



THE ORAL HISTORY project sponsored by the Brunswick County Bicentennial Commission is getting underway, and one of the first to be interviewed for her remembrances of old Southport and Brunswick County is Miss Annie Mae Woodside, former county Superintendent of Schools. Doing the interview is Mrs. Mary Gornto, executive director of the county Commission.

Future Growth Policies Are Okayed By Board

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners approved future policies and objectives after recognizing existing problems and issues during a special meeting last week.

County Planner Johnny Sutton told the board that the Coastal Management Act requires that counties adopt policies and goals based on the views of citizens.

Sutton said that the policies and goals will be the basis for the land use map for the county. He said he planned to present the map to the county Planning Board tonight (Wednesday) and to the commissioners on Monday.

Basically, the commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the policies and goals first pointed out by citizens in the public opinion questionnaires and recommended by the Township Advisory Committees and the Planning Board.

Most of the recommendations were approved without change by the commissioners following discussion. However, commissioners did change some of the recommendations.

Commissioners Steve Varnam, Jr., and Ira Butler, Jr., expressed concern about the recommended policy that the "county should encourage and call for a referendum on ABC stores and beer sales at

a general election."

"I would endorse a petition submitted by the people, but I would do nothing to encourage it," Varnam declared. "I think people should have the right to vote on it if they want it."

After more discussion, the recommendation was changed to say that the "county will work to call for a referendum of ABC stores

and beer sales at a general election if proper petitions are submitted by the people."

The board approved a list of 22 future growth policies to use as a guide for future county development. "These policies will be the basis for future county plans, decisions and activities," Sutton pointed out. "Future plans and activities will be designed to implement these

policy statements."

The countywide future growth policies adopted by the board include:

"1. Brunswick County will follow a "Compact Growth Policy" that allows existing areas under development and areas in existing service corridors to fully develop before expansion into new areas, and new development will occur as an expansion of existing fully developed areas.

"2. Brunswick County will in addition follow where applicable a policy of "Compact Growth within existing service corridors." This policy will allow existing areas under development and areas in existing service corridors to fully develop before expansion into new areas, and new development will occur as an expansion from these fully developed areas.

"3. Urban growth and development will be programmed to occur where adequate services are available or planned.

"4. Growth and development will be discouraged in areas where septic tanks will not function and sewer service is not available.

"5. Growth and development will be discouraged in areas where soils will not support buildings.

"6. Growth and development will be discouraged in productive agricultural lands and productive forest lands when such growth is not in accordance with the Compact and Corridor Growth Policies (1 and 2 above).

"7. Brunswick County will encourage a variety of housing types including single family, duplex, low - profile apartments and high - rise apartments. Apartments including low - profile and high - rise will be restricted to low density with requirements for provision of open space to be maintained perpetually. Apartments will, however, be permitted only where the full range of urban services are provided.

"8. Brunswick County will encourage a balanced growth (Continued on page 2)

Engineer Firm Has Ties With Watergate

By BILL ALLEN
Staff Writer

The firm tentatively awarded the contract to provide engineering and architectural services of the new Brunswick County courthouse complex was convicted of making illegal campaign contributions during the Watergate scandals, The Pilot learned this week.

LBC&W, Inc., of Columbia, S.C., pleaded guilty of one count of violating the law concerning illegal contributions by a government contractor.

William Lyles, Sr., chairman of the board and president of LBC&W, pleaded guilty to two counts of non-willful violation of the law about making illegal campaign contributions.

LBC&W, Inc., and Lyles pleaded guilty to making illegal contributions totaling "at least" \$17,000 to the 1972 campaign of President Richard M. Nixon, according to U.S. District Court records in Washington, D.C. The contributions were made in violation of Sections 611 and 610, Title 18, United States Code.

The Pilot had heard rumors that LBC&W was convicted in connection with the Watergate scandal. The rumor was confirmed by Daniel Rosenblatt of the Watergate Special Prosecution Force of the United States Department of Justice of Washington, D.C.

"The architectural firm of LBC&W, Inc., pleaded guilty to charges of making illegal campaign contributions on September 17, 1974," Rosenblatt told The Pilot. "The case came within the jurisdiction of the Watergate Special Prosecution Force."

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners has voted twice in the last two months to award the contract for architectural services on the courthouse complex to LBC&W.

The county and the firm

will sign contracts for the architectural and engineers services on the courthouse complex "contingent upon a satisfactory contractual agreement being work but."

Senior Vice-President John Bordeaux has said that LBC&W is willing to negotiate a fee between five and six percent of the total

project cost. Estimated costs of the courthouse complex range between \$4 for \$10 million.

Many questions have been asked about why the board voted to vote the contract for the courthouse complex to a Columbia, S.C., firm

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Begin In December

Southport officials chosen in the Nov. 4 general election will take their seats on the Board of Aldermen at the first meeting in December, according to Mayor Eugene Tomlinson.

Tomlinson said there has been some confusion about when the new terms start. Newcomers to the board are Bill Furpless from Ward II and Mrs. Dorothy Gilbert from Ward I.

Re-elected were the mayor, Ward I Aldermen Mary McHose and Pierce Horne and Ward II Alderman Harold Davis. The term of Conley Koontz in Ward II expires in two years.

More Names Sought For Leland District

Leland Sanitary District Committee members turned in petitions Nov. 5 required in order to form a sanitary district, but J.W. Johnson, Jr., chairman of the committee, said that more time is needed to work on the project to assure enough signatures.

"Since a large number of residents are not familiar with the details and would like to ask questions, members of the committee will be at the Parker's Food Store on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15. If you are a landowner and have not signed the petition, you may do so at this time since it is very hard to contact everyone on the door - to -

door canvass that is being done at the present time," Johnson said.

Signing the petition does not require you to purchase the water," he explained, "but everyone who hooks - on at the time the lines are installed will have a nominal fee to pay and persons hooking - on at a later date will have a much larger bill due to increased costs of the tap on."

"Some people in the Leland area have very good water, but as a whole the water must have a conditioner to make it suitable for household use."

"Even a person does not desire the water for his or her personal use the community

will benefit from having the water and will have better fire protection with the use of fire hydrants, which will be available for everyone," Johnson added.

"The fire department will certainly benefit since most of the water is obtained from DuPont and it could mean the difference in saving a house or any burning structure," he noted.

If you cannot come to Parker's on these dates, please call Mrs. Jennie Mintz at 371-3964 and someone will be able to contact you. Please help us to help you have the water available when you do need it," he concluded.

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Consolidation Charter Wishes Are Reported

By BILL ALLEN
Results of a town charter survey were reviewed during public meeting of the Long Beach - Yaupon Beach Consolidation Commission Tuesday night at the Yaupon Beach Fire Department. Commission Member May

Barbee reported that 94 copies of the survey, signed by 104 persons, were returned tallied. She said that five persons wrote on the survey that they were opposed to merger.

Chairman Hannon Templeton said that the results of

the survey, as well as other information gathered, will be presented to Institute of Government officials, who will write charter of the proposed new town.

"By no means does this (survey) finalize thoughts on this matter," Chairman Templeton told the 20 residents attending the public meeting.

Yaupon Beach Commissioner Bill Smalley questioned the results of the survey, which he said reflected the views of only about 10 percent of the registered voters of Long Beach and Upon Beach.

"It is a rigged survey since opposition (to the merger) can't be expressed," Smalley declared.

Chairman Templeton said that Smalley was "out of order" making the statement since the commission was only trying to gather facts about proposed merger.

Later in the meeting, Chairman Templeton said that Smalley did not provide any input on the survey. He said that Smalley wrote on the survey that "it is a waste of taxpayers money."

Smalley admitted that he wrote the statement that merger would be waste of money "at this time." He said he had made his views public about his opposition.

"I will not debate the issue since we are only gathering facts," Chairman Templeton told Smalley.

Smalley asked that the number of responses from Long Beach and Yaupon Beach be tallied. Chairman Templeton said the request would be considered.

Most of the discussion at the hearing Tuesday centered about the means of electing board members. A total of 49 persons, or 47 percent, said

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Island Starts On Road Back

Bruce MacLeod, appointed several weeks ago as receiver for Carolina - Cape Fear Corporation, announced this week that the first important step in efforts to restore the development firm to a position of financial stability has been accomplished with the payment of all unsecured debts against the corporation, amounting to over \$70,000.

MacLeod stated that all creditors accepted his offer of 50 cents on the dollar and have received their payments.

"Many of these people expressed confidence in the future of Bald Head Island as a resort development," MacLeod said, "and most of them have indicated they wish to continue in their role of suppliers of materials and service. They elected to settle at the sub-par figure in order to avoid delay which would have been brought on had they awaited the outcome of lengthy legal actions."

MacLeod reported that engineers still are at work trying to develop plans for the marina on the island at a projected cost that is within reason. He admitted that this facility, along with a reliable source of electricity, are the two most important problems to be solved before building and development plans will be able to follow the projected timetable.

MacLeod said he has been encouraged by the continued, serious interest in the island, not only by the more than 400 property owners but by prospective purchasers who have indicated their desire to buy and build.

Long Beach Totals \$80-Million Base

By BILL ALLEN
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Long Beach has a total 1975 tax base of \$80,032,136.

The announcement was made by Town Manager John Berry during the regular monthly meeting of the Long Beach Board of Commissioners Thursday night at Town Hall.

Berry said the \$80-million tax base is based on the total amount of the tax notices mailed to Long Beach residents and property owners this year.

In other business, the board took action to begin "con-

crete" plans to construct a water system in Long Beach.

The board voted unanimously to enter into "a mutually accepted written contract" with Pierson & Whitman of Raleigh to provide engineering services for the construction of a phased water system within the financial means of the town.

The action was taken after Commissioner Russell Morrison told the board that the "time has come to start moving on the water system" which has been under discussion for years.

Berry reported that Farmers Home Administration officials have recently contacted the town to see if Long Beach was still interested in the proposed water system. Morrison noted that FHA has "\$2.9 million set aside to start the water system" at Long Beach.

After briefly reviewing the contract, Commissioner Ellis Dudley expressed concern that Pierson & Whitman planned to charge the town eight percent for engineering services. He said the figure was six percent the last time

the contract was discussed. "I can't swallow eight percent," Dudley declared. "They (Pierson & Whitman) are only being paid 5.5 percent for Phase II work on the county water system."

Town Attorney James Prevatte, Jr., who works closely with the county water system since he is also the county attorney, agreed with Dudley.

Prevatte said the eight-percent charge is "somewhat high. It is higher than I am accustomed to seeing."

Prevatte suggested that the board hold a special meeting

with Pierson & Whitman officials to discuss the proposed fee as soon as possible. Board members agreed with the town attorney.

Berry told Commissioners Nancy Leggett and Dudley that he did not believe a letter of intent would satisfy FHA officials, who want the town to "move" on the water system. He pointed out that the board approved practically the same resolution at the April 23, 1975 meeting, but nothing happened.

"FHA wants to see concrete action and not a letter of

intent," Berry told the board. "They want us to make a move," Morrison added.

However, the board voted unanimously to notify FHA about the approved motion at the request of Dudley.

Berry told the board that he had contacted the U.S. Bureau of the Census to determine how much it will cost to have an official population count made at Long Beach.

The town manager contacted the Department of Administration after Powell Bill funds were "drastically" (Continued on page 2)