

PUBLIC HEARING SET

Bond Refunding Plan Moves On

Brunswick County commissioners will conduct a public hearing Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. on plans to sell new bonds to pay off \$3.9 million in water bonds.

The county tentatively plans to sell the new bonds in September.

Commissioners met briefly at noon Thursday in special session to approve the bond order on first reading only and to set the hearing date.

With the proposed refunding, Coun-

ty Finance Director Wallace Harding anticipates the county will realize a substantial savings with reduced interest costs.

Proceeds of the bond proceeds would be invested in securities that mature so as to pay off the remaining \$3.9 million in Series A water bonds as they mature.

The hearing will be held in commissioners' chambers in the administrative building at the

Brunswick County Government Center.

In terms of its ratio of debt to appraised value, Brunswick County is in good financial position to assume additional debt, according to standards of the Local Government Commission.

It has a net debt load of \$10,737,296 and an appraised value of \$2,081,781,263, said County Attorney David Clegg, who acted as clerk to the board at the special session.



OCEAN ISLE BEACH sanitation supervisor Artie Duncan and crewman Patrick Monk joined firefighters from four departments in extinguishing a series of four

brush fires along Four Mile Road Saturday. The Forest Service said the fires appeared to have been set.

Roadside Fires Apparently Set

A series of four brush fires extinguished along Four Mile Road Saturday had apparently been set deliberately, according to Assistant County Ranger Mike Hardison of the N.C. Forest Service.

Firefighters from Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach, Shallotte and Shallotte Point extinguished the fires, the largest of which was 1½ acres of pine woodland. The others were quite small, Hardison said.

"We've reported them as incendiary," he said.

They had been set about 100 yards

apart along one shoulder of the road, which connects U.S. 17 with the Ocean Isle Beach causeway. Hardison said investigators had some evidence that someone may have gotten out of a car and set the fires.

Firefighters were called to the scene about 1 p.m. and then the forest service.

Hardison said the plow team took a while in arriving because it had to come from Maco at the north end of the county.

In case of a fresh outbreak, the crew plowed around the fire that

volunteers had contained and extinguished.

Fewer brush fires have been reported this summer in Brunswick County than last summer, Hardison said, but conditions are still good for fires to occur.

"It's still relatively dry. What rain we've gotten has gone directly into the ground. It will take a lot more rain to bring the water table back to where it was.

"But right now, we're in better shape now than we were last summer."

Holden Beach Willing To Pay Third Of Bike Path

BY TERRY POPE

Holden Beach officials have agreed to fund one-third of the cost to construct a bike-pedestrian path along portions of Ocean Boulevard if the state will step up its plans to help build the project.

At a special meeting last Wednesday morning, town council members voted unanimously to approve a resolution that asks N.C. Department of Transportation (DOT) officials to evaluate the proposed bike path to determine what portions are most urgently needed. It also states the town's "willingness to share in the cost of the project by providing one-third of the cost from local funds."

"I think it's absolutely almost mandatory," said council member Gloria Barrett. "We're going to have to do something."

On May 22, the town submitted an application to DOT officials to construct the bicycle path using state funds if they become available. Since the letter was submitted, there have been two accidents, "one of which involved a bicyclist and one a pedestrian, both of which could have been prevented if a bicycle path had been available," the resolution states.

The resolution also states that "state funds may not be available to cover the cost of all proposed bicycle

projects and local funding assistance might make possible approval of a project which otherwise might not be possible because of insufficient state funds."

In the resolution, commissioners have reaffirmed the bike path as "urgently needed" and are requesting that DOT officials "visit the town of Holden Beach to evaluate the proposed project with a view toward determining, together with representatives of the town of Holden Beach, those portions of the project most urgently needed."

According to Town Administrator Bob Buck, a five-foot paved walkway and bike path adjoining one side of the boulevard would cost an estimated \$140,000 for the entire length of the beach.

The cost would be an estimated \$30,800 for constructing the path in two areas that may need it the most, the 6,000 feet between Heritage Harbor and Holden Beach Harbor and in the vicinity of the new bridge, Buck said. That would include the congested area near the pier and miniature golf course.

The town's contribution to paving those two areas would run roughly \$10,000, Buck said. Just paving the portion between Heritage Harbor and Holden Beach Harbor would cost around \$23,000.

Ms. Barrett said the town should also consider paving a portion near the west end campground, since there is a lot of foot traffic in that area.

Obtaining right-of-way permits for the path may be the "single biggest problem" of the project, Buck added. Mayor Kenner Amos said the resolution would assure the town that the board is "making an effort to save some lives." A Greensboro girl was killed after being struck by a car along Ocean Boulevard in June.

Leland Group Meets Tonight

Residents of the Leland area are encouraged to attend a meeting of the Leland Community Action Group Thursday, Aug. 22, (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. at the Leland Volunteer Fire Department, said spokesman Barbara Johnson.

The group will continue its planning for the first Leland Old-Time Festival, to be held Sept. 21 beginning at 10 a.m.

Included in the festival will be arts and crafts exhibitions. Information on booths is available from Jean Speight or Edna Roy at 371-9411 or 371-2120.

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