

# County Board Proposes \$31.6 Million Budget

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 •Corener, \$16,150;  
 •Courts, \$33,702;  
 •Non-departmental, \$1.4 million, including \$500,000 for the start of a mapping project and \$100,000 in contingency funds.

**Contributions**  
 The budget includes \$218,400 in current expense or operating funds and no capital outlay funds for Brunswick Technical College.

Southeastern Mental Health would be funded at \$146,960; the Brunswick County Library, \$110,000 the N.C. Forestry Service contract, \$105,826; the Resources Development Commission, \$111,500; and the domestic violence shelter in Wilmington, \$2,500.

Fire and rescue squads are slated to receive \$10,000 again this year, with each district to also have a \$50,000 fund.

Following an idea used by Commissioner Jim Poole in District 3 last year, the board is allocating \$5,000 per district for senior citizens.

Also budgeted are \$15,000 each to the Ocean Isle and Brunswick County airports and \$60,000 to the chambers' of commerce travel package.

The Brunswick County Law Enforcement Association and WHQR public radio would get \$1,000 each, Lower Cape Fear Hospice, \$300; Special Olympics, \$3,000; the

Brunswick Arts Council, \$1,250.  
**School Fund**  
 The budget includes \$1.3 million in capital outlay funds for the Brunswick County Board of Education, a cut of nearly \$3 million from its request. Not included are funds for expansion at South Brunswick High School and a new elementary school in the Supply area. However, commissioners had noted during budget sessions that the N.C. General Assembly is expected to set aside funds for school construction.

Included is \$4.77 million for the schools' current expenses, a five percent increase over the current year.

**Other Funds**  
 Commissioners also propose to fund almost entirely requests from the social services and health departments that reflect recommendations of consultants brought in at the board's request. Social services is slated to receive \$1.027 million and public health, \$807,309.

Another \$140,024 will go to aging programs—\$99,673 for transportation, \$22,082 for home-delivered meals and \$113,432 for congregate meals, with the balance for administration and case management.

Commissioners have again set aside \$1.5 million for water system projects, along with \$56,250 for revaluation and \$500,000 for its capital reserve fund.



THE BRUNSWICK ISLANDS JAYCEE chapter received several awards at the recent North Carolina 50th anniversary state convention in Winston-Salem. The local group, organized in December, 1986, was named the most outstanding first-year chapter in the state and

also took two other awards for membership growth. Attending the convention are, from left, president Sean Mulholland, Kathleen Henderson, Doug Vogle and Rhonda Bellamy.

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## Brunswick Islands Jaycees Honored

The Brunswick Islands Jaycees received four top awards at the 50th anniversary state convention in Winston-Salem Memorial Day weekend.

The local group received one of only three Milestone Awards given at the N.C. State Jaycee Convention for being named the most outstanding first-year chapter.

The local group also received the Gold Miners Challenge Award for membership growth among Division I chapters, and the Gold Miners Award for outstanding leadership, dedication and commitment to positive growth and development. The award was also given for in-chapter extension of growth.

The state president's award of honor also went to the local chapter for outstanding service.

North Carolina Gov. Jim Martin was guest speaker at the Saturday night awards banquet.

Locals attending the convention were Sean Mulholland, Kathleen Henderson, Doug Vogle and Rhonda Bellamy.

## Local Area Can Expect Rain

After a very dry month, rain is in the forecast for the South Brunswick Islands.

Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady said the area can expect near-normal temperature and rainfall. Temperatures should range from the mid-60s at night into the mid-80s during the daytime, with about one-half inch of rain.

During the period of May 28-June 1, he said, he recorded no rainfall. And during all of May, he said, the total was less than a half-inch, a mere .42 inch. That is well below normal, he noted.

For the period, he recorded a maximum high of 87, which occurred on June 1, and a minimum low of 59 degrees, which occurred on the 29th. An average daily high of 85 degrees and an average morning low of 64 degrees combined for a daily average temperature of 74 degrees, which Canady said is about normal.

## Leland Middle Wins Regional Competition

The Leland Middle School team won the Battle of the Books in regional competition May 27 in Jacksonville. Opposing teams were from New Bern-Craven, Sampson, Duplin, Onslow and Wayne counties.

Members of the winning group are Charlie Speight and Vonlyn Johnson, sixth grade; Michal Burton, Evelyn Hyatt, Christy Moore and Kevin Willetts, seventh grade; Joey Johnson, Ron Southern, Tracy Copley and Karen Jones, eighth grade.

Their coach was Mary Best Blanton, school librarian.

Battle of the Books is sponsored by the Southeast Regional Education Center, Division of School Media Programs, and has been held in Onslow County since 1981. It is the first year Brunswick County has been involved in the tournament.

Students competing were required to read 32 books selected by the sponsors over a six-month time span. They had to answer in quiz-bowl fashion questions concerning these books.

Each member of the Leland team received a medal and certificate, and the school will receive a plaque.

## Redwine Lists \$38,500 In Pork Barrel Funds

Rep. E. David Redwine expects to distribute \$38,500 in "special" appropriations to Brunswick County organizations.

"That's tentative," he stressed Tuesday, saying it depends on whether the funds are available and in what quantity. Some allocations could be cut when the appropriations bill goes through at the end of the legislature's session.

The largest single sums go to four organizations: Hope Harbor Home Inc., a shelter for battered spouses and their children, would get \$5,000; and the Old Baldy Foundation, \$5,500, for preservation and renovation of the old light house on Bald Head Island. Another \$5,000 each would go to the N.C. Fourth of July Festival and the N.C. Oyster Festival.

- Other allocations are as follows:
- \$3,000 each to the athletic booster clubs at North, South and West Brunswick high schools;
  - \$3,000 to the Brunswick County Literacy Council;
  - \$2,000 to the 5th District Civic Center;
  - \$2,000 to the Leland Friends of the Library;
  - \$2,000 to the NAACP's Cedar Grove branch for the ACT-SO program.

While the local funds are generally called "pork barrel" allocations, Redwine said they are one of the "few things taxpayers in Brunswick County get back for the dollars they send to Raleigh. I try to make sure we get our fair share."

## Holden Eyes Tax Rate As Residents Ask For Paving

BY TERRY POPE

At least one Holden Beach commissioner is willing to raise the town's tax rate to help residents pave their streets.

"I'm not one for spending money, but perhaps we need to take a look at what we are spending on paving," said Commissioner Hal Stanley at a public hearing on the 1987-88 proposed budget Monday night.

"I would be happy to raise the taxes by two cents," Stanley said. "If we get a petition, I think within a year we ought to be able to get that street paved."

Residents on Dolphin Drive have petitioned the town to have their street paved. Streets and Accessway Commissioner Gay Atkins said Dolphin Drive is behind three others (Sand Dollar, Tarpon and Swordfish) scheduled to be paved by the town on a priority basis.

Once a petition is received, the town must front 100 percent of the project cost. It then assesses residents living along the street for 60 percent of the cost. The board has set aside funds to pave Sand Dollar Drive during the 1987-88 fiscal year.

Each one-cent increase in the town's tax rate generates an additional \$21,000 in revenues, said Town Administrator Bob Buck.

The board has agreed to increase the 1987-88 tax rate from 11 cents per \$100 of property valuation to 12 cents to create a special fund for dune repairs and maintenance.

"They should be able to say, 'If you sign a petition, this is going to be done within a specific length of time,'" Stanley said of the residents' road petition process. He said residents are taking the first step in circulating a petition, so that "maybe we should do our part."

Added Commissioner Graham King, "When we're spending our money for non-residents it's a little hard to pay for these things," making

a reference to the town's funding of the Jordan Boulevard regional beach access project.

Resident John Clarke also asked the board to reconsider the amount it proposes to donate to the Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad. The board has set aside \$1,200 for Coastline and \$10,000 for the Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department.

**Stickers Needed**

Property owners have been slack in purchasing the 1987 windshield stickers that allow them to return to the island in the event of an evacuation, several board members reported.

"There are a lot of people with blue stickers on their cars," Stanley said, "and mine is green. Are we going to honor those blue stickers?"

The stickers for 1987 are green. Stanley said property owners should be reminded to purchase them since the hurricane season has arrived.

Stanley said it should be publicized that "unless you've got the green stickers, you will be delayed" in returning to the island.

"Someone that has bought green stickers ought to have precedence over someone who hasn't," he added.

The town plans to schedule a hurricane awareness program for its residents.

"Maybe we can sell some stickers at that time," said Commissioner William Williamson.

**Other Business**

In other business Monday, the commissioners:

- Approved a special trash collection ordinance that allows the town to charge \$25 per load for the removal of oversized trash (household items, furniture, appliances, etc.). Property owners will not be charged for the first two requests to remove such items in any one fiscal year. Scrap materials from buildings and contractors will not be removed by the town.

## Calabash To Vote On Water

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questioned earlier by the town council. In interviews last week, Mayor Doug Simmons and other council members weren't very optimistic about the outcome of a referendum. Several members suggested it would kill town efforts to establish a water system.

They also indicated Sen. Soles had refused to discuss the issue over the telephone with one councilwoman or to consider information regarding the town's position.

After numerous trips to Raleigh, Bolivia and other places to seek help, the mayor said, if the referendum fails, it will mark the end of his personal efforts to obtain water for Calabash.

However, Simmons said the water is desperately needed by this small,

restaurant-dominated community.

"With a little time," he added, "I might be able to change a few minds" before a referendum is held.

He and other council members said they didn't think it was fair for some residents to keep others from having access to county water.

At hearings earlier this year, residents said they had bad water and not enough of it, causing them to have to dig new wells and replace water pumps too frequently.

Opponents to the assessments include several residents who live along the N.C. 179 county water line that serves a segment of the town.

The town had proposed they also pay an assessment, to cover the cost of buying that segment of line from the county.

cerned about losing their identity."

In August 1986, more than 100 Calabash, Sunset Beach and Ocean Isle residents attended a public hearing to criticize a move that would have required them to use Shallotte on the last line of their address.

## Post Office Seeks Site

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served by it will keep their Calabash, Sunset Beach and Ocean Isle Beach addresses along with the 28459 zip code.

"Unless there appears to be a problem, it will remain that way," Shealy said. "I know people there are con-

cerned about losing their identity."

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