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Duplin Hospital Board Trimmed To Nine

The Duplin General Hospital Board of Trustees has been reduced from 28 to nine voting members, following revision of the hospital by-laws by the old board Thursday night.

The revision was achieved by a 12-8 vote taken in a secret ballot. Eight of the original 28 members were absent.

Under the new bylaws, terms of all members expired at midnight Thursday. The retiring board appointed the new board, subject to approval of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners.

Reducing the number of trustees had been under discussion for several months. The cut is intended to improve efficiency of the board and was recommended in a recent study of the hospital's financial problems ordered by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners and conducted by Price Waterhouse, a certified public accounting firm of

Raleigh and Atlanta.

The county built the hospital and holds title to the facility. It leases the hospital to the Board of Trustees. The current lease will expire at the end of September.

Ray Sanderson of Rose Hill, former chairman, said a committee of trustees had recommended reduction of the board to 13 members prior to the study.

The reconstituted board consists of one voting member from each of the five county commissioners' districts, two at-large members, one county commissioner, and the chief of the hospital's medical staff. The non-voting member is the chief of the hospital medical staff credentials committee.

The hospital board will appoint district and at-large members to three-year terms, subject to confirmation by the county commissioners. The county board representative serves a one-year term on the

hospital board.

Appointments were made Thursday night with two people named to full three-year terms and three to two-year terms. The successors of the latter three members will be named to three-year terms two years from now.

Appointed to three-year terms were Wade Carlton of Warsaw, from District 1, and Elbert Davis of Wolfsrape Township, District 2. Named to two-year terms were: William D. Thigpen of Lyman, District 3; Irvin Graham of Wallace, District 4; and Sanderson from District 5. Named as at-large members were Juanita Kretsch and William P. Fennell, both of Kenansville. Commissioner Allen Nethercutt represents the county board.

Davis was named acting chairman to succeed Sanderson.

Dr. E.L. Boyette of Chinquapin will continue as chief of the medical staff.

Dr. C.L. Quinn of Magnolia, chairman of the credentials committee, is a non-voting member.

The hospital board will meet on the second Thursday of each month with the regular October meeting scheduled as the annual meeting.

During the discussion preceding the secret ballot on the bylaws change, Boyette said: "We enlarged this board to get more members from towns and the towns more involved in hospital affairs. A bunch of strangers came up here and we paid them \$20,000. . . . These strangers didn't tell us anything we didn't know. We just threw \$20,000 down the drain."

Nethercutt said he had opposed hiring the consulting firm.

"I think this reduction in number of trustees is just a face-saving device by the commissioners to justify spending \$20,000 on the report," Boyette said.

Beulaville Citizens Oppose Town Employees Raise

By Emily Killefer

The Beulaville Town Board approved the 1983-84 budget during a special meeting June 27. A 10 percent salary increase for town employees was withdrawn from the proposed budget and trash collection fees increased.

Citizens H.J. Brown, Larry Bostic, Sarah Bolin and Anna Guy appeared before Beulaville Commissioners during the public hearing on the proposed budget at the town hall. Brown said the citizens opposed a salary raise for town employees because of the increase of garbage collection fees. Appearing at the hearing, Beulaville resident Sloan Thigpen commented town employees worked hard and deserved a salary raise if funds were available in the upcoming fiscal year. The town tax rate remained at 60 cents, but the new budget

proposed an increase from \$2 to \$3 for trash collection fees of residential sections and business rose from \$2-4 to \$6.

During the special meeting of the Beulaville Town Board following the budget hearing, Commissioner Elvis Sumner suggested merit raises for town employees instead of a 10 percent salary increase. Commissioner Rabon Maready objected to the 10 percent salary increase to all town employees. A motion to adopt the budget with no salary increases was made by Commissioner S.A. Blizzard. The motion was approved four to one with Maready casting the no vote. The commissioners unanimously approved a motion by Blizzard to continue the discussion of salary increases at the regular monthly meeting of the Board in July. The 1983-84 Beulaville town budget was approved at

\$420,100.

The Board approved contracts to town attorney Rusty Lanier and town auditor Doug Clark for the 1983-84 budget year. A written request for a 50 percent salary increase for Stanley Miller, Beulaville town wastewater treatment plant operator was presented to the commissioners. The current salary per quarter is \$250; requested was an annual salary of \$2,000. Following a discussion by the Board, the members agreed to draw up a set of job specifications and receive bids on the position.

Town auditor Doug Clark updated the Board on the progress of preparing specifications for bids on a computer system to be purchased by the town of Beulaville. Funds to purchase the computer equipment will come from revenue sharing money. Listed in the specifications for the computer system are capabilities for

billing water, sewer and trash collection fees and accounting incoming collections, tax billing, tax collections, fixed assets, budget preparation, special report generation, budgetary accounting, payroll and accounts payable. A vendor's conference is planned for computer sales personnel and the Beulaville Commissioners at the town hall July 22 beginning at 7:30. Bids will be opened August 1 and awarded September 5. Clark recommended the Beulaville Commissioners approve \$340 in fees to the Department of Urban Affairs for the evaluation of the top four bids received by the town on a computer system. Commissioner Blizzard made the motion to proceed with the bid process and authorize the funds for payment of the Department of Urban Affairs for the bid evaluations.

Transportation Available To N.C. Memorial Hospital

The Duplin County Department of Social Services receives numerous requests for assistance with medical transportation to North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

In order to help resolve the transportation problem, the department is planning to send the agency-operated van to N.C. Memorial Hospital once a month. The van will be used to transport Duplin County residents only.

Each trip will be made on a Monday, Wednesday or

Friday in order to accommodate individual needs and give access to as many clinic dates as possible. Trips will be limited to these days as the van is already committed to kidney dialysis patients on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The proposed van schedule for the fiscal year 1983-84 is as follows: Monday, July 18; Wednesday, August 17; Friday, Sept. 16; Monday, Oct. 17; Wednesday, Nov. 16; Friday, Dec. 16; Monday, Jan. 16, 1984; Wednesday, Feb. 15; Friday,

March 16; Monday, April 16; Wednesday, May 16; and Friday, June 15.

The Department of Social Services realizes that the above dates may not coincide with each individual's appointment or clinic date. It will therefore be up to those requesting transportation to keep the above schedule and try to make arrangements with his or her doctor, hospital social worker or clinic staff to be seen on these

dates. Appointments should not be scheduled prior to 11 a.m. The agency cannot be

responsible for making these arrangements.

Those individuals interested in this transportation should contact the Department of Social Services at least two weeks in advance if possible so that necessary arrangements can be made. Lack of sufficient interest on any given date could result in cancellation of that trip.

Since the van will be operating on a tight schedule, persons riding will be expected to be at their designated pick-up point at the given time and to have someone awaiting their return at the same point.

Former Duplin Wildlife Protector Faces Charge In Duplin County

A police chief from Wilson County was free on \$4,000 bond last week after spending Wednesday night in the Duplin County Jail following his arrest on worthless check charges and a charge of disposing of mortgaged property.

Jerry Windom, police chief of Lucama, is a former wildlife protector in Duplin County. He is a Lumberton native and a former Lumberton police officer.

Windom, 32, paid restitution and court costs of \$463 on 10 misdemeanor worthless check charges Thursday morning before Duplin Magistrate Perry Williams. He still faces charges on the mortgaged property count.

A defendant cannot plead guilty and pay off the debt and court costs on a charge of disposing of mortgaged property without appearing in District Court, court officials said. The mortgaged property case is scheduled Aug. 3 in Duplin County.

Windom was arrested by Wilson County deputies in the Lucama police chief's office while interviewing an applicant for a police officer's position. Lucama has a population of 1,070, according to the 1980 U.S. census.

He was turned over to Duplin deputies, who brought him to Kenansville.

Windom became a Lucama police officer last March. He was selected by the Town Board as police chief over 12

other candidates two weeks ago, filling a vacancy that had existed for a year.

A town official Thursday said the Town Board will probably hold a special meeting to discuss whether any action should be taken concerning Windom's position.

Duplin Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle said Duplin officers did not know where Windom had gone after the charges were filed in late 1982 until Windom's picture appeared in a newspaper following his appointment as police chief.

Revelle contacted Wilson County Sheriff Wayne Gay with his information and Gay dispatched deputies to make the arrest.

Revelle said the checks were written between July 1982 and November 1982 while Windom was a wildlife protector in Duplin County.

Cards Will Relay Tax

Bills In Duplin

Duplin County residents will receive their tax bills on post cards for the first time, according to Norman Sandlin Jr., county tax collector.

Sandlin said he believes use of post cards will save the county money on labor and supplies. The tax office has 22,000 parcels of land listed on its tax rolls.

People paying taxes in July and August will receive a 2 percent discount, Sandlin said. The county's tax rate of 75 cents per \$100 assessed valuation is an increase of 5 cents over last year's rate.

Receipts will be sent only when requested by the taxpayers, Sandlin said.

Duplin County Receives Award

William J. Costin, chairman of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners, announced that the Neuse River Council of Government has selected Duplin County as their recipient of the first annual Cooperative Service Delivery award at their annual banquet held last month at New Bern.

The CSDA recognizes the local governments and individuals who successfully initiate outstanding innovative projects where two or three governments work together to deliver local government services in a more cost effective and efficient manner.

Duplin commissioners took the initiative to work with the Sampson County commissioners in integrating the mental health services in the two counties. As a result, the Duplin-Sampson Area Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse board was appointed as a local mental health authority.

The three-fold purposes of the board are: To provide a continuum of community-based alternatives of the

adequate diagnosis, appropriate treatment and effective rehabilitation of the mentally ill, mentally retarded and the alcoholic in Duplin and Sampson counties which would enable them to be emotionally stable, intellectually efficient and socially effective; To acquire sufficient local, state and federal funds to foster the growth and achieve other objectives; and To provide job security based on the performance of the employees and recognize their individual achievements as well as to ensure the personal satisfaction that comes from a sense of accomplishment in their work.

Neither Duplin nor Sampson have mental health associations. However, the county commissioners have been the best advocates of the mentally ill or retarded and the alcoholics have ever had.

Costin and Dr. E.J. Raman in receiving the award expressed their appreciation to the NRCG. Raman also expressed his appreciation saying, "Cooperation is no longer a sentiment; it is an economic necessity."

Man Killed By Train

Andre Bimmette Wallace, 32, of Route 1, Box 288, Warsaw, was killed Tuesday night when hit by a Seaboard Systems train three miles south of Warsaw.

State Highway Patrol trooper Stephen McCorquodale said the man was lying on the tracks at a rural dirt

road crossing when a north-bound work train struck him.

The officer said the train crew applied the train's brakes as soon as they saw the man.

The train traveled 300 to 350 feet after the brakes were applied, McCorquodale said.



AMY MICHELLE WHALEY of Beulaville served as a page in the General Assembly under the sponsorship of Rep. Wendell H. Murphy of Duplin/Jones Counties. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carris Bruce Whaley and a rising senior at East Duplin High School.

Henderson Receives First EOP Scholarship At JSTC



During the past two years this group has sponsored several fund-raising events such as bake sales, selling tumblers and providing the meal at an all-day training program for foremen in the area. The EOPs have raised over \$3,300 which has been used to endow a scholarship with one to be awarded each year.

Dr. Carl Price, president of JSTC, stated that this group of dedicated employees have worked far beyond the requirements of their jobs to provide additional support to the College. Dr. Price stated, "I am very proud of each and every one of them and appreciate so much their contributions to the school."

The EOPs at JSTC consist of all employees who work in clerical and secretarial positions at the College. The 1982-83 officers are Mary Brinson of Warsaw, chairperson; Peggy Thomas of Beulaville, vice-chairperson and chairperson of the scholarship committee; Shirley Flowers of Warsaw, secretary/treasurer; and Brenda Dixon of Kenansville, publicity officer.

The educational office personnel, better known at the EOPs at James Sprunt Technical College, have established a new scholarship to be awarded annually to a graduating senior from a Duplin County high school who is planning to pursue a business-related degree at JSTC.

Karen Elaine Henderson, a 1983 graduate of Wallace-Rose Hill High School, is this year's recipient of the EOP Scholarship. Karen is planning to enroll this fall in the general office technology program. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Henderson of Rose Hill.

Godspell Opens Second Season With The Liberty Cart

The rock musical GODSPELL brought more than 2,500 people to the William R. Kenan Memorial Amphitheatre in Kenansville last year. GODSPELL opens its second season July 20, two weeks after the opening of THE LIBERTY CART at the amphitheatre.

The historical drama, THE LIBERTY CART, opens its eighth season July 8 and plays through August 21. This season two additional productions will be by the cast of THE LIBERTY CART. The religious musical, GODSPELL, is based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, and is scheduled for ten performances beginning July 20 and playing each Wednesday and Friday night through August 19.

A second season of children's entertainment will begin July 31, playing Sun-

day afternoons through August 14 at the courthouse spring in Kenansville. This year's production will be LIVIN' DE LIFE! by Ed Graczyk. LIVIN' DE LIFE is a play adapted from the tales and characters recorded in "The Uncle Remus Tales." A cast of familiar characters will appear in the children's show. The professional cast, as well as local actors from the crew of THE LIBERTY CART, will appear as Brer Rabbit, Brer Fox, Brer Bear, Miss Meadows, Aunt Mammy-Bammy, Sis Bazzard and Miss Goose. Karen Griffin, Technical director for THE LIBERTY CART, will be directing this season's children's production.

The cast of about 20 professional actors will also perform GODSPELL. John Michael-Tabelak's religious

musical ran five nights during its opening season with THE LIBERTY CART and drew more than 2,500 people, Jimmy Johnson, general manager of THE LIBERTY CART, said. Closing night for the GODSPELL production drew an audience of 725. The play will remain under the direction of Duplin native David Thomas, who is working in his second season as director of GODSPELL and the historical outdoor drama, THE LIBERTY CART. GODSPELL, the play, has drawn praise by the clergy, critics, educators and audiences throughout the

world for its joyful message and simple sincerity. Returning to the role of Jesus is Joey Chaves, a New Mexico resident.

GODSPELL will be performed in the William R. Kenan Memorial Amphitheatre in Kenansville each Wednesday and Friday night, July 20 through August 19. Performances begin nightly at 8:15 p.m. Group rates and tour bookings are available for GODSPELL. Additional information is available at THE LIBERTY CART, P.O. Box 470, Kenansville, NC 28349 or by phone - 296-0721.

Summer Story Teller At Library

Kenansville's talented Darlene Cooper is entertaining youngsters, ages 4 to 8, with stories and puppet skits on every Wednesday morn-

ing from 10 - 11 a.m. during the month of July. Ms. Cooper is a teacher's aide at the local elementary school.