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## Citizens oppose action by Commissioners

A delegation of five local citizens was present at the Monday night meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners to express their opposition to recent Board action concerning funds for construction and renovation at Perquimans County High School.

The delegation consisted of Clifford J. "Pete" Perry, Henry Elliott, Wallace Cartwright, Billy Pierce, and Tommy Dail. They said they disapproved of the Board's recent action turning \$500,000 over to the Perquimans County Board of Education for Phase I at the school on the grounds that detailed plans outlining exact work are not available.

The Board responded that the money would be used for construction and renovation at Perquimans County High School and would supplement the \$500,000 the Board of Education has on hand from the 1973 Statewide School Bond Referendum.

A telephone interview with School Superintendent Pat Harrell revealed that the Board of Education architect is working on the

specifics of the plan, work that is necessary since the plan must be revamped following defeat of the November school bond referendum. He explained that specifics are being outlined for Phase I working with the close to \$1 million on hand.

The Board of County Commissioners also emphasized that the money represents funds from revenue sharing and is not tax money. The \$500,000 results from revenue sharing funds set aside yearly for the past four to five years for the purpose of school construction. The Commissioners then suggested that the delegation meet with the Perquimans County Board of Education for more detailed information on Phase I of the high school project.

In other action, the Board heard from George Ogg, resident of the Long Beach section of Perquimans County. Ogg requested that Long Beach be made a bird sanctuary. The Board explained that such action is taken by the General Assembly and agreed to make the request.

Also present at the Monday night meeting was a delegation representing the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club. They were present to discuss a facility to house the club's loan closet program. In earlier action, the Board had ap-

proved space for that purpose in a building to be constructed. The delegation explained that the equipment must be moved due to the condition of the building currently housing it. The Board agreed to try to find temporary housing for the loan closet.

In other action, the Board agreed to advertise positions available with the Perquimans County water system and discussed future advertising plans for bids on equipment for operation of the water department.

Paul Gregory and Thomas Nixon

representing the Perquimans County Department of Social Services also met with the board. They discussed the need for building renovation at the present site of the department's offices and the possibility of relocation of office space. No action was taken.

## County to receive \$119,000 from highway bonds

RALEIGH — Perquimans County can look forward to receiving more than \$119,000 in benefits from the highway bond funds that will be used to improve secondary roads.

The North Carolina Board of Transportation has approved an initial allocation of \$30 million from the funds authorized by the State Highway Bond Act of 1977 to be used to improve the State's Secondary Roads System.

Perquimans County's share of the \$30 million allocation is \$119,407 and is based on a formula prescribed by law. This formula puts all counties on an equal footing by considering the number of unpaved miles of secondary roads in any given county and the relationship of this mileage to the overall mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the State.

Perquimans County has 81 miles of unpaved roads, while the total mileage of unpaved State maintained secondary roads in North Carolina is 20,476. The \$30 million allocation, approved by the Board of Transportation during its February meeting in Boone, averages out to approximately \$1,465 per unpaved mile.

The "Bone Fund Allocation" is in addition to the \$107,601 already allocated to Perquimans County for secondary road improvements earlier this fiscal year.

"We are glad to be able to put Highway Bond Funds to work immediately for the people. It was their overwhelming support at the polls that made the State's Highway

Bond Act of 1977 and these initial funds a reality," commented State Secretary of Transportation Thomas W. Bradshaw Jr. "It is such continued citizen participation and support that will enable us to make vast improvements in our highway and transportation systems that will benefit all North Carolinians," concluded Bradshaw.

The \$300 million highway bond act, approved by the voters last November, directs that, over a five-year period, \$75 million will be used to improve the State's Secondary Roads system, while \$175 million is for improvements to the primary system and \$50 million is for the State's Urban road system.

The Highway Bond Funds will be used to meet a variety of improvement needs on the State's secondary roads system. These needs include new paving, needed widening of paved roads, improvements to unpaved roadways, the repair and replacement of substandard bridges and the strengthening of paved roads to relieve present weight restrictions on this system.

"Board members and State Highway officials will work very closely with local and county officials in determining the best usage of these highway bond funds and in selecting local highway project priorities," explained Board of Transportation member Marc Basnight of Manteo.

"Once priorities are established the plan will be presented to the full Transportation Board for formal approval," added Basnight.



GUEST MODERATOR — Ms. Becky Livas, producer and hostess of WTAR-TV's "People, Places and Things" was in Perquimans County Saturday night as moderator of the

Little Miss Perquimans pageant. During intermission and following the pageant, Ms. Livas signed autographs and posed for pictures with the contestants.



TITLE WINNERS — Heather Umphlett (left) and Sarah Elizabeth Winslow were named winners in Saturday night's Little Miss Perquimans pageant sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycettes. Above, the two join the pageant contestants in a grand finale. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)

the pageant. Assisting her were Perquimans High School homecoming queens Chery Jones and Sharon Riddick.

## Little Miss winners are named

Sarah Elizabeth Winslow and Heather Umphlett were named Little Miss Sweetheart and Little Miss Perquimans Saturday night when the Perquimans County Jaycettes sponsored the Little Miss pageant at Perquimans County High School.

Miss Winslow is the daughter of Mrs. Ellis Winslow of Rt. 1,

Belvidere and performed a song and dance in the talent segment of competition. Miss Umphlett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Umphlett of Rt. 2, Hertford. In the talent segment, she danced to and sang "Sugar Time."

The winners were crowned by Ms. Becky Livas, guest moderator for

the pageant. Assisting her were Perquimans High School homecoming queens Chery Jones and Sharon Riddick.

All the participants performed an opening number which was followed by talent performances in the Little Miss Sweetheart competition. The Little Miss Perquimans talent competition highlighted the

second half of the show. Following the crowning of the winners, all participants performed a grand finale to "Good Night Ladies."

Proceeds from the pageant will be used by the Jaycettes for a scholarship fund for a student at Perquimans County High School.

## Librarian is selected

Perquimans County representatives on the Board of the Pettigrew Regional Library have announced the appointment of John J. Wozny as Regional Librarian. Wozny replaces Nellie M. Saunders who recently resigned from that position.

Wozny has worked as Assistant Director of the Fontana Regional Library in Bryson City, N.C. and worked as both Extension Librarian and Reference Librarian for the Wake County Public Libraries in Raleigh, N.C.

He holds a B.A. degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. where he majored in English. He was awarded his M.A.L.S. from the University of Michigan and is working on his M.P.A. at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

His professional memberships include former chairman of the Interlibrary Cooperation Committee, Public Library Section, N.C.L.A.; former chairman, University of Michigan Chapter of the American Society for Information Science; and membership in the North Carolina Library Association.

He is a native of Detroit, Mich. married to the former Sandra Welshimer of St. Marys, Ohio. The couple has two children.



TRAINING HELD — Permit officers who will enforce the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) minor development permits received formal training in early February at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and Community

Development and the Institute of Government, local governments throughout the 20 coastal counties sent over 40 local officials to learn the CAMA permit-letting process. Funding for the operation of these local minor development permit-letting programs will be provided

by the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. Pictured above, local officials P. Quigley and Gene Broughton from Pamlico County and Keith Haskett from Perquimans County are shown during the training session.



VISITS HERTFORD — Lawrence Davis (right), Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate was in Hertford Tuesday morning as part of a campaign tour of 18 northeastern North Carolina counties. Above, he is shown talking with L. Paul Smith Jr., Perquimans County farmer and

acting chairman of the Perquimans County Young Democrats. Davis will face the other Democratic candidates in the May primary to select the candidate to face incumbent Senator Jesse Helms. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)