

Incorporation, Solid Waste Committee Top Redwine's List

BY TERRY POPE

In addition to three state taxes that newly-elected Gov. Jim Martin would like to see abolished, several local bills were also expected to keep State House Rep. E. David Redwine busy when the N.C. General Assembly convened this week.

Redwine, who represents the 14th District that includes Brunswick County, addressed the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners last Wednesday night with goals and plans for the 1985 legislative session that began noon Tuesday. Local bills expected to be introduced by Redwine deal with such topics as incorporation and solid waste disposal.

Residents of Carolina Shores, a development south of Calabash, plan to ask Redwine to sponsor a bill that would allow the community to incorporate.

"Unless something changes, I have no reason not to give them that opportunity," Redwine said. "There would be a referendum attached to that bill."

Redwine also plans to introduce a bill that would establish a Brunswick County Solid Waste Committee to study ways to dispose of garbage once the county's central landfill is closed. It would be up to the commissioners to determine if they would

like for a committee to be formed, Redwine said.

Such a committee could "draw on the expertise of businesses in the area" as well as county officials to determine solid waste needs for the future, he said.

"It would give the committee a little bit of nest money in case they had to have technical guidance or had to visit somewhere as a start," Redwine said. "I do think personally that it is one of the most pressing problems facing any community on the coast. We need to start thinking of a way to alleviate the problem."

Redwine expects an appropriation of less than \$3,000 for the committee to conduct the solid waste study. The second-term legislator also hopes to receive additional appropriations during this session to build boat ramps at the Sunset Beach and Calabash areas, an amphitheater at Brunswick Town State Historic Site and an enlarged parking lot at the Southport-Fort Fisher ferry at Southport to accommodate school and tour buses.

Redwine will also ask for additional funds to help construct classrooms at Brunswick Technical College, the only school in the state community college system not on a permanent campus.

A local bill would also seek to change the makeup of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association, Redwine said. Presently, there are three members from New Hanover County and one from Brunswick County, while under the new plan there would be two from

each county on the board, he said.

Although the legislature may follow Martin's plans to repeal the tax on intangibles, inventory taxes and tax on foods, those revenues would not be lost to the counties, Redwine said. That money would be replaced to counties through the general fund, he said.

Redwine predicts the tax on intangibles will be repealed since there was an effort to do so during the short legislative session last summer. The public sentiment is for repealing the tax, he said.

Rather than repealing the inventory tax, Redwine believes the

legislature may approve a bill giving counties the local option to repeal, or else provide companies and industries with tax credits for the expenses. The tax nets an annual \$165 million for the state, Redwine said.

"A lot of people think the inventory tax is a deterrent to the economic development and growth of a county," Redwine said. The tax hurts rural counties the most, he added, such as Brunswick County, which must compete with South Carolina for new industries.

"I don't see an overwhelming mood or move to repeal the sales tax on food," Redwine said. "If you do

see the sales tax removed, it may be in a different form than an all-out repeal."

There are problems in removing sales tax on food, which nets an annual \$225 million for the state, Redwine said. For example, determining what is taxable food at the checkout line in a grocery store would "create complete chaos," he added.

The legislature may make certain groups, such as senior citizens, subject to credit on their state income tax for tax on foods, he added.

The largest portion of the legislature's appropriations may go to education, Redwine predicted.

"The state board of education has come forward with some very expensive proposals," he added. "Part of that is their idea and part of that was our mandate."

Legislators instructed the board to develop a career ladder program for teachers that will need state funding, Redwine said. The schools' \$2.2 billion proposal also includes additional funding for computer programs, increased state employee salaries and retirement benefits and a statewide curriculum plan that would ideally entitle every child, no matter where he or she lives in the state, an opportunity to the same education.



Redwine

Carolina Shores POA Takes No Stand On Town

Directors of the Carolina Shores Property Owners Association took no action last week on a committee report that recommended the association take "immediate action toward this objective of incorporating."

President Bill Garman said that contrary to a news report in a regional daily, the board accepted the report but took no vote. In a memo to association members he said it was made clear that at the Jan. 28 meeting the board "merely accepted the report and dismissed the committee."

He said another committee would

be appointed to develop more complete information and that efforts would be made to share available information with resident property owners and to elicit their opinions.

The report supporting incorporation of Carolina Shores was prepared by a committee led by Wesley Reynolds and also including Warren Knapp, Bob Corbin, Guy Williams and Buck Wiley. The committee was appointed more than a year ago to investigate and report on the feasibility and advisability of incorporating the community.

In his memo Garman also criticized local news articles based on inter-

views with members of the study committee as "premature" and as "presenting as factual the thought that incorporation of Carolina Shores was imminent and that it was being pushed by your board."

New officers of the property owners association are to be elected this month.

The study committee had hoped the board would ask State Rep. David Redwine to introduce a bill during this session of the legislature providing for an incorporation referendum for Carolina Shores.

According to the report, the central reason for incorporating is to enable

the community to control development. Presently the property owners association is the governing authority, but it has no means of enforcing restrictions.

Based on a population of 500, the study projected a tax rate of 15 cents for each \$100 valuation, with a total budget proposal of \$67,500. That includes \$20,000 for administration, \$6,000 for trash removal, \$4,000 for legal expenses and most of the remainder for road maintenance.

The 250-acre community includes 300 houses and 25 condominiums, a golf course, sewer treatment plant and 16 miles of road, with a total property valuation of about \$20 million.

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, Feb. 7

CALABASH CHAPTER, AARP meets at the Calabash Fire Station, 7 p.m.
GAME NIGHT at the American Legion Post one mile south of Shallotte on U.S. 17, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

ANNUAL MEETING of the Supply Volunteer Fire Department Inc. will be held at the fire station, with election of board members, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Saturday, Feb. 9

WACCAMAW VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE sells pork barbecue and chicken bog dinners at the squad building in Ash beginning at 11 a.m., \$3.50 per plate.

GAME NIGHT at the Calabash Volunteer Fire Department, 8 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 11

OCEAN ISLE BEACH COMMISSIONERS meet in regular session at the town hall, 4 p.m.

CALABASH TOWN COUNCIL meets at the town hall in regular session at a new time, 5 p.m.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH meets in regular session at the health department, 7 p.m.

SHALLOTTE PLANNING BOARD meets at the town hall if there is business to conduct, 7 p.m.

RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY meets in regular session in its chambers, Brunswick County Government Center, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE meets in the county commissioners' chambers, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

BRUNSWICK TOASTMASTERS, CLUB 5095 meets at the Ship's Chandler Restaurant, Southport, 7 a.m.-8 a.m. Guests welcome.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY VOLUNTEER & INFORMATION CENTER board of directors meets at Sizzling Sirloin Steakhouse in Shallotte to discuss the revised bylaws, Dutch treat, 1 p.m.

Arts Council Meets Tonight

Agencies or organizations that wish to apply for state arts grants under the Grass Roots program should get their applications to the Brunswick County Arts Council Board on or before its meeting Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the public assembly building, Brunswick County Government Center, Bolivia.

President Ouida Hewett said the applications could be mailed to P.O.

Box 172, Bolivia, N.C. 28422. These applications are for the 1984-85 and 1985-86 budgets.

Council board members will also discuss upcoming projects, membership listing and an arts contest for the council's art directory, "Artists in Our Midst."

Mrs. Hewett urged all board members and committee members to attend.

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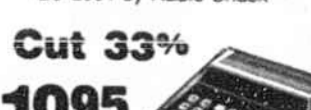


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