

Oak Island Octoberfest Plans Made

The second annual Octoberfest is scheduled to start a five-day run at Oak Island next Tuesday.

Chairman Troy Davis, who said he is still looking for volunteers to man ticket booths at the fair, said this year's agenda includes golf and tennis tournaments, fishing and surfing contests and, of course, the fair.

"The fair this year will be held at the intersection of 58th Street and Beach Drive, behind the Long Beach shopping center," Davis reported.

According to Davis, complete information about the golf and tennis tournaments is available from Tom Plankers, professional at Oak Island Golf Club. Information about the finishing contests, which opens Tuesday, is available at any of the piers of marinas. "There is no entry fee for this event," Davis said, "and prizes will be awarded."

A double elimination softball tournament for both men and women will be held at Middleton Park from Friday through Sunday of next week. And on Friday, Oct. 10, there will be demonstrations by the Long Beach police dog and an attack dog from the New Hanover Sheriff's Department.



KEZIAH MEMORIAL PARK at the site of the famous Indian Trail Tree in Southport honors the newspaperman who served the community as a one-man chamber of commerce. Dedication services for the park will be held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 17. The Southport Garden Club is responsible for recent landscaping improvements to the park.

GOP Meeting This Saturday

The Brunswick County Republican convention will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Courthouse in Shallotte.

County party officers, including a new chairman, and delegates to the district and state conventions will be elected during the county convention.

GOP Chairman Frankie Rabon, who is in charge of the convention, has already announced that he is not a candidate for re-election. Although several names have been mentioned, no one has made a public announcement about seeking the chairmanship of the Republican party in Brunswick County.

In addition to the chairman, the convention will elect a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer and executive committee members. A total of 25 delegates and alternates to the district convention in Wilmington and the state convention in Raleigh also will be selected.

Caswell Board

The Town Council of Caswell Beach will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the club room of Oak Island Golf Club. This is an open meeting for all residents at Caswell Beach.

Powell Funds Given To 10 County Towns

- Southport Gets \$36,605
- BSL Gets Largest Share
- Long Beach Funding Cut

By BILL ALLEN
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A total of ten municipalities in Brunswick County will receive Powell Bill funds from the state this year, it was announced this week.

Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr., said that 440 towns in the state will receive more than \$29 million when they get their share of the annual allocation of State Street Aid — Powell Bill funds.

Powell Bill funds are returned to qualified municipalities based on an allocation formula considering the population of the community and the local street mileage. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary J.F. Alexander pointed out.

Boiling Spring Lakes, which received \$76,014.66, obtained more Powell Bill funds than any other town in the county because of its 105.83 non-system miles of streets.

Long Beach's allocation was reduced to \$59,271.09

because the state refused to accept the higher population figure used last year.

Last year, Long Beach received about \$95,000 because the state accepted a 4,000 population estimate for the Brunswick County beach town. The state cut the estimated population to 800 this year and reduced the allocation to Long Beach to \$59,271.09.

Town Manager John Berry said Long Beach's population figure was reduced because it could not be proven to the satisfaction of the state. He said state officials used a computer and the 1970 census to arrive at the 800 population figure.

Berry said a planning agency would have to be hired to obtain the Long Beach population.

Long Beach budgeted \$100,000 in the Powell Bill funds in the 1975-76 budget. The money placed in the budget included a \$14,000 fund balance.

Yaupon Beach, on the otherhand, obtained more Powell Bill funds this year

because the state accepted a higher population count.

Town Clerk Claire Rees said Yaupon Beach made a survey that showed the population to be 556 on July 1, 1974. The state accepted a population of 530 and increased the Yaupon Beach allocation from \$10,972.73 last year to \$11,817.27 this year. Yaupon Beach had a population of 334 last year before the census was taken.

Mrs. Rees said Yaupon Beach budgeted \$14,265.01 in Powell Bill funds in 1975-76. The money included a \$4,265.01 balance on hand.

Brunswick County municipalities receiving Powell Bill funds this year include:

Boiling Spring Lakes, 740

population, 105.83 non-system miles, \$76,014.66;

Bolivia, 230 population, 1.28 non-system miles, \$2,906.80;

Calabash, 230 population, 0.91 non-system miles, \$2,664.30;

Holden Beach, 180 population, 8.78 non-system miles, \$7,858.62;

Long Beach, 800 population, 79.46 non-system miles, \$59,271.09;

Ocean Isle Beach, 110 population, 11.07 non-system miles, \$8,244.31;

Shallotte, 790 population, 5.85 non-system miles, \$10,936.83;

Southport, 2,900 population, 16.07 non-system miles; \$36,605.59;

Sunset Beach, 140

Ports Group Gathers Here

The future of the Southport boat harbor will be discussed during the monthly meeting of the State Ports Authority, to be held in Southport on Friday.

The State Ports Authority monthly meeting will be held in the board room of Security Savings and Loan Association Friday morning, beginning at 10 a.m.

Five items concerning the Southport boat harbor have been placed on the agenda for the meeting.

The agenda items include the opinion of the Attorney General about the Southport boat harbor, the lease or rental of the house on the property, confirmation of the amount of fence expenditures at the harbor, a report from Acting Manager Douglas Champion and a report from SPA Engineer Hugh Hardaway on the maintenance problems. Other items about the SPA program in the state will be discussed.

Representatives of Carolina Yacht Brokers of Southport proposed to leave the Southport facility during the SPA meeting last month. The proposal is under study by a committee.

W.M. Arnold said his company is willing to pay \$8,000 in the rent for the first five years, \$10,000 annually for the next 25 years and \$15,000 for the next 15 years.

He said the company wants to sell some equipment, purchase \$10,000 worth of other equipment and make some changes in the operation of the harbor.

Hawaiian Trip Cost Taxpayers \$4,000

By BILL ALLEN
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Brunswick County taxpayers had to pay almost \$4,000 to send county officials on the eight-day junket to attend a national convention in Hawaii this summer.

County Finance Officer Regina McKeithan estimated on the bases of money spent and bills received that the trip to Hawaii will cost about \$3,877.86.

Chairman Franky Thomas had estimated before hand that the Hawaii trip would cost taxpayers between \$1,500 and \$1,800.

Chairman Thomas, Mrs. Thomas and Commissioner Willie Sloan represented the county at the National Association of Counties (NACO) Convention in Hawaii June 22 to June 25. They were scheduled to tour the islands of Hawaii before

returning to Brunswick County June 28. Mrs. Thomas's expenses were paid under "county policy."

Before they left, the county paid Group Travel, Inc., the cost air travel from Raleigh to Hawaii and back to Raleigh and seven nights in a motel in Hawaii.

Chairman Thomas was given \$1,500 for "out-of-pocket" expenses. He kept \$1,000 and gave Sloan \$500. In addition, both commissioners had their county credit cards to use on the junket.

After the trip, Chairman Thomas turned in the county Finance office receipts showing how he spent the case advance. Sloan did not turn in receipts because he has said none told him to keep them.

Receipts turned in by Chairman Thomas show that he spent \$500.80 of the \$1,000 advance on the junket. The

chairman returned \$173 to the Finance office after spending an additional \$326.20 on other trips made on behalf of the county. He had receipts showing that he spent the \$326.50 making eight trips to Raleigh, one to Morehead City and one to Asheville on county business.

Sloan had not turned in any of the \$500 advance he received to make the trip to Hawaii when The Pilot checked on the matter Tuesday.

In addition, credit card bills received by the Finance office show that Thomas charged \$176.28 and Sloan \$381.78 while on the junket.

Sloan's credit card charges and apparently higher than Thomas' because he decided to leave Hawaii after the convention and not make the tour. Sloan said he left early (Continued on page 2)

Filing Period Ends Friday

Since the filing period began for candidates Sept. 12, there have been very few filings in some municipalities.

In Southport, incumbent Mayor Eugene Tomlinson is presently unchallenged. Pierce Horne, Clinton Bellamy and former mayor Dorothy Gilbert are seeking seats on the Board of Aldermen in Ward 1, along with Mary McHose, in Ward 2. James Harold Davis has also filed.

Jerry Woods and Walter Blackburn are the only candidates to have filed in the Town of Long Beach. At Yaupon Beach, candidates for commissioner are Douglas Aman, William W. Bates, Louise Corbett, Clyde E. Gilbert, John A. Thompson and Theodore S. (Ted) Wood.

LaDane Williamson and John Williams have filed for town commissioner in Ocean Isle Beach, while Ronald Holden is the only announced candidate for town commissioner at Sunset Beach.

There are seven candidates who have filed in the Town of Boiling Spring Lakes, including Charles L. Neville, Gene A. Watts, Richard Krogh, LaVerne D. Miller, Arthur H. Wegener, Al Martin, Sr., and William A. Babson.

William H. Adams, Jr., is the only candidate who has filed in the Town of Shady Forest for town commissioner. Elsewhere in the county, Tommy Lewis and J.E. Bryan have filed in Calabash for town council positions.

The filing period ends Friday at noon.

County Road Priorities Established By Council

By BILL ALLEN
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Brunswick County Commissioners indicated their approval of the recommended 1975-76 secondary road construction program during a meeting with highway officials Monday night at the Hood Building.

Wilbur Earl Rabon of Winnabow, a member of the State Secondary Roads Council who presided over the meeting, said five dirt roads have been recommended for paving and one paved road for widening, based on the priority system.

He said it has been recommended that SR 1438 — the Lanvale Road in the Leland section — be widened from 18 to 22 feet at an estimated cost of \$28,000.

Rabon said this is the first year he has recommended that paved roads be improved with Secondary Road funds. But he said he was making the recommendation in each of the six counties in the district because more people are killed on paved secondary roads that need to be improved than on dirt roads.

He recommended that SR 1134 be based and paved the 1.3 miles from NC 130 to SR 1135 at a cost of \$45,000. The road, known as the Gray Bridge Road, runs by the Shallotte landfill and has a traffic count of 260 vehicles per day.

The second priority, Rabon said, was that SR 1168 — the Lower Calabash Road — be based and paved 1.2 miles at a

cost of \$40,000. He said he questioned the high priority of the road until he learned that it had a traffic count of 180 vehicles per day.

Rabon said the third priority was SR 1191 or the Bluff Drive Road. He said it should be based and paved 1.1 miles from SR 1146 to the paved section at a cost of \$30,000. Part of the road, located west of Shallotte, was paved last year, he noted.

He recommended that \$10,000 be spent to place two-inch stone on SR 1417 — the Malmo Road — from NC 87 to the end of the pavement. The road is located in the Leland area.

Rabon recommended as an alternate that SR 1339 — the Alligator Road — be based

and paved 1.5 miles eastward toward Exum at a cost of \$60,000.

Commissioners said they would approve a resolution at their meeting Monday asking that the work be done. Rabon said he would request that the projects be approved contingent upon receiving the resolution at the Secondary Road Council meeting this Friday. He said the work on the roads will start in the very near future.

Rabon told the board that Brunswick County will receive \$202,000 in 1975-1976 to improve secondary roads because of action of the General Assembly. However, he said the General Assembly is holding back 20 percent to see what happens to the

economy. But Rabon said he felt that 20 percent would be given to the counties in April.

Rabon reported that the Secondary Road Council is holding back 10 percent of the funds to use for contingency. The county will receive the 10 percent at the end of the fiscal year if it is not used.

In addition, the county overran the costs by \$25,000 last year because of construction problems. "So Brunswick County Will have \$155,000 to work with now," Rabon pointed out.

The Secondary Roads Councilman told commissioners that a priority system is used to rate roads for paving. The priority system is based on land use, public service, traffic count

and general route characteristics.

"The traffic volume is probably the most important," Rabon told the board.

Each road is given points in the three categories. The road with the highest number of points becomes priority number one. Each road in the county is listed according to priority.

After opening the discussion to questions, Rabon told Chairman Franky Thomas that he hoped something could be done about the curves in the Lanvale Road if rights-of-way can be acquired.

Commissioner W.T. Russ, Jr., said that SR 1316 going to Union school needs to be

improved. Rabon said the road was 13 on the priority list at this time.

Russ and Commissioner Steve Varnam, Jr., wanted to know what could be done about a subdivision road off SR 1139 in the Boones Neck area. Varnam said school children have to walk almost two miles because the bus cannot use the road.

Rabon said state funds can't be used legally to improve roads not on the state system unless they go to a cemetery. He said the road was rejected for inclusion on the state road system about two years ago.

Rabon, who is chairman of the Board of Education, and Member Franklin Randolph, who attended the meeting, said the road would be

discussed at the board meeting Monday.

Division Engineer Ted Funderburk told Chairman Thomas that SR 1165 — the Calabash Road — could not be improved this year because the Lanvale Road had the higher priority. He said both the Calabash and the Midway roads need to be improved.

Russ was told that the Village Point Road came under the General maintenance program for improvement.

Funderburk told Thomas that efforts were being made to improve the River Road from Orton to Leland. He said the state was trying to widen the road a little at a time.

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