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Linton Speaks On Coastal Act

Officers and realtors throughout Brunswick County met Tuesday night to hear Coastal Area Management Act sponsor Dr. Thomas Linton ask for local cooperation in implementing the law.

Linton, Director of the Office of Marine Affairs, asked the local officials to become involved in a two-year planning process before the law goes into final effect. "This is the time to get in there and make your input," he said. "Things are not cut and dried."

The meeting held at Long Beach was sponsored by the Brunswick County Board of Realtors. An audience of about 60 included representatives from the county commissioners and municipal governments throughout the county. County Commissioner Chairman William A. Kopp, Jr., a member of the Coastal

Resources Commission, was present.

Linton and Institute of Government attorney Melton Heath said the county and municipalities must make a decision by October 29 whether or not to make out a development plan required by the law. If the local governments do not do their own planning, the state will complete the task, they said.

Heath said the local governments will be allowed 17 months to complete their development plan. Linton said the state has appropriated \$500,000 for this planning. He said other aid would come from the planning section of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources (DNER).

A 15-man Coastal Resources Commission, the body responsible for en-

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Governor's Committee

Willetts Gets Second Term

Brunswick County Sheriff Harold Willetts has been re-named to serve a second one-year term on the Governor's Committee on Law and Order.

Sheriff Willetts, who is the only sheriff in North Carolina on the committee, was re-appointed by Gov. James Holshouser, Jr. He will represent the sheriffs in North Carolina on the committee.

"I have done my best to do a good job on the committee," Willetts said. "I have been working hard to help law enforcement in Brunswick County while serving on the committee. It has been a pleasure to work to help surrounding counties receive aid from the committee."

While a member of the committee, Sheriff Willetts said he has been able to obtain equipment and additional personnel for the Brunswick County sheriff's department and for some police departments in Brunswick County. He said he is working to obtain grants for other police departments in the county at the present time.

Since being re-appointed, Sheriff Willetts has received letters of congratulations from Gov. Holshouser and from Phillip J. Kirk, Jr., the governor's administrative assistant.

"We know we can count on you to do your part to help make our state a better place to live," Kirk said in a letter to the Brunswick County sheriff.

The 14-member Governor's Committee on Law and Order channels federal and state grants to state and local agencies for activities or research related to law enforcement improvement. Last year, the committee awarded more than \$23 million in federal funds and more than \$2 million in special state funds to law enforcement agencies within North Carolina.

Hearing Set Monday Night

The Southport Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing Monday night at 7:30 to discuss changing the zoning ordinance on Howe Street between Bay and 10th streets.

The board, meeting in special session July 31, decided to call the public hearing to obtain views from citizens about changing the zoning in the business district on Howe Street from "C-2" to "C-1".

The zoning change to "C-1" would eliminate the controversial 75-foot setback requirement for buildings constructed beside Howe Street, city officials pointed out.

Under the zoning ordinance approved about two years ago, new buildings facing Howe Street have to be setback 75 feet from the front property line.

Allotment Cut Coming

Feed Gain Sign-Up Has Few Weeks Left

The time has been extended to certify acreage and sign-up for feed grain program benefits, said Manager Ralph L. Price of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Shallotte.

Feed grain growers will have until August 30 to visit the office, certify their acreage and sign-up for program benefits.

Price said that about 200 of the 1,500 feed grain farmers in Brunswick County had not been to the ASCS office this year.

"After September 1, we will

proceed to reduce the allotments of every feed grain grower who has not certified and signed-up for program benefits," Price declared.

The first year a farmer fails to visit the office, his allotment is cut 20 percent, the ASCS manager said. The allotment is reduced another 20 percent if he fails to come to the office two years in a row. If a grower does not come to the office in three years his entire allotment will be cancelled.

ASCS officials had to cancel about 200 allotments last year



GUEST SPEAKER at Tuesday night's Brunswick County Board of Realtors meeting was Thomas Linton, (right) executive director of the Coastal Resources Commission. With Linton at the Long Beach gathering is Wink King, president of the county Realtors organization. The meeting was well-attended by local government officials, who heard the director explain the recently-enacted Coastal Management Act.

Officials In 'Ivory Towers'

Water, Sewer System Plan Rejected By HUD

By BOBBY HILL
Southport aldermen heard Thursday that the water and sewer system has again been delayed by failure of the plans to meet approval of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The system must meet HUD approval to receive almost \$500,000 in state and federal grants. Mayor Eugene B. Tomlinson said HUD officials, while reviewing the water and sewer plans, "found more items ineligible for grants than eligible."

Tomlinson termed the HUD refusal to approve the plans "bureaucracy at the grass roots level."

He said HUD officials live in "ivory towers" and that they "need to be down in the

field."

City Manager Alvin Kornegay said he would go to Raleigh next week to work on approval of the plans.

The \$925,000 water, sewer and drain system has been in the planning stages for over four years. Bud Davis has acted as planning engineer for Henry Von Oesen of Wilmington. He recently predicted to the aldermen that the "target date" for ground-breaking ceremonies for the system will be after the first of October.

Funds for the project would come from federal grants, \$282,500; state grants, \$263,159; and bonds, which were approved by city voters two years ago, \$379,341.

Tomlinson called the HUD objections to the plans "a volume of corrections."

The aldermen recently instructed the engineers to include bids in the system for both underground and above-ground pumping stations. They expressed concern about the appearance of five

of the pumping stations that might mar residential areas.

Davis told the group that most of the project will be underground. He said, however, that the five pumping stations and generators will be located in neighborhoods in Southport.

The stations will be between 75' x 75' and 50' x 50'. Davis

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Restraining Order Sought

Township Moves To Keep Hospital

By BOBBY HILL

Southport Mayor Eugene B. Tomlinson Thursday directed the city attorney to seek a restraining order to stop county hospital construction until assurances are received that Doshier Memorial Hospital will remain open.

Tomlinson directed the legal action against the county commissioners and the hospital authority "until we are assured of the county commissioners' support" to maintain a facility here.

Only moments before, aldermen had received from Mrs. Leila Pigott 2,333 signatures petitioning the county commissioners for a new hospital district in Smithville Township and a tax to keep Doshier open. Tomlinson said the petitions were proof of support for the legal action.

"We have no other alternative at this point," he said. "The people of Smithville Township have spoken on these petitions."

Subject To Lawsuit

State Accepts Island Acres

The Council of State Monday accepted a deed to Bald Head Island property for a nature conservancy, subject to the outcome of a lawsuit against development of the island.

Carolina Cape Fear Corporation, developers of a resort complex on the island, gave the state about 10,000 acres as part of an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The agreement gave Carolina Cape Fear a permit for construction of a marina on the west side of the

island. The engineer and Cape Fear accord has been challenged by the Conservation Council of North Carolina. The council's suit was rejected by a U.S. District Court judge on grounds that it did not show a direct effect on the agreement.

In appealing the ruling, the council maintains that it is representing the public interest.

If the court settles in Cape

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The aldermen then voted to publish the petition blank in local newspapers in an effort to sign on still more Doshier supporters.

Attorney E.J. Prevatte was reportedly on vacation and unavailable for comment until Monday.

Mrs. Pigott and the petition signees were thanked in a motion passed unanimously by the aldermen. Mrs. Pigott said she would "screen" the signatures to prevent any possible duplication.

Alderman Pierce Horne emphasized that the attorney should seek "just a referendum" and move for a restraining order only "until Smithville has a referendum."

Prior to the legal directives, both Tomlinson and Alderman Robert Howard blasted reported newspaper statements by county hospital authority chairman Mason H. Anderson of

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Injunction Is Sought

Yaupon Hearing Monday For District Court Here

A hearing will be held in Southport Monday in District Court on a lawsuit by John Thompson against Yaupon Beach and zoning for a

condominium. Thompson, Yaupon planning chairman, filed the suit against the town, town council and planning board

for alleged illegal passing of a Residential Apartment (RA) zone for a condominium complex. The \$5 million condominium is proposed to be located on a triangle of land east of Yaupon Beach and south of the Oak Island Golf Club.

Venture Management, Inc., the condominium developers, is among the list of defendants in the request for several injunctions. Also named as defendants are several owners of the land proposed to be sold to the condominium developers.

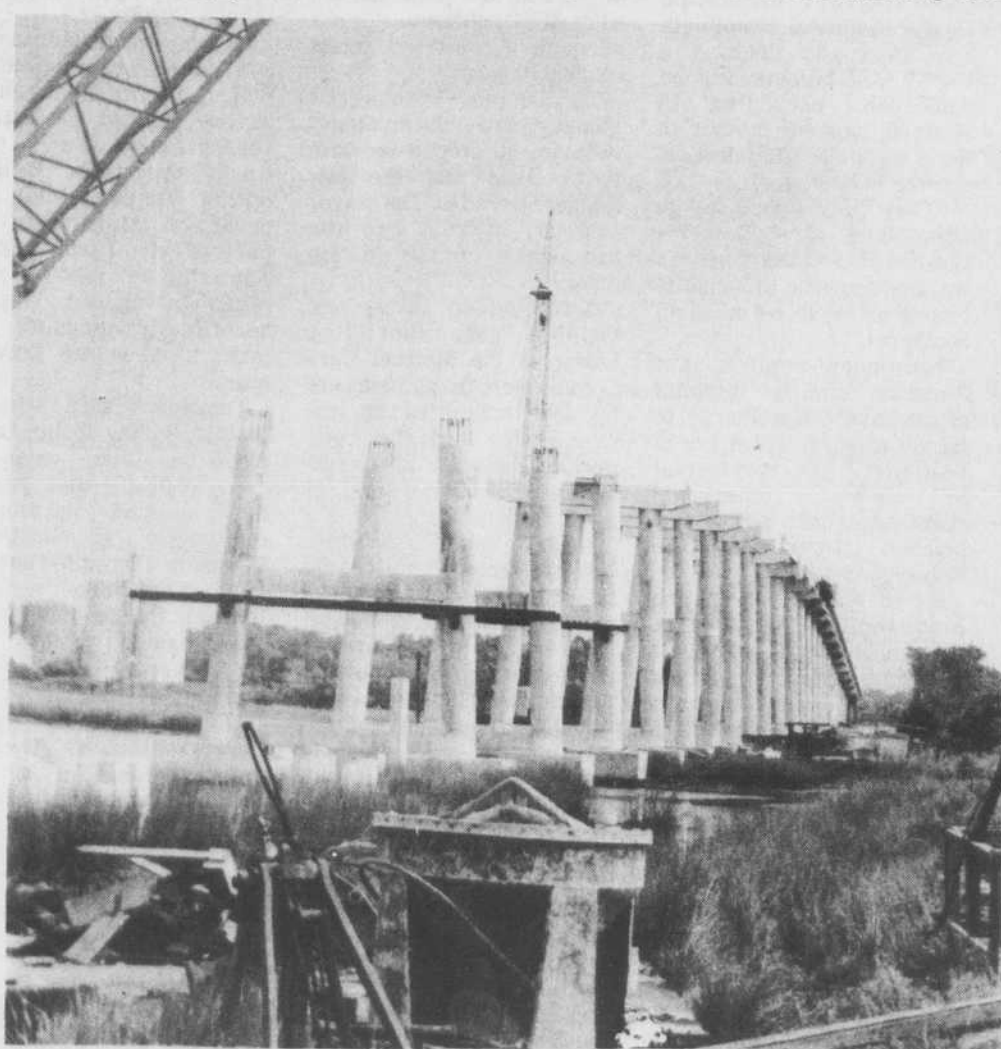
In the hearing Monday, Thompson will be asking for a preliminary injunction against further plans for the development, according to town attorney David Whitten. Whitten said he will "try to get into the case as much as we can and the judge will let us."

Thompson has claimed that the town did not follow the proper legal order of adopting the RA zone. Specifically, he has charged the town council and planning board did not follow the proper notice procedures. The town defendants maintain that notices were given and public hearings were held legally.

Whitten said the Monday hearing will at least "narrow the issues." If Thompson does not get the preliminary injunction, he said, "for all practical purposes, the suit will be dead."

According to Whitten and Thompson's complaint, the

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BEGINNING ITS DOWNWARD slope towards Oak Island is the new bridge, work on which has progressed at an amazing rate the past two months. Earlier this week, a concrete beam was placed directly above the Intracoastal Waterway.