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Yaupon And Long Beach Erosion Protection Costly

A beach erosion and hurricane protection plan that will give Yaupon Beach and Long Beach the most for the money was recommended at a public hearing in Southport last Friday night.

The plan, which calls for a 15-foot dune and 12-foot berm, as well as groins at the west end of both strands, would cost \$17,094,000 for initial construction. The federal government would pay 60 percent, Yaupon Beach's share would be \$811,100 (of which the state would pay \$648,900) and Long Beach would have to contribute \$1,197,800.

The state would provide an additional \$4,791,100. Total annual operating cost for this project would be \$527,000, of which the federal government would pay half. Yaupon Beach would have to contribute \$18,900 (plus a state-paid share of \$41,400), while Long Beach would pay \$95,500 and the state, another \$142,500.

Long Beach Town Manager Jack Hayward said the community was concerned about the cost of the project which, he added, was more than the municipality could

afford wiped off the tax books by erosion. Yaupon Beach Mayor Clarence Murphy said he was "glad work on the project has progressed this far."

Yaupon has already saved about \$38,000 towards its

share, he noted.

If all progressed well, said Lim Vallianos of the Army Corps of Engineers, the work could begin in about 12 months and continue for two more years. Help for special emergency projects might

come sooner, he added.

About 60 persons, mostly from the area beaches, heard Vallianos' description of the various projects. The recommendation includes a continuous fill along the Yaupon and Long beach strands with groins at the west end of Yaupon Beach and other groins at the end of Long Beach, plus a rock wall along the eastern channel of Lockwood Folly Inlet.

The federal government would pay 60 percent, because the project is a combination of hurricane protection (for which the federal government would pay 70 percent) and beach erosion control, which would be granted 50 percent federal funding.

Col. Albert Costanzo, district engineer for the Corps of Engineers in this area, said that studies indicate Yaupon Beach is eroding at a rate of 5.7 feet per year and Long Beach 1.5 feet, except near Lockwood Folly Inlet where the rate is about ten feet a year.

Erosion is not constant, however; during one recent period, the beach near the inlet eroded more than 20 feet in a matter of days.

Plans offered at the Friday night hearing ranged from a \$23.2 million project that included a continuous line of 20-foot dunes and 15-foot-high berm to a \$2.9 million proposal that calls only for the stockpiling of material at the west end of both strands.

Another plan for inlet stabilization—and shore protection would include the construction of jetties at Lockwood Folly for \$6,950,000 and beach fill amounting to a little over \$11 million. Federal share of this project would be only 42.5 percent.

Combined with this project was another, costing about the same, that would involve the relocating of Lockwood Folly Inlet eastward to where an inlet was cut by Hurricane Hazel in 1954 and

\$100,000 Added To Bill

A major breakthrough in federal participation in beach erosion projects in Brunswick County was predicted today by a spokesman from the office of Congressman Alton A. Lennon, who phoned to say \$100,000 has been added to the appropriations bill now before Congress to help pre-construction engineering for local projects.

"If this bill passes, as it is expected to do, this \$100,000 which Congressman Lennon was able to have included will be the only item included in President Nixon's package for North Carolina projects."

The \$100,000 has been termed construction money and will be used by U.S. Army Engineers to prepare plans and specifications for erosion control measures which have been proposed to control the rapid loss of oceanfront property along this section of the North Carolina coast.

Other funds used in pre-construction planning have come from Yaupon Beach, \$14,500; Long Beach, \$17,500; Ocean Isle Beach, \$11,000; Sunset Beach, \$11,000; and the state of North Carolina, \$216,000.

Penny Tax Collection Continues To Increase

Collection of the one-cent sales tax levy in Brunswick County rose again in May, this time to \$47,199.37.

After the collection fee is subtracted by the N.C. Department of Revenue, the May collections will be added to the \$42,224.99 for April and the forthcoming June total, to be distributed for the quarter ending the last day of this month.

The three-month total will be distributed to the county and the nine Brunswick municipalities. The county

has estimated \$250,000 receipts from the sales tax during the 1972-73 fiscal year, but at the present rate the total would easily top that figure.

The sales tax money, along with the increase in property valuation from \$67 million to \$133 million, has contributed to a reduction of the county tax rate from \$1.90 per hundred dollar valuation to \$1.42.

Collection of the one-cent sales tax in Brunswick County has increased

steadily since the first of the year. In January, the total was \$35,750 but dropped to \$34,532 in February. Since then, however, the totals have increased to \$36,965 in March, to \$42,225 in April and to \$47,200 in May.

After the end of the quarter, the N.C. Department of Revenue will withhold 1.036 percent of the Brunswick County total as a collection fee. The money will ten be divided on an ad valorem basis.

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It's Official Now

Southport Hosts N. C. Celebration

The Southport Fourth of July Festival committee has received a charter designating the local event as the North Carolina Fourth of July Festival.

This is a big step not only for the committee but for townspeople as well, because Southport becomes North Carolina's home of the Fourth of July celebration," said Chairman Robert

Howard. Recognition as North Carolina Fourth of July Festival comes to Southport well-earned by the work and time of many people, beginning back in 1795 when this country's independence was first celebrated here, Howard added.

This year's Fourth of July Festival promises to be a time befitting the first year

as North Carolina's official celebration. There will be events, exhibits and the pageant for Miss Fourth of July—enough to keep folks of all ages busy from sunrise to sunset.

Many people are working to make this festival a memorable one. The committee is headed by Howard as chairman; Jerry Sherrrod, vice-chairman; Shirley

Simmons, general secretary; and Judy White, treasurer.

One of the hardest working and most necessary of committees for the festival is the finance committee, headed by Dempsey Hewett as chairman and Al Trunnell as vice-chairman. Their committee includes Lee Aldridge, John Richards, Rick Johnstone, Pattie Lewis

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EROSION OF LONG BEACH near Lockwood Folly Inlet was swift and sure Tuesday afternoon as high tides and strong winds undermined the state-maintained highway. At a Friday night public hearing held here, a Corps of Engineers recommendation to proceed with hurricane

protection and beach erosion control projects on the Brunswick coast was made; today, Congressman Alton Lennon announced that \$100,000 earmarked for the project has been included in an appropriations bill.

City Employs New Manager

Southport has employed a new city manager to replace C.D. Pickernel, who retired in late February after more than a decade of service to the town.

Alvin K. Kornegay, 45, of Mayodan will begin his duties on Monday after leaving a similar post in Mayodan. He served as Pine Level town clerk from 1952 until 1962, city manager of Wendell from 1962 until 1966 and city manager of Ahsokie from 1966 until 1971, when he accepted the post at Mayodan.

Kornegay, who should find Southport a good place for his hobbies of fishing and yard work, is married to the former Ann Beeker Kornegay. They have two children—Craig, age 17, and Beth, 5. He is a member of the United Methodist Church and has been a member of the Masons, the Rotary Club and the Shrine Club. He is a member of the N.C. and International City Manager's Association.

Kornegay is a graduate of Campbell College, where he received an AA degree in business in 1948.

First Deeds Registered For Bald Head Property

The first 63 deeds for property on Bald Head Island were registered here Friday, according to Register of Deeds Durward Clark.

Each deed is for two lots on the island, located across the Cape Fear River from Southport. Efforts by the state, especially Gov. Bob Scott, to stymie development of the property have failed, and Carolina Cape Fear Corporation has moved swiftly towards creation of the resort complex, which is planned to have a population of 4,300 by 1990.

Of the 63 deeds registered Friday, the greatest number were for persons living in the Greensboro and High Point area, the latter the home of Carolina Cape Fear President William Henderson. Register of Deeds Clark said another 30 deeds will be registered soon.

The deeds show a cost of between \$20,000 and \$26,500 for the two lots sold in the packages. According to the Register of Deeds report, \$1,435,000 worth of property has been deeded and recorded.

The Bald Head development plan calls for construction of two golf courses, one of which is well underway; more than 3,000 residential units valued in excess of \$50,000 apiece; motels, a marina and yacht basin; condominiums and a shopping center.

The only access to the island is expected to be by boat; electric golf carts will provide transportation on Bald Head.

Following are the names and home towns of the first 63 owners of property on the island:

Walter L. Edwards, Greensboro; William Casper Holroyd, Jr., Raleigh; Joseph M. Jenrette, Jr., Cary; Lenoir C. Keisler, Charlotte; G.F. Harding, Winston-Salem; Mary B. Gronde, Wilmington; Edward H. Alexander, Greensboro; Jim H. Allen, Asheboro; R. Paul Boone, Clinton; John G. Hutchins and R.L. Brinson, High Point;

John A. Carter, Salisbury; George P. Clark, High Point; H.W. Coupland, Wilmington; Robert E. Bryan, Fayetteville; Lawrence R. Bowers, (Continued On Page Four)

Holiday Bridge Openings

The State Highway Commission has announced a Fourth of July weekend schedule for the Intra-coastal Waterway bridge that should make travel to and from Oak Island more simple.

Saturday, Sunday and Monday (July 1-3), the bridge will remain open to cars from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m.—except at 3 and 5 o'clock when the bridge will be open to permit all accumulated vessels to pass. Boats with tows, however, will be allowed to pass at other times.



CONTESTANTS FOR THE TITLE of Miss Fourth of July include, from left to right, Helen Walker, Sandra Rhodes, Becky Frankum, Stephanie Helms, Jackie Roof, Anita Kay Barnes and Brenda Stidham. The pageant will be held

Saturday night, July 1, with the winner to reign over this year's gala festival in Southport, known this year for the first time as the North Carolina Fourth of July Festival. Sandy Allen is the present Miss Fourth of July.

Area Commission Gives Airport Expansion Plans

Members of the Brunswick County, Southport, Bolling Spring Lakes, Long Beach, and Yaupon Beach Airport Commission presented to members of those corporate governments a brief history, description of present facilities, and proposed plans for expanding the airport facilities at a dinner meeting held at Yaupon Beach last Wednesday night.

Members of the Airport Commission explained that the present airport had its beginning less than ten years ago as an answer to needs of fishermen and tourists desiring to fly into the general Southport area.

Since its inception, explained the Commission, the airport owes most of its success to the base operators, Sencland Air Park, Incorporated. Near the close of

the meeting, Al Martin, Alderman from Southport, suggested that Sencland Air Park operators, Don McHose and James Smith, be issued special thanks and congratulations for the outstanding accomplishments they have made with the airport.

It had been previously reported that much of the improvements to the airport were a result of the personal funds and labor on the part of McHose and Smith. Some labor and contributions have also been received from other sources.

The original facility was constructed as a result of federal grants and donations from Brunswick County, Southport, Long Beach, National Development Corporation, and Barbees' Incorporated. Land totaling

approximately 120 acres was purchased and a 3,200 foot sod runway was developed.

Present facilities include aviation gasoline, tie-downs for 30 planes, unicom, pilot lounge, mapping room, snack bar, an adequate water supply, runway lighting, and emergency overnight facilities. Most of these have been added by the operators, Sencland Air Park, Inc.

The principal purpose of Wednesday's meeting was to explain all phases of the airport—past, present, and proposed, to the governing bodies attending, and to solicit their assistance in major expansion plans.

The Airport Commission is working with Freeman and Associates of High Point in developing a master plan that will take into consideration a (Continued On Page Four)