

SBTA Asks State To Require Impact Statement For Sewer Project

BY SUSAN USHER

Sunset Beach Taxpayers Association is asking the state for assurance that a full environmental impact statement (EIS) will be required for the \$35 million central sewer system planned for the Sunset Beach-Calabash area because of its potential "major environmental impact."

SBTA attorney James Maxwell of Durham has asked Preston Howard, director of the N.C. Division of Environmental Management (DEM), for assurance that an EIS will be issued under the State Environmental Policy Act.

The SBTA has formally opposed development of a central sewer system unless the communities involved simultaneously address their stormwater runoff management needs. At the group's April 2 meeting, the members present directed their board to explore possible legal action to block town participation in a sewer-only project.

Reacting to the SBTA vote during a budget workshop Tuesday afternoon, Sunset Beach Mayor Pro-tem Ed Gore suggested the town include funds in the 1994-95 budget "for a full-blown challenge," that the SBTA "should never be left unchallenged on anything they do that

would be detrimental to this community."

"I recommend we be prepared to answer it with whatever it takes, even if it means a tax increase," he declared.

Sunset Beach Town Council members meanwhile took the next step Tuesday toward their goal of a central sewer system. Councilmen met in special session after the budget workshop to request the South Brunswick Water and Sewer Authority meet and begin the process of formal organization and to consider replacement of authority member Mary Nell Eaddy, who is resigning for personal reasons.

North Carolina's State Environmental Policy Act requires that local governments prepare an EIS for their own projects if a project meets three criteria:

- a permit, approval or some other type of decision by any level of government is required;
- public monies, regardless of the source, are being spent; and
- the project would significantly affect the quality of the environment.

Maxwell indicates its primary purpose is to provide DEM with the decision-making information it needs to fully evaluate all effects of

the project "in order to make permit decisions that will maintain water quality over the long term."

"Clearly, this project, with its potential of enabling explosive high-density growth in a fragile coastal environment, demands an EIS."

An EIS must address the environmental impact of the proposed project and its "reasonable" alternatives, including cumulative and secondary impacts, as well as any mitigation measures. An EIS is circulated by the state Environmental Clearinghouse to state agencies and to the public for comment and public hearing. Depending upon its findings, an EIS can result in significant changes in or even cancellation of a project.

Proposed funding for the project includes state revolving loan funds and Clean Water bond funds and user fees, and several state-level permits will be required for the project.

According to the April 5 letter to Howard, the sewer project "presents a significant potential for environmental impact" upon the natural resources, public health and safety and natural beauty of the area, as well as the way of life of its residents.

Along with 12.5 golf courses, the 45-square mile planning area includes the island of Sunset Beach,

which is approximately 65 percent developed; Bird Island, which is pristine and undeveloped; extensive marshes, tidal creeks, rare plants and birds, and several Carolina Bays.

"In short, there will be an impact on all of those things that make the North Carolina coast so special and that are so rapidly disappearing," writes Maxwell.

Maxwell also asks that the engineers or engineering companies involved in the sewer project be disqualified from preparation of the EIS because of a potential conflict of interest and that the state approve the consultants selected.

"The Sunset Beach Taxpayers Association also believes it is critical that the EIS be done by unbiased, independent consultants with no potential for profit from a sewer system for Calabash/Sunset Beach," wrote Maxwell.

Sunset Beach council members quickly and unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday seeking formal organization of the South Brunswick Water and Sewer Authority, a quasi-governmental entity that will apply for grants for the sewer system, build the system and oversee its operation and anticipated expansion.

Appointment of a successor for Eaddy was tabled until the council's

May 2 meeting at the urging of Councilman Herb Klinker, who sought more time to determine what skills the authority needs and who in the town is most qualified and is willing to serve in the demanding post.

Klinker questioned one nominee's suitability for the job and the town's haste in filling vacancies on the authority.

News that personal reasons had caused Eaddy to resign as one of Sunset Beach's three authority members prompted Councilwoman Julia Thomas' nomination of Al Consalvi as someone who would be interested in and willing to serve. The nomination drew quick support from council members Cheri Cheek and Ed Gore, but was later tabled on Thomas' motion as a courtesy to Klinker.

A resident of Sea Trail Plantation, Consalvi served on the town's since-disbanded citizens' sewer advisory council, has a background in chemi-

cal engineering and worked hard for passage of the town's recent sewer bond referendum.

Consalvi was also instrumental in keeping Klinker and several other town residents from attending what was to have been the advisory panel's last meeting. At that meeting, Klinker said, Consalvi "blew up" in a public display of temper.

"If you think I have a concern about Mr. Consalvi, I do," said Klinker.

Gore said he was willing to delay filling the vacancy, but would continue supporting Consalvi when the issue is returned to the table.

"There hasn't been much interest in serving expressed by others," said Gore, "but Al has worked diligently for a sewer system."

"I see if I have another candidate that I will have a sales job with the council—and that's all right," responded Klinker.

"I may not have a better candidate. If so, I'll vote for him."

Judge Denies Motion In Chamber Lawsuit

BY ERIC CARLSON

A motion by two former presidents of the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce asking that fired chamber executive Hollis Richards pay the costs of her "frivolous" lawsuit against them was dismissed Monday after their lawyer failed to show up in court.

Last February, Winston-Salem attorney Michael Greeson Jr. requested a ruling on a motion claiming

that Richards' suit against his clients Annette Odom and Terry Barbee "was not grounded in fact" and was "interposed for an improper purpose," according to Yvette Murray, a Brunswick County deputy clerk of court.

Both Greeson and Richards' attorney William Shell were notified that the hearing had been set for Monday, Murray said. Shell was in court and prepared to defend his client,

but Greeson was not, so the judge denied the motion for failure to prosecute.

The ruling does not prevent Greeson from re-filing the motion at a later date. However, Shell could also file a motion for sanctions against Greeson requesting payment for the time he spent preparing his defense.

Richards filed a 20-page lawsuit against the chamber and its former president and vice president in 1992,

claiming that she was fired "on account of her sex" and because she refused to participate in sexually-oriented activities she said were suggested by the defendants.

The chamber and its officers filed responses denying the charges and claiming that Richards was fired for failing to fulfill her duties and engaging in "excessive drinking during times when she was supposed to be working."

School Financing Subject Of Meeting

Financing of the new Leland Elementary School will be discussed at an "emergency" joint meeting of the Brunswick County Commissioners and Brunswick County Board of Education today (Thursday) at noon at Brunswick Community College.

At their March 21 meeting, county commissioners approved financing the school's construction over a 15- or 20-year period at a fixed rate of interest, using state half-cent sales tax revenues set aside for school needs for repayment instead of county dollars.

The county has proposed issuing certificates of participation that would be sold on the public market or privately to commercial banks. The money would be available in August, provided the current school construction schedule is maintained.

Board of Education members have expressed concern at financing the single project over a long period. They have asked county commissioners to look at other options for this one project and for discuss alternatives for funding longer-term construction needs of the school system.

Commissioners Chairman Don Warren said Tuesday that he agreed to call for the joint meeting after talking with school board member Thurman Gause about that board's continuing concerns regarding the proposed financing scheme.

"We're going to try to answer their questions if we can," he said.

Until those questions are resolved satisfactorily the project is on hold. The school board had anticipated receiving bids this month and construction beginning in June and taking about a year to complete.

The 83,000-square foot school will be built on a 32-acre tract on River Road and will serve student in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Redwine, Hill, Wright Get Educator PAC Endorsement

The N.C. Association of Educators Political Action Committee (PAC) for Education announced Tuesday it has endorsed House members Rep. David Redwine and Rep. Dewey Hill of the 14th District and Rep. Thomas Wright of the 98th District.

The incumbents join Democrat Ron Taylor, candidate for the N.C. Senate for the 18th District, whose endorsement was announced earlier in March.

Candidates are asked, in a written questionnaire and personal interview, their position on issues affecting teachers and education in North Carolina. Incumbents are "graded" on their voting record and sponsorship or support of educational issues presented in the N.C. General Assembly. A score of at least 80 percent is "preferred" to retain NCAE endorsement, a news release states.

The news release says, "Questionnaire issues include assuring diverse educational opportunities to meet the needs of all children, appropriation for technology needs, increasing instructional material, establishing a teaching standards board to maintain high standards for entry into the profession, expelling students who constitute a clear threat to the safety of students or employees while assuring those expelled educational alternatives, as well as issues of teacher retirement, salaries and benefits."

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April 15, 5-9 pm
Calabash Fire Department

April 16, 4 pm
Middleton Park, Long Beach

April 30, 5 pm – Bolivia School

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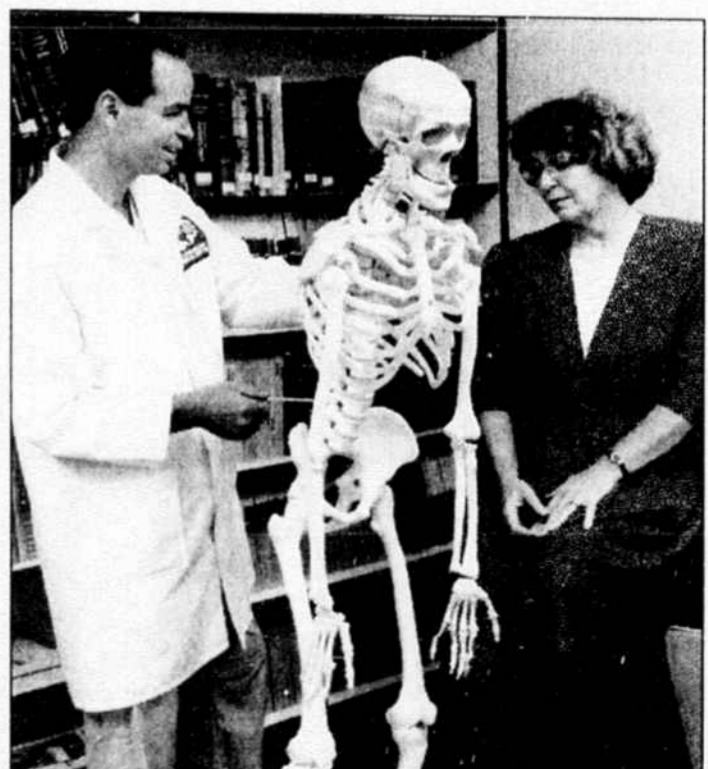
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