

...Fire districts get OK

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 plication for a State Historic Preservation Grant.
 According to Cowan, the grant can be used to renovate the courthouse.
 Hunt include in the motion that the grant be requested for as much as \$200,000.
 According to County Finance Officer Charles Davis, the more money that can be offered as matching funds, the better the chances of getting the grant.
 Currently, the county has \$270,000 in facilities fees and pork barrel funds to offer as a match, Commission Chairman John Balfour said.
 Commissioners also approved a resolution to be sent to United States Senators John East and Jessie Helms and United States Representative Bill Hefner endorsing

ing the continuation of the general revenue sharing program.
 According to the resolution, Hoke County has received almost \$4.5 million through the program.
 If the county had to raise ad valorem tax rates to cover the losses of revenue sharing, rates would increase \$.15, the resolution says.
 The revenue sharing program is scheduled to expire on September 30 of this year.
 A motion was also passed to allow \$6,500 to be spent to finish renovations on the county office building.
 Currently, the space is being used for storage, Cowan said.
 The renovations will not only provide more office space, but a heating system that has been inactive could be used to more evenly heat the building, said the

manager.
 Although the commission gave Cowan permission to have the renovations completed, no moves will be made to start construction until the Buildings and Grounds Committee decides what to do with the space, said Cowan.
Other business
 In other action during the meeting, the Commissioners:
 •Accepted an additional \$597 in Crisis Intervention funds for the Department of Social Services.
 •Tabled appointments to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.
 •Tabled appointing board members and an affirmative action officer.
 •Held a lengthy executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.



Standing with the Speaker
 Liston B. Ramsey, Speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives, is shown with the House pages during the opening week of the General Assembly. William Carter is standing to the left of Speaker

Ramsey. Chris Clark is second to the right of the Speaker. The two young men served Hoke Representatives during the week.

...Airport insurance being sought

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 airplanes that caused malfunctions, said Byrd.
 "I learned at the meeting that the person that pumped the fuel, the people that furnished the fuel, the people that run the airport and the people that set policy for the airport are liable in such a case," Byrd said.

No action was taken on the insurance question.
 Commissioners were also informed that the local branch of the North Carolina Highway Patrol will be assisting the Raeford Police Department and the Hoke County Sheriff's Department in patrolling the airport for unauthorized

vehicles on or around the runway.
 Commissioner McLaughlin presented a sign to be hung at the airport listing the telephone numbers of area law enforcement agencies and the Airport Commission.
 McLaughlin had been assigned the task of getting the sign made at the January meeting.

Hoke students serve as pages

Two Hoke High School students served as pages for the North Carolina House of Representatives during the opening season of the General Assembly.
 Christopher Robert Clark served as page for Representative Danny DeVane of Raeford and William Eugene Carter, Jr. served as page for Representative Pete Hasty of Maxton. Both men represent Hoke and Robeson Counties.
 The young men learned how state government operates by working as pages. They were on duty from 8:30 a.m. until the session adjourned each day. While in

Raleigh both boys were housed with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bradshaw. (Mr. Bradshaw is a former Mayor of Raleigh).
 Chris, the son of Bob and Darlene Clark, is an honor student at Hoke High. He played on the freshman basketball team and is now on the track team. He is a member of the Hoke High Band. He is Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 404 and is working toward the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Raeford.
 William, the son of Gene and

Eloise Carter, is also an honor student. He played freshman basketball and is now on the Hoke High tennis team. He is an award-winning tennis player and a member of the Hoke High Chorus. He is a member of the Raeford United Methodist Church.
 The experiences of serving as pages were exciting and wonderful learning opportunities. The young men learned a great deal about the workings of North Carolina's government. They met many state officials and many young people from across the state who served as pages with them.



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