

Municipal Election Set Next Tuesday

More than 4,000 registered voters in Kings Mountain will have an opportunity to elect three city commissioners to four year terms next Tuesday.

One dozen candidates seek the three seats — five in district two, three in district five and four in district six — with eight of the 12 either serving currently or having served on the board in the past.

In district two incumbent Commissioner Humes Houston is being challenged by former commissioners Lloyd E. Davis and W. S. Biddix, plus candidates Jerry Mullinax and Gilbert Hamrick.

District five incumbent Commissioner William R. Grissom is being challenged by

former commissioner James E. Amos and candidate Thomas H. Barnette.

In district six, incumbent Fred Wright Jr. is challenged by former commissioners James J. Dickey and M. C. Pruette and candidate Charles W. Parker.

Barnette is a novice in the campaign. All other challengers were unsuccessful bidders for the commissioner and mayoral seats two years ago. Hamrick was one of three mayoral candidates who lost to incumbent Mayor John Moss.

Besides electing three city commissioners next Tuesday, local voters will also be asked to help decide the fate of statewide issues — two bond referendums and five constitutional amendments.

The referendums are for the issuance of \$300,000,000 for state highway bonds and for the issuance of \$230,000,000 for statewide clean water bonds.

The five state constitutional amendments include the election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to a second successive term of the same office.

Extending to a married man (as a married woman now has) the right to receive the homestead exemption;

— Allowing every person the right to insure his or her life for the benefit of his or her spouse or children or both, free from all claims of the representatives or creditors of the insured or his or her estate;

— Requiring total expenditures of the state not to exceed total revenues raised during the term of fiscal budget and that any surplus be spent by the Governor wherever he determines the threat of deficit;

— To permit municipalities owning or operating electric generation, transmission or distribution facilities to issue electric revenue bonds to finance the cost of the ownership share. The bonds to be secured by and payable only from electric revenues, providing that no money or property of such municipalities shall be credited or applied to the account of any such co-owner.

The polls are open Tues., Oct. 11 from 6:30 a. m. until 7:30 p. m. West Kings Mountain precinct is the National Guard Army and East KM is the community center.

Small Turnout In District 2 Meeting

By TOM McINTYRE
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"This is one of the oldest types of meetings in existence. People get together to discuss their needs and what steps should take to get them. It was the starting point that led us to The Constitution . . ."

The speaker was District Two Commissioner Humes Houston addressing the small turnout Tuesday night at Eastside Baptist Church for the fourth in a series of local government "one-on-one" meetings. He was talking about the type of meeting being held at that moment.

Commissioner Houston co-hosted the meeting with Mayor John Moss, who again underscored the purpose of the meetings; to take local government closer to the people. To hear ideas, suggestions and complaints, then to take action on them where possible.

Nelson Ledbetter of York Rd. wanted to know when the "people in district two can expect to have sidewalks constructed?"

Mayor Moss told Ledbetter that "next spring when we again hold public hearings on how to spend the third year's Com-

munity Development Block Grant funding. We hope to get approval and sidewalks will be one of the main items of interest."

He urged Ledbetter and others in the community to begin work now on petitions for such items to be presented to the board for CD consideration.

"Streets and sidewalks in certain areas of the city are eligible for CD funding," the mayor said. "We have to make application to HUD for approval, of course, but we won't know which areas are eligible until we ask."

The mayor urged Ledbetter "and all citizens" interested in seeing street improvements and sidewalks in their areas to petition the board. He said the city does budget certain monies each year for that work, based on assessments.

Mayor Moss also told the gathering that "The Senate and House have approved extending the Community Development funding program" and that Kings Mountain stands a good chance of receiving even more grant money than the initial

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KMs Powell Bill Funds Total \$121,389

The City of Kings Mountain will receive \$121,389.12 in Powell Bill funds and the Town of Grover will receive \$9,711.37.

State Transportation Secretary Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr. announced today that a record number of 452 North Carolina municipalities will receive next week a total of more than \$32 million for local street maintenance. The monies are their share of the annual allocation of State Street Aid (Powell Bill) funds.

The Powell Bill returns to qualified municipalities one cent

of the North Carolina state motor fuel tax and requires that these funds be disbursed by no later than Oct. 1.

From this year's Powell Bill funds, the largest single check will go to the City of Charlotte. Charlotte's allocation of \$3,513,540.04 was based on a population figure of 296,780 and the local street mileage figure of 1,000.56.

Kings Mountain's share is based on a population figure of 8,850 and 53.67 miles of streets.

Grover's share is based on a population figure of 590 and 5.90 miles of streets.

Ray Cash Files For Grover Board

Ray Cash, 28, native of Grover, is the first Grover citizen to file for a seat on the Town Board and filing deadline is Friday.

Grover citizens are to elect a Mayor and three aldermen in the general elections in November. Mayor W. W. McCarter is not seeking re-election and the three aldermen, Dean Westmoreland, Martha Byers and Tommy Keeter have not indicated intentions to run again for re-election, although Westmoreland has been mentioned as a possible mayoral candidate.

School Board Filing Deadline Is Noon Friday

The filing deadline for Kings Mountain Board of Education candidates is at noon Fri., Oct. 7.

To date only three candidates have paid their \$20 filing fee to the Cleveland County Board of Elections for the Tues., Nov. 8 election.

Incumbents P. A. (Tip) Francis of Grover and Tommy Bridges of Kings Mountain announced several weeks ago they would not seek re-election, so their two seats are available. Bridges' seat, inside the city limits, will go automatically to Kyle Smith in November unless other KM residents file at the last minute. The outside seat is being sought by Bill McDaniel and Dr. Joseph Roberts.



Photo By Tom McIntyre

PLANNING THE PROJECT — Engineers and department heads met at city hall Monday afternoon to plan the installation of new water lines and additional pumps to increase water pressure in the N. Piedmont area of the city. Left to right, Ed Dwyer, public works supt., S. A. (Red) Blanton, water & sewer supt., Mayor John Moss, W. K. Dickson, consultant engineer, and Al Moretz, city engineer.



RAY CASH

Ceremonies In Park Honor Marchers Friday

Ceremonies marking the arrival of the Overmountain Victory Trail marchers at Kings Mountain National Military Park will be held Friday at 3:30 p. m. at the Park on the 197th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain.

P. Bradley Morrah, Jr., chairman of the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, will be the principal speaker.

The marchers, who left Sycamore Shoals, in Tenn., will arrive at the Park Friday at 3 p.

Pressure

In Lines

To Increase

Installation of new water lines in the N. Piedmont area of Kings Mountain is expected to get underway early next week.

The purpose of the new construction is to relieve low water pressure problems to residences in that area of the city.

The plan was devised this week following a study of existing water and sewer problems by W. K. Dickson and Associates of Charlotte, the city's consulting engineers.

Ed Dwyer, superintendent of the public works department, said the N. Piedmont area is the worst low pressure problem area in the city. The ground storage tank is located in this area and there is not enough line fall there to provide sufficient water pressure.

Dwyer said the problem will be taken care of by tying in new lines and installing a hydrostatic tank at the ground storage tank area along with additional pumps. A hydrostatic tank allows pressure to be built to a peak and held without the pumps running constantly. When the pressure drops the pumps will cut back in and rebuild the pressure.

Al Moretz, city engineer, said, "This is a two step operation. Now we are working on building sufficient water pressure for domestic use. The next step will be to install larger lines to increase water pressure for fire protection."

School Board Meets Monday In Grover

The October meeting of the Kings Mountain Board of Education will be held at Grover Elementary School next Mon., Oct. 10.

The monthly meetings are normally held at the school administrative offices on W. Parker St.

A portion of next Monday's meeting will include a tour of the Grover school facilities and comments concerning the school by Principal James Scruggs.