

# County May Pay For Water Line To Golf Development

BY TERRY POPE

The Utility Operations Board will ask the county to pay all costs of extending a 12-inch water line to a proposed 500-acre golf course development at Lockwood Folly rather than assess residents along the route.

At Monday's UOB meeting, residents living along the proposed path of the 1.6-mile water line objected to the county's original proposal that they pay half the cost of the line.

The board voted unanimously to ask the county to pay for extending water lines when the projects prove "economically feasible" for the county.

UOB members also voted to "stick by our original plans" in assessing residents if commissioners vote not to use money from its contingency fund to pay for water line extensions. The water line would cost the county an estimated \$99,600.

"Every penny will be paid back in

the first two years without assessing anyone," said Tripp Sloane, one of the developers of Lockwood Folly Subdivision. "Now that's an economically feasible project."

Each of the estimated 50 property owners living along the proposed route of the water line would be assessed \$3 per linear foot on each side of the road if assessments are mandated. The line would run along Sabbath Home Church Road and a portion of Stone Chimney Road to the development on the Lockwood Folly River.

Commissioner Frankie Rabon said the county cannot get into the habit of running water lines without assessing residents, "unless we do so only where it's economically feasible."

"I don't want us to get into the position of running water lines," he added, "because if we do, then we're going to have to run them all."

Rabon said he did not know how the board of commissioners would react

to paying for this line without assessments.

"I think it's a good decision," said Mason Anderson, one of the Lockwood Folly developers. "I think the county commissioners will agree that it is a good economic investment for Brunswick County."

Anderson said the proposed golf course development would increase the county's tax base by more than \$10 million immediately and by more than \$20 million in the future.

"Anytime the county can spend \$100,000 with the potential that I see that's coming," said UOB Vice-Chairman Alfonso Roach, "then it's a good business deal."

Anderson told the UOB that the developers are willing to buy water if the county will just "bite the bullet" and run the lines.

"We're not asking these people to pay for our water line," said Paul Dennis, another partner of the proposed development. "We don't want

these people to pay for it."

Dennis said the county had asked the developers to "run a 12-inch line to pay for serving everyone else." The line will hook onto an existing eight-inch line on Sabbath Home Church Road. The county plans to extend the line beyond the golf course toward Supply for future development.

The 12-inch line is needed to maintain adequate water pressure for fire protection, said Alan Lewis, of Lewis and Associates engineering firm in Shallotte.

Retired attorney Wallace Smith addressed the UOB board Monday as a representative of the 50 or more property owners facing assessments. Smith said he knows of no one on the proposed water line that favors assessments.

Smith asked that the Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Sabbath Home Baptist Church and residents on fixed incomes that cannot afford

to pay not be assessed for the project.

UOB member Ed Gore said the commissioners have a hardship policy in dealing with persons who cannot afford to pay. The developers have also agreed that they may pay the assessment for both the church and fire department as a "goodwill gesture" if the county doesn't.

Gore repeatedly stated Monday that the county would have to pay for all water line extensions if this line if paid for out of county funds.

"The assessment tool is the only one this board has," Gore said. "No one should get a free ride."

However, he seconded Bill English's motion to ask the county to pay for this line, adding, "Pressure has nothing to do with my decision."

In other business Monday, Lewis updated the board on progress of two other special assessment districts—District 1 (North Holden Beach) and District 2 (Brick Landing).

"As of tomorrow afternoon, we will be 75 percent complete in our drafting," Lewis said of District 1, "which I feel puts us pretty much ahead of schedule."

The engineering firm will start the design survey for District 2 this week. Lewis said he has already shortened the construction time on the projects by a month.

The projects are scheduled for completion in March 1988.

The UOB board also agreed to recommend to commissioners that a final assessment resolution be adopted for District 3, which includes Seaside Station, Brooks Estate and Hideaway Estates near the N.C. 904 and N.C. 179 intersection.

A public hearing was held Aug. 3 on the proposed water distribution assessments for the 264 property owners affected. Chairman Roach said a majority favored the assessments by an estimated five to one margin.

## Officers Pull Weed Worth \$645,000 On The Streets

Law enforcement officers pulled up and destroyed 403 marijuana plants last Wednesday in a pre-harvest time eradication effort.

The material had an estimated street value of \$644,880.

"It's not real big, but it's better than we've done," said Brunswick County Sheriff John Carr Davis.

No arrests were made.

The campaign was a joint effort of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation.

The plants averaged eight to nine feet in height. Most were spread out, planted thinly under trees in Ash, Holden Beach, Northwest and Exum areas, Davis said. However, the largest single area raided contained about 100 plants.

They were spotted by air surveillance.

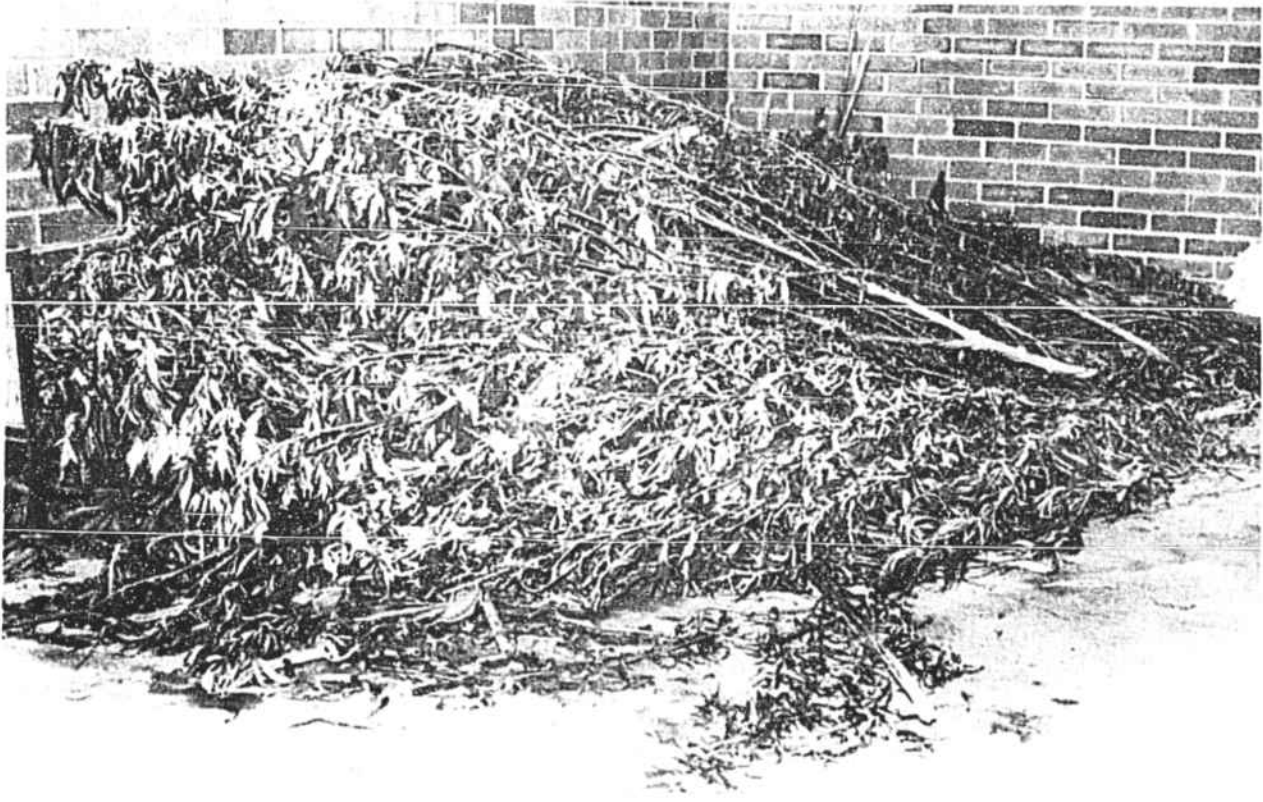
In June the SBI also flew over the county. "We did not find anything that time," said Davis. "The state's new pilot was flying. This time we had the veteran pilot."

Another fly-over is planned later this year.

The department's investigation is continuing.

Davis asked that anyone with narcotics information call the department's drug squad direct on a line, 253-4797, that doesn't go through the department's switchboard. "All calls will be strictly confidential," said Davis.

The phone is equipped with an answering machine, so officers may return calls that come in while they are out.



OFFICERS PULLED UP and later destroyed more than 400 marijuana plants, with an average height of eight to nine feet (above), in a joint eradication effort last Wednesday by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and SBI.

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## Two Killed

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were witnesses to the wreck. No charges were filed in the 4:10 p.m. accident.

Damages were estimated at \$14,000 to Johnson's vehicle and \$9,500 to the Pierce vehicle.

The two deaths bring Brunswick County's total to ten highway fatalities for the year to date, said Highway Patrol spokesperson Ruby Oakley.

A year ago there had been 12 fatalities by the end of August.

She added, "We are still under last year, but we have a long way to go in August."

In another accident Sunday morning, a Shallotte man was charged with reckless driving after he fell asleep while driving and ran off the road on U.S. 17 two miles north of Calabash.

According to Trooper D.A. Lewis' report, Denver Dwight Hill, 19, was traveling north on U.S. 17 in a 1979 Datsun when he fell asleep, ran off the left shoulder and struck a ditchbank.

Hill was injured and taken to the Brunswick Hospital in Supply following the 1 a.m. accident.

## 3 Towns Just Couldn't Get Enough Candidates

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Continuing on the board are Commissioners Terry Barbee and Bill Benton.

### Bolivia

All but one current member of the Bolivia Board of Aldermen will seek additional two-year terms. Mayor Ina Mae Mintz and Aldermen Steve Robbins, Deborah H. Stanley and Ella Jane Willetts Wescott have filed for re-election.

Seeking a first term on the board is Robert S. Willetts III.

Alderman Murray Tatum didn't file for re-election.

### Boiling Spring Lakes

Commissioner Donna M. Baxter joins James M. Lamb and Robert W. Williams in the race for mayor of Boiling Spring Lakes. Mayor Elinor Handler isn't seeking a second term.

Commissioners George H. Lanier Jr. and Lloyd T. (Tom) Simmons face challenges from Steven (Mark) Stewart and Robert Glen Long for the two available seats on the town board. The mayor is elected for two years, commissioners for four years.

All Brunswick County towns except Bald Head Village, where the board

is appointed, will hold municipal elections on Nov. 3. However, only one, Long Beach, will hold a primary on Oct. 6.

### Long Beach

Long Beach has no lack of candidates. Three people are seeking the mayor's post and 10 are competing for three seats on the board of commissioners.

One-term Mayor John W. (Johnny) Vereen III has filed for mayor, along with two-term Commissioner H. Michael Oxford and former town employee Doris H. Werner.

Jean S. Beard, Kevin M. Bell, David S. Drummond, Jean C. Gray, Paul "Bud" Middleton, Bob Miller, Ben C. Thomas Jr., Harold B. Watson, Margaret J. Kaneer and incumbent Commissioner David P. Ford are candidates for commissioner.

The mayor is elected to a two-year term and commissioners to four-year terms.

### Southport

Mayor Norman R. Holden is unopposed in his bid for re-election in Southport.

Incumbent Nelson E. Adams has announced as a candidate for one of

the Ward II seats available, along with Linda Packer Phillips.

Incumbent Judy Y. White and Mary E. Strickland are both seeking the single Ward I seat available.

The mayor will serve a two-year term and the aldermen four-year terms.

### Yaupon Beach

Four candidates are seeking election to three seats available on the Yaupon Beach Board of Commissioners. All will serve four-year terms, with the board choosing one of its members as mayor.

Running are incumbents May Moore and J.M. Warren Sr., Howard

Brackett and Joseph B. Boyles.

### Caswell Beach

Two candidates have filed for mayor and one for the open seat on the Caswell Beach Board of Commissioners. Mayor Jack B. Cook is being challenged by William F. Zimmermann, while incumbent Commissioner George F. Kassler Jr. is unopposed in his bid for re-election.

Mayor and commissioners serve four-year terms.

### Belville

Two people, Mayor Kenneth D. Messer Jr. and a former mayor, Mildred S. Boney, are running for mayor of Belville. Four people are

running for two town commissioner seats.

They are Tim Schedler, Vickie L. Gooch, Trindalyn (Trindy) Boswell and incumbent Sidney Boney. Currently Boswell is serving on the board by appointment.

The mayor serves a two-year term and commissioners serve four-year terms.

### Dosher Board

Four candidates have filed for election to six-year terms on the Doshier Hospital Board of Trustees.

They are incumbents Renee Horne Hilger and Jean R. St. Andre, William S. Kirby and W.V. Sizemore Jr.

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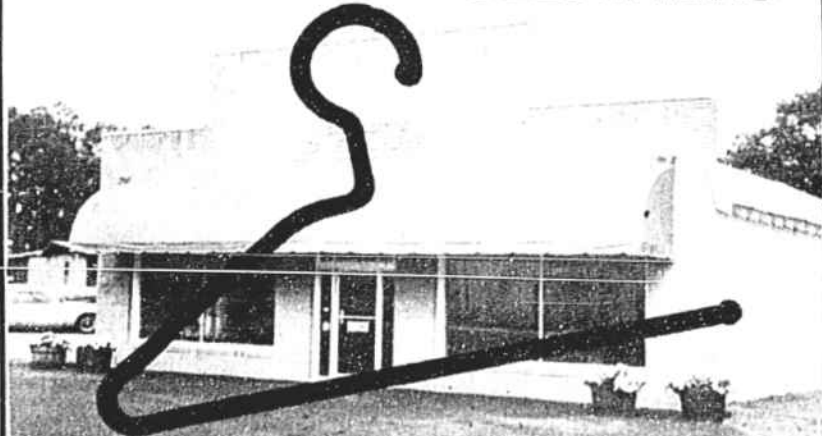
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## Seasonal Weather's Expected

Typical mid-August weather is in the forecast.

Temperatures are expected to range from nighttime lows in the lower 70s to daytime highs around 90 degrees, with about three-quarters inch of rainfall, said Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.

For the period Aug. 4-10, he recorded a maximum daily high of 96 degrees on the 5th and a minimum

nightly low of 71 degrees on the 9th.

An average daily high of 92 degrees combined with an average daily low of 75 degrees for an average daily temperature of 83 degrees, which Canady said is about three degrees above normal.

A Monday night thunderstorm contributed heavily to the 1.45 inches of rainfall recorded during the period.

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