

Governor Holshouser Backs Coastal Land Use Bill At Meeting; Support Is Urged

A meeting was held at 11 A.M. October 22 in the Administration Building, Raleigh regarding the proposed cut-off of funds and service to the Outer Banks by the National Park Service.

The following county commissioners and concerned citizens were present at the meeting: Bill Dillon, Jack Gray, Ron Tillett, Bobby Owens, Jack Cahoon, Pete Covey, Gamaliel Ballance, Pennell Tillett, Russell Langley and Hughes Tillett.

Also present was Gov. Jim Holshouser, James E. Harrington, Secretary of Natural and Economic Resources, and Rep. Vernon G. James.

Cahoon presented the governor with a replica of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

The governor presided at the meeting with Dillon presenting the views of the other men present. Dillon first showed the

governor some photos which have been taken during the past five years, showing the erosion of the beach. The question of installing jetties was brought up by the governor and commented upon by Harrington.

Harrington stated that it cost about \$750,000 to install the jetties that had already been installed by the National Park Service. The governor asked Dillon if he felt the jetties that were built earlier had helped to build up the beach south of the lighthouse.

Harrington said that his office is presently studying what means would best help this area, and he also stated that he felt the state should help in this area, especially where people had been living there for years. That people who had built right on the beach recently, knowing that the beach was eroding was a different story.

Dillon requested that the State of North Carolina help cut

through the bureaucracy of the U. S. National Park Service and stand behind the citizens of this area in trying to force Park Service to carry through some of the promises which they made earlier.

Gov. Holshouser pointed out that all the coastal area of North Carolina needs some guidelines for developing these areas, and made the comment that the Coastal Land Use Bill (House Bill 949) should be supported by the people in this area, and according to the reports he has read that it was fought instead.

Rep. James said that he felt the bill would be supported by the majority of the people after some amendments were presented to the General Assembly next January.

Dillon said their main objection to this bill was that it took away the control from local people.

Dillon in his request that the State lend its assistance in this

matter, asks that the Park Service give the \$1.4-million left from the \$4.3-million that was appropriated by Congress, to the state to be used to help stabilize this area.

Harrington suggested that the \$1.4-million dollars be held in an escrow fund for emergencies in this area such as the storm last February. The cost of the repair to the road last year was \$150,000.00.

Dillon also said that a group from this area will be traveling to Washington, D. C. on October 24, for an appointment with John Whitaker of the U. S. National Park Service, and Harrington said would have a representative from his office there at the meeting to assist in any way he could.

He also suggested maybe using fencing and plantings now to help prevent more erosion, because of the time factor involved in fighting this matter out with the Park Service.

Dillon stated that Sandy Bay

is the most fragile area on the Outer Banks; and expressed the fear that during a bad storm the ocean will cut all the way over to the sound, thus cutting an inlet through there.

In closing, Rep. James expressed his thanks to Gov. Holshouser for his time and efforts in this matter, and the Gov. said they could count on the state backing them, and helping in any way they could. He also said that Harrington would be working with them further. The governor added again that he felt the Coastal Land Use Bill should be supported.



GRADUATES—Job Corpsman Steward Anthony, Route 1, Edenton, took part in the 173rd graduation exercise of the Singer Breckinridge Job Corps Center Wednesday. The center is located in Morganfield, Ky. Corpsman Anthony successfully completed studies in metal trades and plans a career in the field of welding.

REUNION IS HELD

The White Family reunion was held at the late Frank White's home at Paradise on October 21. The event started at 1:30 P.M. with 75 people in attendance. Mrs. Nora White Davenport was hostess for the reunion.

HONORED—Mrs. James E. Holshouser, Jr., is shown presenting the first two certificates to two retired Sunday School teachers—Miss Ellen Brewer and Miss Ann Eliza Brewer of Raleigh. The presentation was in conjunction with Honor Sunday School Teachers Week in North Carolina as proclaimed by Gov. Holshouser. The week is November 19-25.

Centralized Lunch Menus

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Wednesday: Roast turkey with cranberries, giblet gravy, steamed rice, mixed vegetables, applesauce, rolls, butter and milk.

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