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## In Support Of Doshier

## Over 1,000 Sign For New District

By BILL ALLEN  
More than 1,000 persons have already signed petitions calling for a separate hospital district for Smithville Township, members of the Southport Board of Aldermen were told during their regular monthly meeting Thursday night.

Mrs. Leila Piggott, who is heading the drive, presented the signed petitions to the board.

"We have a little over 1,000 signatures, and we have 30 to 50 more petitions still out," she informed the aldermen.

Mrs. Piggott, answering a question from Mayor Eugene B. Tomlinson, said the campaign to contact each household in the township has not started yet.

"I have been surprised at the large number of people from outside Smithville Township, including Leland, Winnabow, Bolivia and Holden Beach, who have signed petitions," Mrs. Piggott said.

The petition asks permission of the board of commissioners for Smithville residents to vote on whether or not to financially support a separate hospital facility

(Doshier Memorial) in the township.

The board decided to send a resolution of support for Doshier Memorial Hospital to the Comprehensive Health Planning division of the Department of Administration in Raleigh. The new director of the division needs to be brought up-to-date regarding future plans for the hospital, Mayor

Tomlinson told the board. The board unanimously voted to approve a resolution saying that no plans exist to close the hospital, but rather to keep it open and upgrade services.

"Be it resolved," said the resolution, "that the Board of Aldermen of the city of Southport have no plans for the

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## Smith Selected To Board Seat

James W. (Bubba) Smith, a Southport area businessman, farmer and active civic leader, is the new member of the Brunswick County board of commissioners.

"My selection to serve on the board was not a total surprise since I have had contact with Republican party officials about the matter," Smith said.

"After much thought, I only agreed to serve last week," the new commissioner stated.

"You should not say something should be done for the people when you don't want to make a contribution yourself."

Brunswick County Republican Chairman Frankie Rabon said that Smith was selected to be a GOP candidate for the board of commissioners during an executive committee meeting Wednesday night. He replaces John Bray of South-

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## Not Enough Applicants

## Black Teachers Sought To Fill School Openings

Despite improvements made in the school system in recent years, achievement tests still show Brunswick County students rank below the state average, members of the Board of Education were told during a special meeting Monday night.

Associate Supt. Robert C. Elkins told board members that Brunswick students are "on par" with students educated in surrounding counties, according to achievement tests. However, he said county students are

still below the state average, which is lower than the national average.

Elkins made the comments in answer to questions from Member William Sue while discussing the "Management by Objectives Program" he is heading in the county.

The board hopes the program will lead to accreditation for county elementary and middle schools in the future. The county is almost in Phase Two of the long four-phase program needed to gain

accreditation, he told the board.

Asst. Supt. John Hicks reported that the county has 15 teaching positions, including four in remedial math, to fill before school opens. He expressed the hope that black teachers could be hired to fill nine of the vacancies.

Board members were told the "biggest problem" administrators were having was "finding black ap-

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NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER James W. (Bubba) Smith (second from left) of Smithville Township received the oath of office from Clerk of Court Jack Brown on Monday. Looking on are fellow commissioners J.T. Clemmons, Vardell Hughes and

William A. Kopp, Jr. Smith replaces John Bray, who recently resigned from the board. Commissioner Robert Simmons was not present at Monday's meeting.



OAK ISLAND VILLAGE, a \$5-million condominium community, will be developed on a nine-acre tract east of Yaupon Beach. According to James C. Whitaker, Jr., president of Venture Management, Inc., of Winston-Salem, 80 units will be

clustered in two townhouse complexes and two mid-rise buildings. Tallest structure reportedly will be five stories. A public model display center at the site opened last week.

## Kivett Named By Democrats

At a called meeting of the Brunswick County Democratic Executive Committee in Bolivia Friday night Frank Kivett, town manager at Long Beach, was elected to the State Executive Committee.

At the recent county convention two men were named to this body — Odell Williamson and L.D. Jones. When it was discovered that Brunswick is entitled to only one member, it became necessary to hold a special meeting to determine the member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from this county.

Kivett, a newcomer to this county, was a darkhorse candidate but defeated Jones for this post.

## Mrs. Greene Tries New Job

## Civil Paper Fees, New Positions Are Discussed

By BILL ALLEN  
The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners took action on civil paper fees, condemnation procedures, hiring a planner and personnel-purchasing director and mosquito control after swearing-in a new member during a regular monthly meeting Monday.

James W. (Bubba) Smith was administered the oath of office as county commissioner from Smithville Township by Clerk of Court Jack Brown at 12 o'clock noon. Commissioner Smith replaces John Bray, who resigned.

Mrs. Betty Smith, vice-

chairman of the Brunswick County Republican party, told the board that the executive committee unanimously recommended that Smith serve on the board and run in the fall general election.

Mrs. Smith said that she and Smith had been placed in nomination by the committee to serve on the board of commissioners. She said she withdrew from the race and threw her support behind Smith, who was then the unanimous selection.

After receiving the recommendation from the GOP executive committee, the board unanimously voted to name Smith the county commissioner from Smithville Township. Chairman William Kopp, Jr., asked County Manager Neil Mallory to bring Commissioner Smith up to date on all county projects.

Sheriff Harold Willetts had attended the last meeting and requested that the fees for serving legal papers be divided equally between all field deputies. In the past, the fees have gone to the deputy serving the papers.

Assistant County Accountant Regina McKeithan told the board she had been doing a great deal of research on the fee situation since

## Correction

Deputy Nelson Adams assisted Deputy Wayne Long in apprehending the prisoners who escaped from the Southport jail last week due to the "human failure" of Jailer Donald Hogue, who had not properly pulled the switch to lock the security cell, Sheriff Harold Willetts said Tuesday.

It was incorrectly reported to The Pilot last week that Deputy Adams made the mistake that allowed David C. Watson, 18, of Leland, and Frank Julian of Ocean Drive, S.C., to escape from the jail last Tuesday.

Watson and Julian escaped from the Southport jail twice in less than three days last week. They used a hacksaw to break out of the jail July 6 and ran out June 9 when the cell door was not locked properly.

Willetts made his request earlier this month. She said the present board had discussed the matter for over a year without taking action.

Mrs. McKeithan reported that in March of 1969, Chief District Judge Ray Walton of Southport had attended a board meeting and requested that the deputy serving the legal paper be given the fee. She said the board unanimously voted to approve Judge Walton's request because the low salaries deputies were receiving at the time were set by the General Assembly.

Vice-Chairman J.T. Clemmons said the legal fees should be turned over to the county because deputies use county cars to do a public service.

"Serving legal papers is a function of the sheriff's department," he declared. "If we give the fees to the deputies, we just as soon give the fees the Register of Deeds receives to Arthur Knox."

The vice-chairman said he could understand why Judge Walton requested that the

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## Against Long Beach Firm

## Lawyers Cite Damages Behind \$65,000 Claim

Six attorneys in a Dunn law firm, charging in a complaint they have been damaged, are seeking \$65,000 from a Long Beach newspaper corporation, it was revealed this week.

J. Shepard Bryan, Robert C. Bryan, Robert H. Jones, James M. Johnson, C. McFarland Hunter and K. Edward Greene, members of the firm of Bryan, Jones Johnson, Hunter and Greene, filed the action against the

Bulletin, Inc., in Harnett County superior court last week.

The Brunswick County sheriff's department served the papers on Ronald G. Dunn, managing editor of the Bulletin newspaper, Friday. Dunn, whose name is not mentioned in the complaint, was recently named the Republican Party candidate for a seat in the North Carolina General Assembly representing Brunswick and

Pender counties.

The complaint said the corporation publishes a newspaper of general circulation known as "The Bulletin". It said the newspaper has a circulation of about 1,000. The newspaper has not been published the past two weeks.

The lawyers are seeking \$50,000 in damages and \$15,000 in punitive damages

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