

Small Crowd Raises Big Voice In Favor Of Proposed Noise Law

BY ERIC CARLSON

Only about 20 people showed up Monday night to support a plan for regulating noise in Brunswick County. But they made their voices heard loud and clear.

"Either y'all can do something about it or I'm going to take my shotgun and do something," said Billy Ray Jordan of Maco. "I've had four years of it and that's all I can take. They can get ready to put me in jail."

Jordan was complaining about young people driving recreational vehicles up and down his road, about loud music and gunshots being fired at all hours of the night.

"I don't know how anybody can call that music," said Keith Hewett of Leland. "I don't know how they can stand it. Sometimes it shakes the air inside our house with the doors and windows closed. And we live a half-mile away."

"We want to see something done legally. We don't want to take the law into our own hands," he said.

Similar comments were made by the 13 residents who spoke in favor

of a new noise ordinance under consideration by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners. A public hearing was held on the draft law Monday night.

The ordinance is intended "to apply a general standard capable of determination by an objective, detached reasonable person as to prohibit loud or disturbing noise."

It would prohibit the operation of construction machinery, chain saws, power tools and lawn mowers during evening and early morning hours.

It would also make illegal any yelling, shouting, whistling, singing or playing music "with such volume as to unreasonably annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of a person."

The draft law was presented to the commissioners for consideration March 21 after the board received numerous requests from the public for regulation of noise in the county.

Ed Morrison of Holiday Haven told the board Monday that he is "200 percent in favor of a noise ordinance," but he doesn't care about

lawn mowers and chain saws. He said the major problem in his neighborhood comes from off-road motorcycles buzzing up and down the street.

Another resident of the subdivision, Ralph Coburn, suggested that the county designate an area where young people can ride motorcycles and not disturb the public.

W.H. Roy Sr. of Leland was one of several residents who complained about loud "boom boxes" being played late at night in a nearby Navassa park.

"It shakes the windows in our house," Roy said. "I've called everybody from (Navassa Mayor) Bobby Brown to the sheriff and nobody does anything. I feel like getting my .270 rifle and cutting across out there."

Several of those who attended the hearing said they had been told by sheriff's deputies that nothing could be done about the noise until the

county adopts an ordinance regulating it.

No action was taken on the draft law Monday night. The board asked County Attorney Michael Ramos to review it for further consideration at a later meeting.

In another matter, the board announced the settlement agreements for two lawsuits filed against the county.

Former county building inspector John W. "Billy" Ingram was paid \$39,000 for dropping his personal injury claim filed against the county last May. Ingram's lawsuit claimed that his May, 1990, dismissal violated the county personnel policy and demanded more than \$100,000 in back pay plus legal fees.

Brunswick County's insurance does not cover the case, so the settlement will be paid out of general fund revenues.

The other suit, filed in May, 1992, by Edward Noble Jr. against Sheriff

John Carr Davis and three of his deputies, was settled by insurance company lawyers for \$10,000. The agreement reached last December states that the defendants "vehemently deny" Noble's claim that he was mistreated during an arrest. It says the county's insurance company asked the officers "to settle for economic reasons."

In other business the board:

■ Awarded a \$47,879 contract to Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. of Shallotte for a new phone system and five-year maintenance contract for the county department of social services. Two Wilmington firms entered lower bids on the upgrade, but board members said they preferred to deal with a local company that has worked with the county

before.

■ Named Planning Board Chairman John Thompson of Southport chairman of the board of equalization and review, which rules on tax reevaluation appeals.

■ Went into closed session for one hour to discuss "litigation and personnel." Members said afterward that they interviewed one of two candidates being considered as a temporary replacement for County Manager Wyman Yelton, who remains hospitalized with injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

■ Recessed the meeting until Tuesday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m., when the board plans to interview another county manager candidate and may decide on Yelton's temporary replacement.

VA Mobile Clinic Increases Frequency Of Shallotte Visits

The Veterans Administration mobile clinic will be in Shallotte more often from now on, the county's Veterans Service Office has learned.

The clinic will visit the Shallotte National Guard Armory every month instead of every other month.

While the clinic primarily provides follow-up appointments for veterans with service-connected in-

juries and diseases, the medical team has been "extremely willing" to see and treat other types of disabilities, said Virgil Batten, veterans' service officer.

Veterans needing treatment may stop by the armory between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on days the clinic is in town. Visits are currently scheduled for May 3, June 28, July 21, Aug. 23 and Sept. 15.

Failure To File Taxes Gets Leland Man Jail Time, Fine

A Leland man was sentenced to 12 months in federal prison and fined \$27,517 in restitution April 14 after being convicted Jan. 4 in New Bern on four counts of failing to file federal income tax returns.

In addition to the sentence and restitution, Oscar Robertus Long III was ordered by U.S. District Judge Malcolm J. Howard to file all tax returns and pay all taxes for every

year since 1983. That was the last year Long filed federal or state income tax returns, according to a news release from U.S. Attorney Janice McKenzie Cole.

Long was turned over to U.S. marshals after the sentencing hearing.

His case was conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

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