

New Highway Condemnation Law Will Go Into Effect July 1

State Highway officials have announced completion of plans to abide by a new condemnation law which goes into effect on July 1. Though it is too early to determine its precise effect, Highway officials are hopeful the new statute will not mean an increase in the number of court cases, even though more condemnation proceedings may be necessary.

The new law, passed by the 1959 General Assembly, compels the Highway Commission to file condemnation proceedings in all cases where it cannot gain entry to property by right of way agreement or with the written permission of the property owner. Barring such agreement or permission, the only way in which the Commission can proceed with actual construction is to file condemnation proceedings in the Superior Court of the county in which the property is located.

Highway Chairman J. Melville Broughton, Jr., emphasized that condemnation will remain as a last ditch measure only, but expressed the feeling that much needed road improvement projects should not be delayed simply because right of way settlements cannot be obtained. "We feel that property owners should be given every possible consideration in the damage appraisals and in the settlement, but we must in the public interest proceed as quickly as possible with our road construction program in spite of the few right of way problems which may arise in the future," said Broughton.

Provisions of the new law stipulate that, when condemnation proceedings are filed, the Commission must deposit with the Clerk of Superior Court an amount of money considered to be just compensation for the right of way purchase. This damage figure is determined by an appraisal procedure which the Highway Commission established in 1957. The deposit made by the Commission may be withdrawn by the property owner at any time within two years after the condemnation proceeding is filed. In the event that a jury later awards the property owner less than the amount of the deposit, the Highway Commission would be due a refund on the overpayment.

Broughton said the appraisal method of determining damages to property has worked well during the past three years, resulting in fewer court cases. "When a property owner knows that the Highway Commission has gone to great detail to determine an accurate appraisal, and settlement offer, he is generally more receptive to the Commission's offer," said Broughton. The Highway Chairman added that purchase of highway right of way has become big business, amounting to between 15 and 22 per cent of the Commission's total expenditure for new improvement projects. He said the day of "horse trading" is over, and we feel that the appraisal system is the best method devised to be fair with property owners and, at the same time, protect public funds against the danger of excessive payment.

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

Woodland Field Day
Do you want to put about 50 percent of your land back into production and increase your income? If you do, be present at the Woodland Field Day, Friday, July 1, 1960, at 1 P. M., on Fahey and Carroll Byrum's farm about 10 miles north of Edenton on NC 32 highway.

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Such woodland management practices as tree planting, thinning, cutting, poisoning undesirable trees, and site preparation will be shown and explained during the program. Added attractions are tools for woodland management and Federal cost-share assistance available to landowners through the ACP program.

Agricultural agencies will explain how, when, why and where to get assistance with your woodland problem. Federal cost-share assistance available will be explained, too.

The Chowan County district supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, sponsors of the woodland field day, feel that farm woodlands in the district are the most neglected of all of our natural resources. They feel that farm income can be greatly increased by farmers doing a better job in their farm woodlots. Many farmers don't know where to get technical assistance and cost-share assistance.

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Burns Mill Creek Watershed
If you want to see a watershed project in action, go out and see the newly-constructed Drainage Channels. Work is being done on the outlet end of the project at Burns Mill bridge near the J. A. Webb Estate.

Watershed plans are that the soil or ditchbank will be spread into a roadbed, fertilized, and seeded. This will facilitate annual maintenance work required in small watershed projects.

Chowan Students On Honor Lists At ECC

Three lists of students at East Carolina College who have received official recognition from the college because of their excellent records in academic work during the spring quarter of the present school year have been announced.

Included on the lists are the names of 633 students, of whom 231 are men and 402 are women. North Carolinians number 599 and students from outside the state 34.

The Dean's List, including 153 students, is composed of undergraduates who made at least two and one-half quality points per credit hour on all work taken, with no grade below three. These students did superior academic work.

The Honor Roll, with 430 represented, is composed of undergraduates who made at least two quality points per credit hour on all work taken, with no grade below three.

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quality points per credit hour on all work taken with no grade below three. The work completed by these students was well above average.

Dean's List—Peggie J. Elliott and H. Lin Jordan, both of Edenton.

Honor Roll—Clinton O. Davis, M. Leigh Dobson, and David B. Fletcher, all of Edenton, and Shelby J. Howell of Tyner.

Every man has by nature the right to possess property of his own. This is one of the chief points of distinction between man and the lower animals. —Pope Leo XIII.

Minutes Of County Board Of Education

June 6, 1960
The County Board of Education held its meeting Monday, June 6, 1960, at 10:00 A. M. The following members were present: Chairman G. B. Potter, Marvin Evans, Mrs. F. A. Ward, Garland Asbell and Eugene Jordan.

The chairman called the meeting to order by having the minutes of the previous meeting read. Mr. Asbell moved that the minutes as read be adopted, and Mr. Evans seconded the motion and same was duly carried.

The County Treasurer's report along with the Local School Fund Treasurer's reports for Chowan and White Oak Schools were presented and the same were adopted by a motion made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Evans and duly carried.

The bills paid since the last meeting for May were read and adopted by a motion made by Mr. Asbell, seconded by Mr. Evans and duly carried. The following items were paid:

Reimbursement for lunchroom expenses, \$571.10; driver training expense, \$250.11; commercial department expense, \$125.00; capital outlay expense, \$772.56; current expenses, \$4,551.70; NDEA items of expense, \$594.77; teaching expense, \$41.80; total, \$6,887.69.

Bids for steam counters for Chowan and White Oak Schools were received. On a motion made by Mr. Asbell, and second-

ed by Mr. Jordan, and duly carried, the bid of the Acme Equipment Company was accepted for \$2,984.00.

Painting bids on the White Oak School were received, and after some discussion, Mr. Jordan made a motion that the bid of Alfred Bateman for \$370.00 be accepted. This motion was seconded by Mr. Evans, and duly carried.

The Superintendent recommended that five days sick leave be allowed teachers with pay. The matter was discussed, and Mr. Jordan made the motion that the recommendation be adopted. It was seconded by Mr. Evans and duly carried.

The Superintendent presented the 1960-61 school budget in the amount of \$41,253.00. The budget was discussed after which Mr. Asbell moved that the budget be accepted. Mr. Evans seconded the motion and it was duly carried.

Upon a recommendation of the Superintendent, that part of the school bus mechanics' expense for a three day conference, in the amount of \$27.00 be allowed, with the understanding that the same amount would be allowed by the Edenton City unit. A motion was made by Mr. Evans, and seconded by Mrs. Ward, that the recommendation be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned, with the chairman and the Superintendent appearing with the school budget before the County Board of Commissioners.

G. B. POTTER, Chairman
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Chowan County Budget For Fiscal Year 1960 - 1961

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JUNE 20, 1960

FUND	APPROPRIATED FOR REQUIREMENTS	AMOUNT LEVIED	RATE
BONDS	\$ 27,037.50		
Less Unexpended Balance	12,000.00	\$ 15,037.50	.08
CHARITY:			
General Assistance	9,198.02		
Hospitalization	12,000.00		
	21,198.02		
Less Anticipated from State and Federal Funds	8,253.60	12,944.42	.07
HEALTH:			
District	12,620.34		
County	1,200.00	13,820.34	.07
SCHOOLS:			
County	41,253.00		
Edenton	109,313.65		
	150,566.65		
Less Amounts Anticipated from:			
Dog Taxes	\$ 808.38		
Intangibles Tax	7,380.72		
Forfeitures, Fines and Penalties	15,907.60		
Poll Taxes	2,744.00		
Estimated School Fund Balance	5,000.00	31,840.70	.58
	118,725.95	118,725.95	.58
WELFARE:			
Old Age Assistance	63,000.00		
Aid to Dependent Children	24,480.00		
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	27,000.00		
Administrative	14,314.00		
	128,794.00		
Less Amount Anticipated from State and Federal Funds	108,313.04	16,980.96	.09
Less Unexpended Balance	3,500.00	16,980.96	.09
REVALUATION EXPENSE	2,000.00	2,000.00	.01
GENERAL COUNTY	108,058.00		
Less Amounts Anticipated from:			
ABC Store Earnings and Surplus	30,000.00		
Costs, Recorder's and Superior Courts	13,000.00		
General Funds Surplus	24,058.00	67,058.00	.20
	41,000.00	41,000.00	.20
County-wide tax rate per \$100.00 valuation, based upon a Valuation of \$20,500,000.00			\$1.10
Special Tax Levy for Rural Fire Protection Outside of Town of Edenton			.10

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