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At their September meeting, the Pine Knoll Shores town commissioners voted unanimously to back Morehead City in its all-out stand in favor of Alternate 4 as the site of a new bridge to the mainland.

BOARD BACKS

With little discussion, the PKS board approved a resolution by Commissioner Bill Dixson offering "full support" to the stand taken by the Morehead City Town Council in refusing to make its streets available for a bridge at the Alternate 1 location favored by the state.

MOREHEAD

ON BRIDGE

The new PKS resolution also urged Governor Jim Hunt to intervene directly to persuade the State Board of Transportation to change its stand in favor of Alternate 1 which calls for building a high rise dual-lane bridge near the present draw span which would be torn down.

"I believe as governor he owes it to the people of Bogue Banks and Eastern Carteret County to intervene in this decision," said Dixson.

In adopting the new resolution, the PKS board altered a stand it took previously which said that while it felt Alternate 4 was best it would accept the decision of the State Board of Transportation.

Dixson said he felt this statement "was a mistake."

Mayor Wayne Cleveland, who only votes in case of a tie, said in answer to a question by a reporter that "If I had been voting, I would have supported the (Dixson) resolution. I personally think Alternate 1 only answers half the problem and Alternate 4 answers the complete problem."

Alternate 4 would extend from U.S. 70 near the Golden Corral restaurant across the sound and connect with Salter Path Road near the Water Slide. It would cost about \$25 million compared with about \$12 million for Alternate 1.

The Dixson resolution calls for construction of Alternate 4 as a third bridge to Bogue Banks and for retention of the present draw span at Atlantic Beach for its remaining 20 years of life expectancy.

Dixson said this solution had won the approval of all concerned, including the State Board of Transportation, until "All of a sudden there appeared to be some freebee money

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