

## **Open For Business**

Brunswick officials gather for a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Bolivia Friday to open the county's new central permitting office. The new agency provides a "one-stop shopping" location for processing all the necessary inspection and permit applications for building a home or business in Brunswick County. Joining in the event were (from left) County Manager Wyman Yelton, Commissioners Chairman Don Warren, Interim County Manager Charles McGinnis and commissioners Tom Rabon and Donald Shaw. Also attending was Commissioner Wayland Vereen.

## Public Hearings On Agenda When CRC Meets In Wilmington On Sept. 22-23

Several public hearings are scheduled when the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission meets Sept. 22 and 23 at the Coastline Convention Center in downtown Wilmington.

Both sessions are open to the public, with a forum set Thursday morning for public comment on issues not on the commission's meeting agenda. The Coastal Resources Advisory Council will be meeting in conjunction with the CRC.

The CRC is proposing a rule change that would limit the number of times a CAMA or dredge-and-fill permit may be renewed.

Presently initial permits expire after three years if there has not been "substantial progress" in development. To continue work, the permit holder must get either a new permit or a renewal. There is no limit on the number of times a permit may be extended.

Under the proposal, permit renewals would be limited to one extension of two years, if no development has begun during the initial permit period. Permits stopped for more than six months because of appeals would be automatically renewed if certain criteria are met.

Another proposed rule change up for hearing would allow developers who want to reconfigure lots in a subdivision to do so based on the erosion setback lines that were in place when the subdivision was platted originally, so long as the reconfiguration does not result in an increase in the number of buildable lots in the ocean hazard Area of Environmental Concern.

Under current rules, a developer who reconfigures a subdivision is considered to be creating a new subdivision and must comply with current setback requirements.

Also at next week's meeting, a committee of the CRC will discuss proposed rules that would allow for a second type of mooring permit. This major permit would allow local governments to install moorings for public use. The local government would have to place the moorings where they would not interfere with navigation and assume all responsibility for the moorings, including installation and providing pumpout services for boaters.

This second type of permit would be in addition to a proposed general permit for private, freestanding moorings.

A second public hearing on the proposed rules is anticipated as early as November.

Four new members will join the CRC at its September meeting: Roger Crowe of Morehead City, Bob Emory of New Bern, Courtney Hackney of Wilmington and T. Baxter Williams of Currituck. They succeed Ernest Carl of Wilmington, James W. Hamilton of Jacksonville, David L. Jennette Sr. of Windsor and J. Bowen Ross of Atlantic Beach.

Gov. Jim Hunt reappointed to the commission Reginald Caroon of Lowland, Mollie Fearing of Manteo and David McNaught of Washington.

## Veterans' Mobile Clinic To Visit

The Department of Veterans' Affairs Mobile Clinic is scheduled to be at the Shallotte National Guard Armory on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Veterans who have been traveling to the Fayetteville V.A. Medical Center for treatment and medication may have their appointments scheduled at the clinic by calling the Brunswick County Veterans Service Office at 253-4307.

According to Veterans Service Officer Virgil Batten, some "walk-ins" may be seen, also.

The clinic travels eastern North Carolina providing follow-up care, health screening, preventive medicine and patient education services. It visits Shallotte every other month.





