

# Board To Set Priorities For Water Line Placement

BY ETTA SMITH

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners agreed Monday, in a joint meeting with the Utilities Operation Board, to consider a list of priorities the UOB will establish concerning extension of water lines.

The commissioners are expected to approve the list at their regularly-scheduled meeting on Nov. 17.

Dan Shields, county engineer, told commissioners the UOB had questions concerning the \$1.5 million in revolving funds which are to be used for the installation of lateral lines to subdivisions, and the trunk lines that would need to be installed in some areas.

Chris Chappell, commission chairman, told the board the commissioners weren't planning on limiting the funds to a one-year period. He said the commission was looking at a two-year period as a short-term goal, and would then re-evaluate its priorities.

Shields said the board will need roughly \$10 million to do one-fourth to one-fifth of the requested projects. The revolving funds will initiate the projects, and after they are completed, the residents on the new lateral lines will replenish the funds when they begin paying off their assessments.

Eighteen subdivisions have sent petitions to the commissioners requesting the service. Approximately 163 signatures were on the petitions.

Edward Gore, a member of the UOB, told the commissioners that he had an idea that, he said, "would be fair to all users and taxpayers in the county who won't immediately see the benefits of the system, because of the lack of feasibility of installing lines in their communities at this time."

He said the board should adopt a standard where all residents receiving the service would pay a uniform assessment fee. Gore suggested the

county could assume the expense of the hookup, then charge the user a standard fee.

"We could limit the cost to a six-inch line," he said. He added the lines may be four-inches or even 12-inches in some places, but with the standard for the project could get underway and the revolving fund could be replenished.

"The county needs to sell the water, and to get the water to the people in the county," he said.

He suggested the board follow the examples of other areas that have had the same problem. "We could take a look at whether their actions were acceptable, or could be modified to fit our needs," he said.

Gore asked the commission to let the board begin projects that can be immediately addressed, and "with your blessing, get started."

Property owners would be immediately assessed for lines as they are laid, he indicated, thereby

replenishing the revolving funds.

Chappell told the board "You (the board) tell us what you want to do—the commissioners want to get the ball rolling."

"I've got neighbors here who've been coming for two or three years. You tell them, do you want to assess them?"

County Manager William Carter

said, "The difficulty is getting started—but once you get started, it'll flow."

The UOB was appointed by the commissioners, and was sworn in in September. Its purpose is to review the operation, planning and expansion of the county's water system, and to adopt rules and regulations concerning its operation.



FRANKY THOMAS

## Thomas Resigns From Board

Franky Thomas, a member of the Brunswick County Utilities Operation Board, resigned Monday, saying personal and business obligations have delayed his moving back to the county.

Thomas' resignation was read by Commissioner Grace Beasley at a joint meeting of the commissioners and the UOB. Beasley appointed Thomas to the board on Aug. 18.

Thomas, who had been living in Wilmington, said recently he was in the process of moving back to Brunswick County.

Monday he said he plans to move back to the county in about 10 days, but business obligations will prevent him from devoting the time needed for the appointment.

Beasley said a replacement would be named for Thomas next week.

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## Students Get Alternative To Suspension From School

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

Amid protests from District 5 Member James Clemmons, the Brunswick County Board of Education voted Monday to add a paragraph to the student conduct code that allows principals to assign students who violate school rules to the Alternative Education School in Bolivia.

This is an alternative to long-term suspension, the disciplinary measure used in the past for severe discipline cases.

Clemmons objected to the change. "You send them to Alternative Ed and there's no one there to teach them," he said. "It's basically academically weak out there. And how many are you going to send?"

Board Chairman James Forstner replied, "The alternative is sending them home, where there's nothing. This cannot be a dumping ground, I agree, and we do need to look at academics and strengthen them."

West Brunswick High School Principal David Corley interjected, "We have an obligation to those kids who are behaving to give them an orderly atmosphere so they can learn."

Responded Clemmons, "How do you know the child will be better when he comes out of that alternative school?"

To Corley's "We don't," Clemmons responded, "Well, you should know that!"

The statement added to the code provides that a principal's decision to assign students to the Alternative Education Center must have prior approval of the superintendent. It says rehabilitative educational and social services will be offered students at the center.

Mary Coston, a mother attending the meeting, spoke up to ask how her daughter could get counseling help at school. "I've been asking for help for

her for two years," she said, "and she hasn't seen the counselor yet."

Responding to questions from Yarbrough, Coston conceded the counselor had talked with her daughter about grades and classes, but not about underlying problems.

Yarbrough said, "I think our high schools are doing a good job in difficult times. Every school has at least one counselor, and every high school has at least two of them."

Corley explained after the meeting that the problem is a lack of time on the part of students, not counselors. "There are just six periods every day, and kids take six credits. They have to be taken out of class to talk with the counselor."

**Bids On House**

Glen Peterson, school board attorney, reported that four bids on the Leland house built by North Brunswick High School students had yielded a high bid of only \$38,900. The board voted to reject the bid and try again. "We'd go in the hole with that," said Forstner.

Peterson explained that the problem with the house was its close proximity to the high school. "People don't like the idea of all the school traffic around the house," he said.

**Awards**

Lorraine Williams, director of special services, announced that the Brunswick Interagency Project, a cooperative effort of Brunswick County Schools and Brunswick Technical College, had won the Governor's Award of Excellence for innovative instructional programming. The project serves severely mentally retarded young adults, age 16 and older.

An award was presented to South Brunswick High School teacher Margaret Poe, who was recently chosen as Brunswick County Teacher of the Year.

Al Laughinhouse of the Shalotte office of United Carolina Bank, sponsor of the program, presented a check for \$1,000 to the school board for Mrs. Poe. She received \$500 in cash and the remainder for continuing education.

Forstner presented a plaque to outgoing board member Jane Causey of Holden Beach, expressing the appreciation of her colleagues for her two years on the board. Causey was defeated Nov. 4 for re-election to the board, by Dorothy Worth. Worth will be seated on the board in December.

Worth asked to make a statement to the board and said, "I'm glad I won the election, and I hope I can prove worthy of the confidence you have placed in me."

**Bus Function Changed**

Assistant to the Superintendent Bill Turner gave an update on school construction, saying the first phase is complete except for doors at Union and Lincoln primary schools. The board will advertise for second-phase bids on Nov. 4, and will open them at 3 p.m., Nov. 25.

He said the system now owns 131 school buses, and a new one is to be added this week at Leland Middle School.

Yarbrough told the board the yellow buses are cheaper to operate than activity buses and suggested they be used for activities inside the county. The board voted to use them in this capacity, with the provision that trips take place during the school day.

**Personnel Action**

Following an executive session to discuss personnel, the board approved the following recommendations:

Professional recommendations: Lora Lee Canter, Southport; Penny Cowan, Engelhard, N.C.; Barbara (See SCHOOL, Page 2-A)



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## Writing The Book On Brunswick County

Here are the bound files of all the issues of The Brunswick Beacon since it began publishing Nov. 1, 1962. The file is open to the public and is often used for research. This week's issue of The Beacon marks the

beginning of its 25th year of publication. Thanks to our advertisers who joined in our celebration, it is one of the newspaper's largest issues.

## Ocean Isle Approves Causeway Name

BY ETTA SMITH

Ocean Isle Beach Commissioners gave the causeway road leading to the beach an official name Tuesday afternoon, and residents on that road will now be required to have street addresses.

Residents on Causeway Drive, as it is now officially called, have 30 days to get street addresses placed on their dwellings or mailboxes, or they could face a fine.

Recommended by Town Attorney Elva Jess, the board unanimously

approved the move. The amount of the proposed fine has not been set.

Town Clerk Alberta Tatum told the board the arrangement had already been approved by the U.S. Postal Service.

The meeting was recessed until Dec. 1 at 9:30 a.m., when commissioners plan to discuss the setting of a deadline for property owners to sign up for tap-ons to the sewer system.

**Other Business**  
In other business, the board:  
•Approved continuation of the pre-

sent water service deposit policies. The policies include a \$50 deposit for residential and commercial service, \$45 of which is refundable if the consumer owes no debt to the town when service is discontinued. The remaining \$5 will not be refunded, but charged the consumer for administrative fees.

•Approved a motion to pursue a matching grant from the state for \$4,000 for improvements to the airport. The town plans to install a (See NAME, Page 2-A)

## King Competes For Morehead

West Brunswick High School senior Whitney Elroy King will be considered for a Morehead scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He was selected last week by Brunswick County Morehead Award Selection Committee from among six county seniors nominated by their schools.

King is the 17-year-old son of Lyle Ray and Judy King of Ash.

As the next step in the consideration process, he will be interviewed in December by the District 3 Selection Committee for a chance at a Morehead Award.

Other seniors selected by their high schools for interviews by the county committee were Michael Allen Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lacy Norton of Supply, also from West Brunswick High School; Shannon Varin Crainshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight David Crainshaw of Leland, and Richard Kevan Chaisson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis Chaisson of Leland,

from North Brunswick High School; and Arris Anne Golden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby David Golden of Supply; and John David Matthews Jr. of Yaupon Beach, from South

Brunswick High School.

At West Brunswick High School, King is currently ranked third in his class of 170. He has participated in the Student Government Association one year, the National Honor Society three years, Spanish Club and Youth Council two years each; Future Farmers of America, four years; and the golf team, two years.

He has served as a page in the State House and the State Senate, has worked on campaigns for several regional and state candidates for public office. He is interested in a career in law.

Morehead Awards are based solely on merit, without consideration of financial need. The Morehead Foundation was established in 1945 by the late John Motley Morehead, a native of North Carolina and a 1891 graduate of the University. The awards are presented yearly to seniors who have demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership, academic standing, character and physical vigor.



WHITNEY ELROY KING