purvis, to the position of appraiser, but with the same salary. He will remain on the job

through the end of June to complete the budget work.

After the meeting Moubry said that he had no plans for the immediate future, other than his interest in seeing the 1981-82 budget through to the finish.

The loss of his job had been expected for months, more recently because of action by the board calling for establishment of the county manager form of government.

At the Monday meeting Moubry was instructed to place advertisements for the county manager position in Raleigh, Greensboro, and Charlotte newspapers and in the state and National Association of County Commissioners publications.

June 30 was set as the deadline to accept applicants. The salary (Continued on Page 15-A)

School Budget Cut Talked As 50¢ Rate Remains Goal

In a budget-slashing mood the Republican-dominated Moore County Board of Commissioners on Monday discussed reducing the public schools' current expense budget to \$3 million.

The axing effort had as its goal retention of the present 50-cent tax rate.

Deep slashes were also sought in the Sandhills Community College and recreation budgets.

If approved, the \$3 million allocation would reduce the school system's current expense budget by about 1.75 percent for the 1981-82 year.

The board also discussed the allocation of \$448,000 for regular capital outlay, representing an increase of 12 percent over this year's budget. This is in addition to the \$420,519 previously designated for completion of the Cameron School building project. This money is to come from federal revenue sharing funds.

Dr. Charles Phillips, chairman of the board, said the schools could manage the current expense cut by reducing administrative and non-instructional costs, such as psychology, psychiatry, health, and data processing. Phillips said his ideas reflect

the feelings expressed to him by the people with whom he has talked. He explained that he does not want to hurt the basic instructional services and he things such enrichment programs as art, music, vocational education and the handicapped should be continued.

Disapproval was expressed for the school board's request to use \$31,000 to initiate a three-year program to eliminate all student fees.

In his opening remarks about the school budget, Phillips commented that since the schools are forecasting a decrease in student population, there should be an accompanying decrease in funding.

The capital outlay allocation was approved by a unanimous vote of the board, which stopped short of approving the current expense budget.

For this year the schools were allocated \$3.4 million for current expense plus \$400,000 for capital outlay and \$300,000 for the Cameron project.

For 1981-82 the school board has requested a total of \$5.9 million, an increase of 46 percent. This total includes \$4.7 million for current expense, \$716,139 for capital outlay and \$479,000 for long range capital planning. (Continued on Page 12-A)

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Politics Stirred On Trustee Issue

An ironic turn of politics found two Democrats backing a Republican against another Republican Monday when the Moore County Board of Commissioners was considering an appointment to the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees.

The Republican majority prevailed, as expected, and George Little, chairman of the Moore County Republican Executive Committee, was appointed to the college board seat to succeed Ed Causey, a former Democratic Party

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2.43 Inches Rain Noted; Some Hail Is Reported

Rainfall has amounted to 2.43 inches in Moore County in the past week.

Although water levels are still far below normal for this time of year, the ground is no longer as thirsty as it was a month ago.

Charles Hammond, Moore County Agricultural Extension chairman, and Tom Colson, the agriculture agent in charge of

crops, have only good words for the showers, which have boosted the early growth of such crops as tobacco and corn.

Hail struck in one section of the county during a brief weekend storm, but an estimate of the damage was not available. One insurance agent reported receiving calls from two farmers who (Continued on Page 14-A)

Garbage Issue On Agenda Of Town Council Tuesday

Garbage and this year's budget are among the agenda items listed for the Southern Pines Town Council meeting June 9 at 8 p.m.

The council will either approve or disapprove the proposed curbside garbage collection system being proposed by Town Manager Mildred McDonald as a means to save money.

If the proposal is rejected by the council, it could mean a tax rate increase of four cents for

the 1981-82 budget, and will be considered in conjunction with acceptance of the budget.

The manager has submitted a \$3,771,074 budget this year, a 10 percent increase over last year's budget, but which will not mean a tax rate increase, unless the garbage proposal is turned down.

The second public hearing, as required by law, will be held Tuesday night just before the (Continued on Page 11-A)

Bruton Heard As 300 Graduate

The chairman of the State Board of Education told 300 graduates at Sandhills Community College Friday evening that they had a responsibility to see that public support of education continues in the future, especially in the face of suggested economy moves.

Dr. David Bruton of Southern Pines said public support of education was a historic tradition in North Carolina and deserved the support of the public in good times and bad.

The Southern Pines pediatrician has been chairman of the state board since his appointment to that body in 1977 by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.

The 300 graduates heard a welcome from J. Ed Causey, chairman of the Sandhills Community College's Board of Trustees. He noted that the college had been holding graduation services for 16 years and that the college had been in operation for 18 years. "Our first class to graduate had just one



PERILOUS SCENE — Rescue workers struggle to move the body of a landslide victim from this sharp slope of an open talc mine near Glendon. Two other persons were injured in the accident last Wednesday afternoon. The white-shrouded object to the right of the rescuers is the stretcher bearing the dead man's body. All three men were from out of this area. — (Photo by Florence Gilkeson).

Rockhounds In Mine Slide With One Killed, Two Hurt

One man was killed and two companions injured in a rock slide that occurred while they were digging for fool's gold last Wednesday afternoon at a Glendon Pyrophyllite mine.

Dead was Lennis Comer, 65, of Reidsville. The injured men were identified as Richard Chatman of Greensboro and Charles Setliff of Pelham, both listed as 41 years of age.

Comer died of massive chest injuries, it was reported by Coroner A.B. Parker. Chatman, who sustained a fractured ankle and arm, was carried to Moore Memorial Hospital and was transferred to Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro. Setliff was given emergency treatment and released.

A daring rescue effort was coordinated by Larry Upchurch, captain of the High Falls Rescue Squad. High Falls was assisted by two other units, Carthage and Robbings. The men were digging at a slope an estimated 75 to 100 feet from the top when the soil and rock began to slide at about 2:15 p.m.

Upchurch admitted that squad personnel did not feel any fright or realize the danger until their job was completed and they had time to review the effort.

As the rescuers left the scene, he said they noticed a 10 to 12 inch shift, and they became aware

just how dangerous the situation had been.

Upchurch estimated that the ravine dropped to a depth of 225 feet. The trio was not quite halfway between top and bottom, he said.

Because of recent rains in the area, the wall was slick, but Upchurch said if the rains had been as heavy as those in High Falls,

the slope would have been too slick and safety ropes would have been used. He said the rescue team had an advantage in a small plateau at a good location along the slope.

When the slide occurred, Setliff, who was the least seriously injured, said he tried to remove the rock from Comer's (Continued on Page 11-A)

Moubry Presents Budget Alternatives To Board

A tax rate as high as 79 cents is likely if budget requests exceeding \$13.5 million are approved for Moore County.

This startling 58 percent increase was revealed to the Moore County Board of Commissioners Thursday afternoon when County Administrator Larry Moubry presented his budget message for 1981-82.

Discussion of the proposal was minimal during the hour-long meeting since the commissioners

returned to the subject at their regular June meeting on Monday afternoon to dig more deeply into the funding and cost-cutting process. The new budget must be ready for adoption by July 1.

To retain the present 50-cent tax rate, Moubry told the commissioners they must hold the public schools and the college to their present funding level and must cut \$1.2 million from the other county budgets for the new (Continued on Page 16-A)



RAINS CAME — The rains came this past week to help Moore County crops such as this newly planted field near Cameron. — (Photo by Glenn M. Sides)

THE PILOT LIGHT

SCOTT—Former Governor Bob Scott thinks that Governor Jim Hunt's gasoline tax plan to save the ailing state highway system will be approved by the Legislature.

"There may be some changes in the package but most of it will go through," Scott said.

Chairman Causey added that he saw the purpose of Sandhills as "reaching out to touch someone." He congratulated the graduates and told them they were better for having attended college because it put them in touch with others and taught them how to learn.

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on gasoline. It's a plan that would bring in more money in the long run, because as the price of gas goes up so would the gas tax.

There isn't any argument from the two former governors—Jim Hunt's immediate predecessors—that the highway fund needs the extra revenue.

Holshouser says he would be opposed to using money from the general fund for highways. "It would be taking away from schools and other things," he said.

HOLSHOUSER—Former Governor Jim Holshouser also favors the wholesale sales tax **REDISTRICTING** — Several (Continued on Page 14-A)