

# ... Funds Sought

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 dispatched when there is a Dead on Arrival (DOA), Niven said.  
 According to the EMS director, ambulance personnel are usually not aware of the DOA until they arrive.

"We need dispatchers who can get information about the victim," Niven said.

"If a person is already DOA, the dispatcher could suggest that the family call their funeral home," he added.

"Our present jailers just don't have time to get all that information and handle their other job too," Niven said.

"They do a good job, but they have got more than they can really handle," he added.

Questions were also raised about charging residents who call for an ambulance when there is a DOA.

"If they call, I think they should be charged," Commissioner Neill McPhatter said.

Although Niven said it was "at times distasteful" to charge for a DOA call, he agreed to follow the policy set up by the commissioners in October.

"When we are dispatched we will go," Niven said, adding that he would also charge the resident for the ambulance service.

"When they call for an ambulance to transport a DOA, they are tying up a emergency vehicle. They should be charged," Hunt said.

## Road petitions

In an unrelated matter, the commissioners voted to forward road petitions to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for their consideration.

Residents petitioned the commissioners to add a road connecting U.S. Highway 401 in front of Hillcrest Fire Department and S.R.

1406 beside Scurlock School to the state secondary road system.

The petition is not for the full road, just sections of that area, Martin said.

A petition to add that road to the state system was approved by the commissioners in October 1979.

Board members also voted to forward on a request to DOT that an extension to S.R. 1482 and connecting roads in the Shawtown area be added to the state secondary road system.

A petition for this road was approved by the commissioners at the November 3 meeting.

The commissioners also voted to release and refund \$631.56 in county taxes that were apparently over estimated.

In other business, the commissioners authorized the Sandhills Mental Health Center to take the title of real property from the Sandhills Mental Health Department Foundation and transfer it back to the center as real property.

"I think it would be under a better contract like this," Martin said.

If the center were ever dissolved, the property would be divided among the five counties that Sandhills serves, he added.

"The property would be under the direct control of the Sandhills Center," Martin said.

The county board also voted to match a \$1,700 Chore Provider Grant with \$243 in local funds for the Department of Social Services (DSS).

The grant monies will be used to train chore providers, Martin said.

"We will not have to use more local funds. We will just have to re-allocate money from the Adoption Assistant Fund," he added.

According to Martin, this is the first time money has been made available for chore providers.



**Hurrying to post**  
 This Hoke County resident quickened his pace Monday as he made his way to the Raeford Post Office.

# ... Schools On Block

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"These buildings are safe enough for use right now but something needs to be done fairly soon," Seifert said.

Surveys were also completed at the remaining five schools with Scurlock receiving the highest marks.

Recommendations call for Scurlock to be "maintained and improved as needed for long term use."

According to the survey, Scurlock, which houses 710 students, can be used for at least 15 to 30 more years.

Hoke High, J.W. McLaughlin, South Hoke and West Hoke all need improvements, some even "major renovations," but are recommended to last at least another 10-plus years, Seifert said.

Estimated cost for replacing Turlington and Upchurch and "getting the other five in good condition" could run as high as \$20 million, Barnes said.

If amortized over a 10-year period, the cost could more than double the present county tax collections.

"We really have not come up with any real cost estimates," committee chairman Bobby Gibson told the group.

"We need to sit down with the county manager and discuss what this county can afford," he added.

The 21-member committee is scheduled to meet next Tuesday at 7 p.m. with County Manager James Martin to discuss possible financial avenues.

The committee will meet in the Hoke Board of Education conference room.

## Raeford Mayor Recovering

Raeford Mayor John K. McNeill is recovering from surgery and is expected to be released from Moore Memorial Hospital this week.

McNeill, who is apparently "doing fine," was admitted last week for a minor surgical procedure.

He is expected back at the helm of the city by mid-February.

# Books Close, Races Contested

Eleven county residents will be vying for six public office seats that will be vacated as campaigns for the primary and November election crank up.

All local races have opposition during the primary, according to Board of Elections Director Rose Sturgeon.

County Commission incumbents Wyatt Upchurch and Neil McPhatter will have to square off against former County Commissioner Mabel Riley and newcomer Harry Dew Jr.

Upchurch, who was appointed to replace State Representative Daniel H. DeVane, will be running

for his first full term, while McPhatter, the first black to serve on the county commission, will be running for his third term of office.

Riley, who lost the county commission bid two years ago, will be running for her third term of office.

Dew is a political newcomer. In the race for school board, board member Ruth McNair will be vying for her third term of office against three newcomers.

Department of Social Services (DSS) employee Charlotte Kelly, former Hoke teacher Shirley Gibson and Raeford businessman Ed-

win (Eddie) McNeill will square off against McNair for two available board of education seats.

The board of education is a non-partisan race, and candidates will not seek the office until November.

All three District 16 House of Representative seats are up for grabs during the May 8 primary election.

Representatives Daniel H. DeVane, John Pete Hasty and Sidney Locks will be vying for their second terms in office.

Robeson County residents William C. Gay, Bernard F.

Lowry, Tommy Wellington and Tracy Britt will attempt to take over the three House seats.

All seven candidates who filed for the election ran in the 1982 race, a Robeson County Board of Election spokesman said Tuesday.

State Senator David Parnell will be running unopposed for his second term of office.

The primary election will be held May 8.

All county residents must have registered to vote by April 9. That is when the books close.

Residents can now register at the Hoke County Library with librarian Elizabeth Burgess.

## Shirley Gibson Files For School Board

Shirley T. Gibson of Rt. 1, Red Springs filed Friday for one of two Hoke County Board of Education seats that are up for grabs.

Gibson, the wife of former school board chairman Robert Gibson, is presently a housewife and secretary for the "family farming business."

She received a master's degree from Appalachian State University in Guidance and has been both a

guidance counselor and teacher within the Hoke school system.

"I have always been very interested in the education system of this county," Gibson said.

Gibson left the school system to "spend more time with her family," and sees a chance to have "the best of both worlds" if she were elected in November.

"My family will always be number one, but education is still a very important part of my life," Gibson said.

"I see the education in Hoke County going upward and not backward," she added.

"I want to be part of the team that is going to be responsible for that upward growth," Gibson said.

Gibson, 47, is "mainly interested" in moving education "forward" in the county.

"I think we are all going to have to work as a team for the school system...the teachers, students,

county commissioners, school board and the public...all of us," Gibson said.

"I am running to be part of that team that is going to better education in Hoke County," she added.

Gibson, who attends Antioch Presbyterian Church, is "very active" in civic organizations and presently serves as a member of the state Credit Union Commission.

She also holds a North Carolina teacher's certificate.

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