

Tax Listings Are Problem

Nobody likes to see his name in the paper for non-payment of taxes, especially when the taxes have been paid!

According to Interim Manager Carole Greene, the Town of Long Beach is currently faced with the problem of tax listings that include a number of faithful taxpayers. "And we wish to apologize," she said Tuesday.

The advertisement of tax liens for the Town of Long Beach started in The State Port Pilot on May 14, 1975 — the last date possible to meet state regulations for such notices. It was a rush job, Mrs. Greene noted, and this accounts for the errors which have occurred.

Mrs. Greene assumed her duties on May 7 and found that no work had been done to prepare the tax lists for publication. "They should have been ready by May 1," she noted. "We have had to use the records that were available, and in many cases they were inaccurate."

"We would like to apologize to anyone whose name appears incorrectly, and we ask that those persons who know their listings to be in error, contact Mrs. Lorell Duncan, our tax collector," Mrs. Greene added.

Phone Books Are Received

Telephone directories being delivered in the Southport area feature animals from the North Carolina Zoo on the cover.

According to J.H. Mann, district manager for Southern Bell, all telephone directories for the rest of the year will feature the North Carolina Zoo.

Mann said, "Telephone directory covers for only the large cities are localized and there are two reasons for this. One is the cost of printing a special cover and the second, that small cities usually do not have enough points of interest to choose from year after year."

In 1976, all the North Carolina telephone directories covers will feature the Bicentennial theme. At this time no definite design has been decided upon, but several alternatives will be considered.

"Another change subscribers will note in the Southport directory this year is that the listing sections are printed in four columns rather than three as has been the case in the past," said Mann. This was done to partially offset the continuing cost of paper and other materials and processes in printing our telephone directories. We have gone to the four-column print in all of our directories this year in an effort to keep costs down.

Southern Bell has also reduced the number of telephone directories each subscriber receives. At one time, a subscriber was given one telephone directory for each phone in his home. However, for the past two years with few exceptions, resident telephone directories have been limited to one for each subscriber regardless of the number of phones they have in their residence.

Mann said this has proved to be acceptable to a great many people who formerly got more than two directories. As a matter of fact, some have told us they were

glad that we had reduced the number of directories. Mann said, "We want everyone to have the number of directories he feels he needs. If there are any who need that additional directory for that additional phone, they can get it by calling the business office."

Manager's Job, Car Acted On By Board

By BILL ALLEN
Decisions to seek a county manager and to reject bids for a county car highlighted a regular meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners Monday at the Hood Building in Southport.

Commissioner Willie Sloan asked board members when the county planned to start advertising to find a county

manager. "I think we should start right away," said Chairman Franky Thomas, who has been serving as interim manager since April 21 because County Manager Neil Mallory, now assistant manager, has resigned effective the end of this month. The board authorized Thomas to place advertisements seeking a

county manager. Thomas said he would advertise until the board "can find a man crazy enough to come to Brunswick County."

In other business, the board decided to re-advertise for a county manager's car after four of the five bids received Monday had to be rejected.

County Attorney James R. Prevatte, Jr., said the four had to be turned down because the specifications said "no bid shall be considered or accepted by the board unless at the time of filing the same shall be accompanied by a deposit with the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners of cash, cashier's check, or a certified check in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the proposal."

Because of the requirement, only the bid submitted by Beacon Ford — \$4,454.93 — was valid. Prevatte told the board. Although it was the highest of the five bids opened, it was the only car available now.

Brunswick Motor Sales actually submitted the lowest bid, \$4,028.37. Other rejected bids were made by Russ Ford, Mintz Chevrolet and Tom Reich Chevrolet. Delivery dates ranged from 21 to 90 days.

After the opening Monday morning, Bob Prevatte of Beach Ford told the board he understood that the required deposits did not accompany all the bids. Attorney Prevatte was asked to check the law and report back to the board.

Commissioner Ira Butler, Jr., suggested that the board postpone action on the matter until the afternoon session.



A BICYCLE RACK for Southport Middle School has been donated by the Junior Woman's Club of Southport and is being put to good use. Examining the rack are students Wendell Parker and Jeff Bowen, Middle School Principal J.A. Francis and club member Martha Eagle.

County To Vote On Seat Change

Brunswick County voters will go to the polls July 19 to decide the controversial question about moving the county seat, courthouse and other buildings and agencies.

The vote is required by law since the General Assembly approved a bill late last week to allow voters in the county to cast ballots on the question.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Allen Ward of Thomasboro despite the unanimous opposition of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, was approved by the State Senate last Thursday. It had already been approved by the State House of Representatives.

Brunswick County residents will be asked to vote "yes" or "no" on whether the Brunswick County seat, along with the courthouse and other buildings and agencies, be relocated from Southport to the general vicinity of Supply and Bolivia."

If the majority votes "no," the county seat and county buildings and agencies will remain in Southport. If the majority votes "yes," the

county commissioners will be "under a duty to plan and carry out the relocation as expeditiously as possible."

They will be required to "forthwith" select the exact location within one-half mile on either side of US 17 extending from one- and one-half miles southwest of the crossing of Highway 17 and NC 211 to the southwestern limits of the Town of Bolivia.

The original bill said the location should be in the general vicinity of Supply. However, Rep. Ward had it amended to include the area to the southwestern limits of the Town of Bolivia.

In planning for the movement, the county commissioners will be required by the law to initiate discussions with the Local Government Commission regarding financing of the relocation.

"If the relocation or any part thereof can be effected without the issuance of bonds, construction contracts for that part not requiring

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Beach Board States Pine Island Decision

Building permits on a "little island" piece of property should not be denied solely on the basis of Pine Island Estates not being an approved subdivision, the Long Beach Board of Commissioners decided Thursday night.

Foy Lunsford, a member of the town Planning Board who owns property in Pine Island Estates, told commissioners "the town, planning board and others have exceeded their authority" in demands on developer E.G. Dale of Leland. Lunsford read a prepared statement highly critical of Planning Board minutes for April 16 which concerned the development, located behind the beach strand at 15th Street West.

"There has been great damage done to the town and the people by the over-zealous, though possibly well-intentioned, action of the town's planning board and

board of commissioners," Lunsford said in his statement, which is repeated below. At the request of Commissioner Ellis Dudley, Lunsford amended his statement to refer to the board of commissioners that had acted on or before Nov. 16, 1973, before the current board took office.

A.H. Gainey, Jr., of Southport, Dale's attorney, began the discussion of Pine Island Estates by presenting a brief history of the property, bought by Bee Investment Corp. and subdivided into 22 or 23 lots. He said the former board "approved" the development with "certain recommendations," with the last word being that the development would be satisfactory to the town. Nothing happened, Gainey said, until property owners recently applied for building permits.

Town Attorney James R.

Prevatte, Jr., "speaking strictly on a legal basis," said the town "had no control over the subdivision" prior to Dec. 19, 1974 when the town's subdivision ordinance was adopted. He said Philip Green of the Institute of Government agreed with the opinion, since the subdivision of Pine Island property occurred in 1972 when the plat was recorded.

Prevatte said property owners would appear to be entitled to building permits if zoning ordinance and State Health Standards were met.

He said the town had three alternatives: take no action and let the building inspector do his job, attempt to rezone to require a minimum of 20,000 sq. ft. per lot rather than 7,500 as required under the former ordinance ("This would be inviting a lawsuit," he told the board), or rely on the health department to

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Marina Permit Now Suspended

Carolina Cape Fear Corporation and the Army Corps of Engineers have been ordered to work out a new agreement before a permit to construct a marina on Bald Head Island may be continued.

U.S. Federal Judge John D. Larkins, Jr., made the ruling following a hearing on the marina question in federal court in New Bern last

Thursday. Judge Larkins said Carolina Cape Fear failed to comply with an agreement to give 9,000 acres of wetlands to the National Conservancy or with an agreement to give 9,000 acres of wetlands to the National Conservancy or the state by July 24, 1974. He said the corporation's decision to transfer the wetlands to a trust did not meet the conditions imposed by the Corps of Engineers.

Judge Larkins ordered the Corps of Engineers to suspend the corporation's permit to build the marina until wording of the agreement can be clarified. He indicated that work on the marina could resume after the modification.

A spokesman for the Carolina Cape Fear Corporation in Southport said he

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County Asks \$500,000 For Community Project

By BILL ALLEN
Present plans call for Brunswick County to apply for \$500,000 in Community Development funds, the Board of Commissioners was told during their regular meeting Monday.

Louise Pryer of J.L. Minton and Associates, the company hired by the board to seek federal funds for the county, reviewed the community development application with the board.

Miss Pryer told the board that fire and rescue service, water systems, recreation and housing rehabilitation are being stressed in the county application for \$500,000 in Community Development funds.

"We might have to cut the proposed budget depending on how much money the

county obtains," she pointed out. "I don't know if the county will get the maximum since the program has not been approved by Congress yet."

The preliminary budget proposes to spend \$36,000 to purchase and install 30 VHF 100-watt radios at all fire departments and rescue squad stations in the county.

A total of \$150,000 will be spent for Phase I of the county water and sewage system and \$132,025 on Phase II and the construction of two deep wells.

The budget calls for spending \$50,400 on recreation in the county. The recreation spending includes \$10,400 for a Leland park, \$15,000 for two tennis courts in the Holden Beach area, \$20,000 for a multi-purpose

court in the Waccamaw area, and \$5,000 for two fun caravan recreation vehicles.

The county will be seeking \$100,000 for housing rehabilitation. A total of \$80,000 will be spent on twenty \$4,000 grants and the other \$20,000 on personnel and operations.

It is proposed that administration of the Community Development program in the county will be \$12,200. A director will be paid \$11,500 and \$700 will be used for operations.

The proposed program in the county will have a contingency fund of \$19,375.

After hearing the application explained, the board voted unanimously to approve the program. It will be sent to the municipalities in the county for their approval.

The board also voted unanimously to pay Minton and Associates \$516.20 in consultant fees for the work Miss Pryer has done on the project. The fee includes four days work at \$5 an hour, mileage, motel and meals.

Interim Manager Chairman Franky Thomas said he believed it was a "reasonable fee." Commissioner Steve Varnam, Jr., said it would be money well spent if the county obtains the funds.

Under the contract signed with Minto and Associates, County Attorney James R. Prevatte, Jr., pointed out, the county must pay consultant fees. The fees will be deducted from any grant money the county receives.

The board voted (Continued On Page 2)

Memorial Day

Banks and savings and loan associations will be open in Brunswick County on the Memorial Day holiday Monday.

Although the Post Office will be closed all day Monday, box service will be available.

All county offices and the Clerk of Court's office will be closed Monday for the holiday.

Schools will be open for a regular day. The Board of Education office also will be open.