

Amendments To County Budget

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners Tuesday placed an additional \$62,364.72 in the 75-76 budget to cover expenditures.

The board unanimously approved the budget amendments after they were explained by County Finance Officer Regina McKeithan.

The salaries and wages section of the governing body budget was increased by \$5,000 because of the special and bond meetings that commissioners are paid to attend.

A total of \$8,000 was placed in the Administration section. Salaries and wages will be increased \$500 to cover severance money to the former county manager and clerk, telephone and postage was increased \$2,100, travel \$5,000 and department supplies \$400 — chiefly the

cost of the new county seal.

The board added \$4,000 to the Finance section. The money will be used to pay for the water system audit and the purchase order system.

Under the legal section, professional fees were increased \$23,164.72. The money will go to the New York bond attorneys for work on the sale of the revenue bonds for the water system between January 1, 1973 and October 22, 1975.

County Manager Don Flowers, Jr., said he had checked with state officials and found the fee was in line with charges for the services of New York bond attorneys.

Commissioner Franky Thomas said it was a perfect example of why all budgets must contain cushions to pay unexpected charges.

The Sheriff's Department

budget was increased \$20,000. A total of \$16,000 will be used for the maintenance and repair of autos, \$2,600 for contracted services and \$2,000 for insurance and bonds.

The board put \$1,600 in the Agriculture Extension Service budget. Uses for the money include \$1,500 for travel of fire ant personnel and \$100 for petty cash.

The \$62,364.72 which will be placed in the six budgets will come from the one percent sales tax revenues.

In addition, the board placed \$80,000 in Coastal Plains grant funds in the Mosquito Control budget.

Most of the grant — \$72,600 — will be used for salaries and wages. Equipment rentals will receive \$2,800, depart-

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THE SOUTHPORT JAYCEES have installed new officers which include, left to right front row, Second Vice-President Jerry Dilsaver, President Bill Coring, First Vice-President Ben Blake and Director John Richards; Second row, Directors

Randy Ellis and Charles Trott, Jaybird Hammie Ballantine, Secretary Bill Ezzell, Treasurer Lucian Vick and State Director Rick Johnson.

Yaupon Seeking Help For Mosquito Control

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Yaupon Beach needs the help of the county in the annual battle against mosquitoes, county commissioners were told at their meeting Tuesday.

Yaupon Beach Mayor Marvin Watson wanted to know if the county could do the spraying until the town purchases the equipment, or if the county could help purchase the equipment.

After a long discussion, Mayor Watson requested that the county give Yaupon Beach \$2,000 to support the

mosquito spraying program. Chairman Steve Varnam, Jr., who said it was not an "improper request," told Mayor Watson that the board would consider it.

Just before the meeting ended, Chairman Varnam asked commissioners to give "serious consideration" to the \$2,000 request made by Yaupon Beach.

Commissioner W.T. Russ, Jr., said he had questions about whether the county could do a proper job in both incorporated and unincorporated areas.

County Manager Don Flowers, Jr., said he would

talk to Yaupon Beach and Long Beach officials about conducting a joint mosquito spraying program.

Commissioner Franky Thomas said the board must consider the entire county in making its decision. Flowers said he would present cost figures at the next meeting.

Chairman Varnam told Mayor Watson that he was sure the county could do the spraying until Yaupon Beach purchased the needed equipment.

Mayor Watson said Yaupon Beach needed spraying now since the mosquito season has started. Chairman Varnam said the county mosquito trucks, which do other jobs in the winter, are expected to start spraying "in the very near future."

Flowers said the county believed it was better for municipalities to do their own spraying because of complications in the program. But he said the county never said it would not spray in municipalities. "We can't do the job you can do," he explained.

Citizen John Barbee questioned why municipalities are not entitled to the same services that the rest of the county receives since both pay taxes to the county.

"I realize that, but incorporated areas govern themselves and can apply for the same grants," Chairman Varnam responded.

Yaupon Beach Commissioner William Smalley said he believed it was "unfair to penalize" a beach community that sees its population increase greatly in the summer months. "I don't think it is unfair to expect the county to help us 100 percent with mosquito spraying," he stated.

County Planning Board Member Eileen Kellagher said that Yaupon Beach is not considered a municipality by the county Planning Board because of the developers' interest.

She also expressed concern about the board approving high-rise development when only 10 percent of the people in the county support it, according to surveys.

Chairman Varnam said the county could only provide limited spraying in towns and cover the entire county. "The

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Water System Delay 'Not Fault Of County'

Chairman Steve Varnam, Jr., expressed concern about delays in the Phase II water system in the western area of the county during a meeting Tuesday.

"We need to get the ball rolling on tis thing, that is for sure," Chairman Varnam declared. "We are being blamed for things that are not our fault."

He made his comments after being informed that the board needed to approve a resolution requesting Pierson - Whitman, engineers on the project, to assist the county in making applicatin for Clean Water bonds and other grants for Phase II in the western area of the county.

Both Chairman Varnam and County Manager Don Flower, Jr., said they understood the Clean Water bond money had already been approved for Phase II. "That is what we have been told all along," the chairman stated.

County Planner Johnny Sutton and Public Works Director Rodney Tart told them that Pierson-Whitman officials said the board needed to approve the resolution to seek the funds during a meeting in Raleigh last Friday.

Sutton said that seeking funds is part of the contract Pierson-Whitman signed with the

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Meeting Of Area Towns

Mutual problems affecting Caswell Beach, Long Beach, Southport and Yaupon Beach were discussed at a joint meeting Tuesday night.

The mayors of the four towns were requested to attend the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners to see what can be done about the county providing "adequate" mosquito spraying. County officials have written letters indicating they don't plan to spray in municipalities this summer.

In addition the mosquito spraying, the 20 members from the four government units attending the meeting discussed the Long Beach water bond issue, planning, and fire department and rescue squad assistance. They agreed they could accomplish more working together on mutual problems than trying to "go it alone."

The group voted unanimously to have each board appoint two members to serve on an executive committee. The committee will hold periodic meetings to discuss and coordinate possible joint projects of mutual benefit. They also decided to hold the next joint meeting in May.

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Commissioners Should Meet With The People

Brunswick County commissioners and officials will be attending township advisory meetings during the next 30 days to explain about county government.

Commissioners agreed to attend the meetings during their regular session Tuesday after Commissioner Franky Thomas said the board had failed to educate the public

about county government.

Thomas told the board that he attended a community meeting in Northwest Township last Friday night and found that "the average citizen doesn't know what is going on. They think they are getting the short end of the stick."

County Planner Johnny Sutton said he agreed with

Thomas that attendance at township meetings increases when commissioners and department heads are present.

Planning Board Member Eileen Kellagher said she makes a special effort to inform residents when meetings are held in Lockwood Folly Township. She said she believed that the Planning Board representatives should try to inform the public when meetings are held in their townships.

County Manager Don Flowers, Jr., said the Institute of Government provides information about county government that can be distributed to citizens.

Thomas said he believed that Flowers should visit in the county to talk to residents about their problems. He said the people will know the county manager is in their area when they see the county seal on his car.

County Attorney James Prevatte, Jr., told Chairman Steve Varnam, Jr., that the board would not have to post public meeting notices when

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Member Short For Authority

One more member still must be appointed to serve on the Brunswick County Hospital Authority. The Pilot learned this week.

Board of Commissioners Chairman Steve Varnam, Jr., said he has asked the Hospital Authority to submit the names of at least two persons to serve as members to fill the vacancy.

Last month, the Hospital Authority recommended that P.R. Hankins of Bolivia, Louis Brown of Navassa and Dorothy Gilbert of Southport be re-appointed and that Mrs. Pauline Morgan be appointed. Mrs. Morgan was nominated to replace Southport Attorney Henry Foy, who was not recommended for reappointment.

The board discussed the matter and members said they felt the Hospital Authority should nominate more than one person to fill each position.

Chairman Varnam said he re-appointed Hankins, Brown and Mrs. Gilbert upon the recommendation of the other commissioners since they have had experience on the Hospital Authority.

But he said he did not appoint Mrs. Morgan because the commissioners wanted the Hospital Authority to submit more than one name.

Chairman Varnam said he was not rejecting Mrs. Morgan and she could still be appointed after the Hospital Authority submits more than one name to fill the position. "But I am not saying what we will do until the names are submitted," he added.

Under law, the Hospital

Authority nominates all of its members. The appointments, however, must be made by the chairman of the county commissioners, who can't nominate a candidate.

Mrs. Morgan, wife of former Long Beach Mayor Ed Morgan, is known for her diligent work and attention to details while serving on town committees.

Deadline For Photo Contest

Entries to the Bicentennial Photography Contest, sponsored by the Brunswick County Bicentennial Committee, must be submitted by Friday, April 30, at 5 p.m. at the committee's headquarters, 114 East Moore Street in Southport.

The contest, open to any amateur photographers who are residents of the county, will have two categories — black and white and color. The subject matter of the entries must relate to Brunswick County or its inhabitants, and must have been taken between July 1, 1975 and April 30, 1976. The entries must have a minimum size of 8" x 10" and must be mounted on white or off-white mat board.

Judging will be based on the composition and quality of the photograph as well as appropriateness to the character of Brunswick County, and will be judged by Hugh Morton of Linville and Elgie Clemmons of Whiteville.

Purchase awards will be made to winners in each category of \$150 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$25 for honorable mention.

Water Should Draw Industry

Leland should be able to attract industry to use the water that will be flowing in the area in the future, Brunswick County commissioners were told at a meeting last Monday night.

Director Jackie Stephenson of the county Resources Development Commission told the board that "it appears that we can attract blue-chip industry to the county."

Stephenson was asked to attend the meeting to discuss prospects of obtaining industry that can use the four-million gallons of water the county intends to purchase from the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority.

The board voted unanimously at its April 5 meeting to sign a letter of intent to buy the water when the authority runs its lines into the Leland area in about

five years. "You have made the right decision because I believe we will attract the industry in the next five years," Stephenson said.

He said he had "no solid prospect" ready to locate in the Leland area at the present time. But he said the situation has changed now because of the decision to purchase water and the approval of the state industry bonds. "They will make my job easier," he declared.

Stephenson said a \$60-million industry failed to locate in the county because of the lack of fresh water. A \$75- to \$90-million industry located in South Carolina because of fresh water.

He told the board that the decision to obtain the water "would have a significant

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