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Four-Month Period

County Clean-Up Project Proposed

The months of March, April, May and June are expected to be designated "County Clean-Up Months" in Brunswick, and county commissioners took a step towards implementing the program Monday by approving employment of 18 workers throughout the county.

Although nothing official will be organized until the board's first meeting in March, commissioners spoke of choosing a coordinator for the program and soliciting the help of schools, com-

munities and clubs. Funds for the four-month employment of workers comes from the most recent appropriation of manpower grant monies.

The suggestion to hire the 18 workers—three from each township to work within that township—was offered by Commissioner Steve Varnam. His proposal was to "hire teams of people to clean-up the county for us."

Of the \$54,000 Manpower grant, \$40,191.84 was earmarked for the hiring. Other positions allocated were one each for the municipalities of

Sunset Beach, Holden Beach and Calabash, and two clerical workers and one painter on the county level. One of the clerical positions will be a secretary in the Recreation department.

Personnel Director Steve Hughes informed the board that all the grant money must be appropriated by March 1 and expended by June 30.

An emphasis of the clean-up, Varnam suggested, would be on unlawful dumps adjacent to county roads. There are at least six idle county trucks available for use, it was noted, and each three-man team would be assigned a vehicle.

But still, "We're not going to get much done without a supervisor," said Town Creek Commissioner Willie Sloan. There are records to keep, reports to make; Sanitary Landfill Director Ed Clemmons accepted the post.

Prospective employees were asked to contact the commissioner from his township. Waccamaw Township prospects are encouraged to contact either Rusty Russ (Shalotte) or Farnam (Lockwood Folly). Prospective workers must

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MORE AREA RESIDENTS have never seen the new Southport Primary School—and certainly not from the air. The facility will be open to students this fall, eliminating the need

for youngsters in this area to use makeshift classrooms and modular facilities.

Softer Water

The county will apply for an additional \$1 million in FHA revenue bonds to finance improvements to Phase I of the county water system that still is under construction.

The request came from Pfizer, Inc., which in a letter to the board of commissioners confirmed its intentions to renegotiate its water contract with the county in order to finance the change. Pfizer offered to advance the money if necessary.

The improvement will involve a softer grade of water that reportedly will be available throughout Phase I of the water system, which includes Southport and the Oak Island beaches.

Chief Deputy Suffers Attack

Chief Deputy Julian Bowman of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department suffered an apparent heart attack Tuesday. Sheriff

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Lincoln, Bolivia, Union And Waccamaw

School Expansion Set At 4 County Locations

Bids for construction work at Bolivia and Waccamaw elementary schools and Lincoln and Union primary schools could be called for in late May, members of the Brunswick County Board of Education were told during a special meeting Monday night.

Lou Evans of L.R. Evans Architect and Associates, Inc., of Raleigh, architect of the four school projects, made the announcement. He said he had established April 1 as the "target date" for completion of the document drawings of the four school projects. He said he wanted to discuss final plans with the board at a special meeting prior to April 1.

If everything goes according to schedule, Evans said bids can be called for in late May since most of the work has been "pretty much

finalized."

Evans told board members that the project could exceed the \$1.7 million the board has available to spend on the construction. "We have, with the budget in mind, designed what we consider adequate facilities and economical construction to allow for flexibility and continuity with the character of existing elements on the sites and the geographical section of the state," he declared.

Assistant Supt. John Hicks reported that Evans has prepared bid alternates in case the board faces cost over-runs. Both men noted, however, that project bidding

in the area has been "very favorable" in recent months.

Evans said the alternates will be taken since the budget for the work "appears to be marginal." "As a consequence, we plan to take deductive alternates of omitting areas to try to bring the entire project within funds available," he added.

Looking at the four schools, Evans said he had, upon the recommendation of the board, reduced the number of toilet facilities to suit the number of students served "in lieu of each teaching station having its own boys and girls toilets as originally requested. "Now two

teaching stations will share the same facilities to make the ratio more economically feasible and in keeping with minimum requirements," he pointed out.

He said lavatories have been relocated outside the toilet rooms in order that fixtures may be shared and used for other activities.

"Future additions will have to be built around the existing ones since the existing ones will have to remain in use until new ones are completed and existing ones can be removed," Evans pointed out. "We agree campus type is not the most desirable, but appears to be the most practical for additions being done in phases, with possibility of phasing being stretched out over a period of years."

During the review, Evans pointed out that both the Bolivia and Waccamaw schools will be completely rebuilt in phases, utilizing the existing sites. He said the new additions at the two sites will be oriented toward new completed schools although only Phase I will be constructed at this time.

"Additional classrooms and other necessary elements are to be built sometime in the future," Evans stated. "Therefore, it is necessary that this phase be oriented toward the existing as well as future elements. The problem is further compounded in that the existing buildings must remain in use until the new additions are ready to occupy. Thus the only feasible solution results in a campus-type plan with separate elements surrounding the

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Facility Study For West End Approved By Board

Water And Sewer System

Members of the board of commissioners for Brunswick County voted unanimously Monday night to pay the local cost and to become the lead agency for a study of a waste water-sewage disposal system which would serve a broad area of a coastal section in western part of the county.

Earlier in the evening during a two-part session

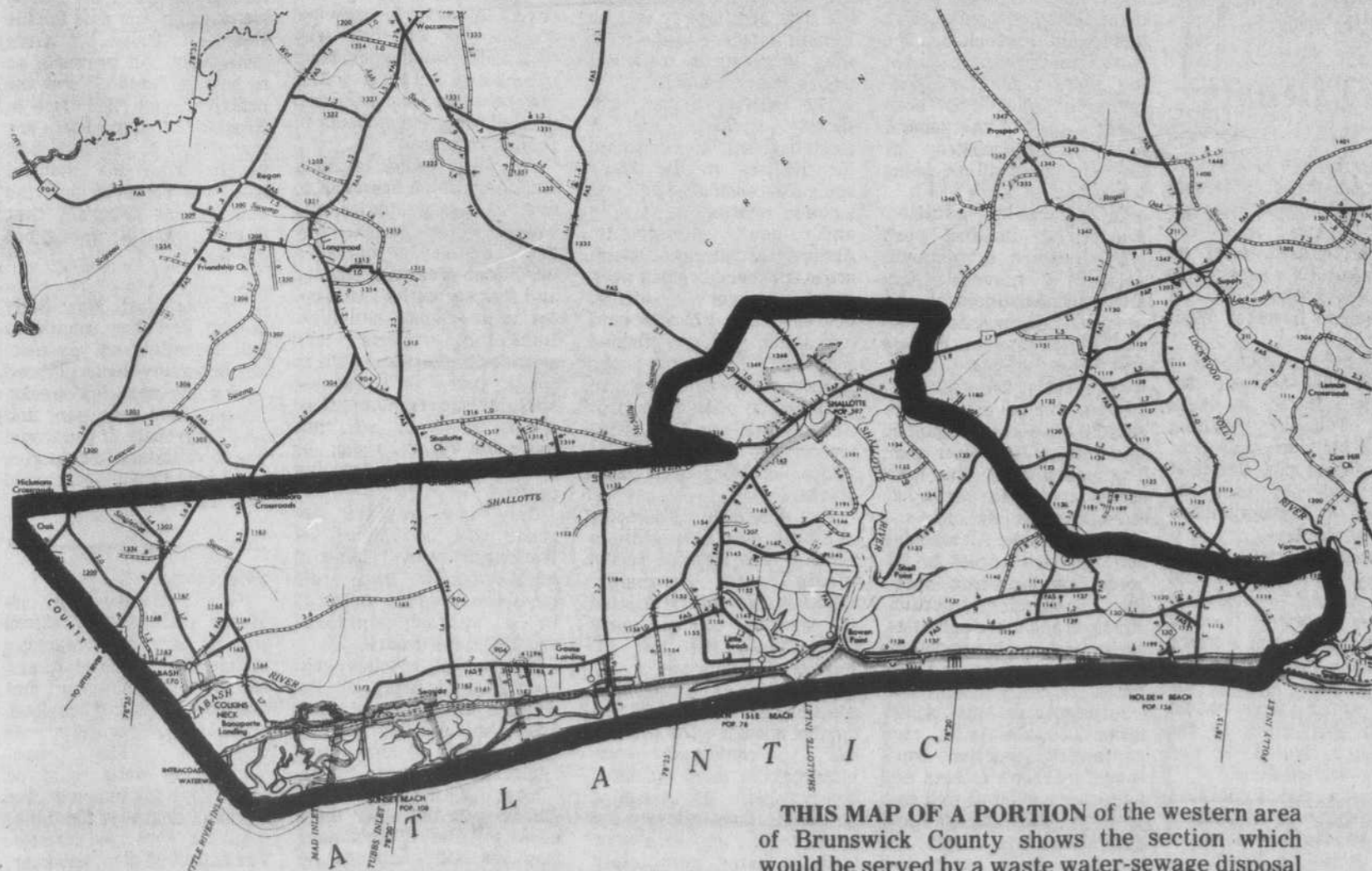
with representatives from the municipalities in Brunswick County, the decision was reached to seek rural funds for community development projects rather than to become involved in participation in one of the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Larry Minton of Minton Associates, a firm recently employed by the commissioners to seek

federal funds for Brunswick County projects presided over this phase of the meeting and his organization will seek to locate federal money with which to finance local community projects.

He made it clear that initiative for these must come from the local level and that his agency will not try to tell any community what it should adopt as a plan.

Minton said \$11.8 million is in the rural fund available for use in North Carolina and urged immediate action in the preparation of applications for needed projects, citing the principal of first come, first served. He said he would welcome resolutions based on public expression of need and suggested public meeting to

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THIS MAP OF A PORTION of the western area of Brunswick County shows the section which would be served by a waste water-sewage disposal system for which a study was authorized Monday night by the board of commissioners for Brunswick County.

Leland Youths Out For Year

The five students suspended during disorders at North Brunswick High School will not be allowed to return this year, Brunswick County Board of Education members ruled following a closed executive session Monday night.

"We have no intention of letting the matter rest here," said Attorney James J. Wall of Cherry and Wall in Wilmington, who represented the five suspended students.

Wall said he had not been informed of the board's action when contacted by The Pilot for comment. He said he would have an announcement about the next step to be taken in the case in a few days after he holds a meeting with the students and their parents.

The Board of Education voted 4-to-0 to exclude the press and hold the closed executive session Monday night. Member Franklin Randolph said it did not matter to him if the board held an open or closed meeting to discuss the matter. Randolph did not vote, but attended the closed meeting.

The board spent more than three hours behind closed doors Monday night reviewing and discussing the

150-to-160-page transcripts made by Attorney Mason Anderson during hearings last month.

The board spent more than 11 hours behind closed doors last month to give the students hearings at the request of Attorney Wall. Anderson made the hearing transcripts, which were given to board members last week.

After the closed session Monday night, it was announced that the board had decided to sustain the action of the school authorities expelling the five students for the rest of the year.

The five students were suspended by school officials after disorders at North Brunswick last October.

Move Clocks Up... Up

Southport area residents will have the singular privilege of setting their electric clocks ahead TWICE this Sunday!

First change will be for Daylight Savings Time, which comes into effect during the early morning hours. The second time-changing should come at 9:30 a.m., at which time all power in the Southport area will have been interrupted for two hours for work on transmission lines.