

Island Group For Hospital

The Bald Head Island Property Owners Association, whose members cannot vote but who will be taxed if the measure is approved, have called for passage of a referendum to support a Smithville Township hospital.

The board of directors of the association approved a resolution while meeting on the island this weekend. Only a few members are from the township and therefore eligible to vote, but Bald Head Island is located in Smithville Township and members would support the planned facility with taxes.

Following is the resolution:

"Whereas, registered voters of Smithville Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina, will on August 17, 1976, go to the polls to vote on the proposition to sell bonds in the amount of \$2.5 million for the renovation and modernization of Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport; and

"Whereas, the board of directors of the Bald Head Island Property Owners Association recognizes the critical importance of maintaining adequate health care services nearby; and

"Whereas, under the terms of the proposed Hospital Bond sales an additional levy not to exceed four cents per hundred will be assessed to pay off said bonds;

"Now therefore, by direction of members of the board of directors of this association we do hereby urge that the citizens of Smithville Township give their full and enthusiastic support to the proposition of approving a bond issue with which to finance aforementioned renovation and modernization of the physical facilities at Doshier Memorial Hospital, with the objective of continuing to provide medical and hospital services to all residents of this area, whether they be permanent residents or occasional visitors."



A FLOAT REPRESENTING the outdoor musical "Revolution!" won two first - place trophies recently in the Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach Sun Fun parades. Displaying the trophies are Erinn Pittenger (left) and Vincent Knue, cast members who rode on the float. The float won in the non-commercial category.

Special Section

A special "Meet the Candidates" section will be printed by The State Port Pilot on August 11, the issue before the election.

Questionnaires have either been mailed or hand-delivered to all candidates for office in Brunswick County, and in districts of which the county is a part.

"In our letters to the candidates we have emphasized that advertising is not required to be included in the special section," noted Ed Harper, Pilot news editor. "All we have asked is that the questionnaires be returned to us by August 1 so we might prepare the section for printing."

Too often, Harper said, voters do not know anything about the candidate seeking election. "This is an opportunity for the candidates to make themselves known to the public. Even those candidates unopposed for nomination in the primary would do well to have this exposure before the general election in November."

"No one has been overlooked," Harper pointed out, "but in some cases the candidate may have misplaced the questionnaire, or it may have become misplaced before getting to him. If any candidate has failed to receive a questionnaire and wishes to be included in the section, we urge him to contact The Pilot office immediately."

Manpower Funds To Be Continued For Employment

Brunswick County has received \$191,063 to continue the employment of Manpower employees through January.

County Personnel Director David Swain made the announcement at the regular meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners on Monday.

"I have been assured via telephone conversation that our contract will be renewed in January to extend through September of 1977 at the same level of funding," Swain reported.

The board voted unanimously to approve Swain's recommendation that \$77,590.59 of the \$191,063 be distributed to the towns in the county to fund Manpower employees. The rest of the funds will be used to continue the employment of county

employees under the program.

Chairman Steve Varnam, Jr., pointing to the number of employees who will be employed with the money, said he was "fed up" with complaints about the county hiring too many people.

"I wonder if the people out in the county who complain about us adding more employees want us to refuse this money and put about 60 people out of work," the chairman declared. "This is money that is not costing the taxpayers of Brunswick County one dime."

Swain said the "primary purpose" of the new allocation is to continue the employment of Title VI employees since the funds have run out.

He said they will be employed under Title II, which is

"somewhat different" from Title IV. Title II provides more fringe benefits than are received under Title VI. "In addition to FICA and Workmans Compensation, Title II funding will pay for hospitalization, life insurance, vacation and sick leave on the same basis as other regular county employees," he explained.

With the new allocation, Swain said the county should be able to fund the different municipalities at the same rate as Title VI and maintain the same level of county employment.

The 11 towns receiving funds and the amounts include Yaupon Beach, \$3,858.68; Shady Forest, \$3,467.92; Shallotte, \$10,403.76; Bolivia, \$3,467.99;

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County Water Supply Program Is Changed

Brunswick County has revised its water supply program, Chairman Steve Varnam, Jr., has told state officials.

He explained about the changes made in the proposed county water system in a letter to State Director James Johnson of Farmers Home Administration in Raleigh. The letter follows:

"The county program is to distribute water to the municipalities, including the island beaches, supplementing existing municipality ground water supply.

"The county's Phase I distribution project is essentially complete, providing the Southport area, Yaupon Beach and Long Beach with ground water from wells. The Phase I project will be connected to the south and west to Holden Beach, Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach and Calabash, including the mainland areas behind these beaches.

"The Phase I project will be connected to the north to the Leland Sanitary District. Connections to this existing Phase I project from Calabash and from Leland will be a new project named Phase II. It will be funded by the county with aid from federal and state grants and loans. Most likely general obligation bonds by the county will be utilized.

"Our consulting engineer is now preparing the preliminary engineering report, and applications for the loan, and for grants not already received, will be submitted promptly.

"The Leland project, for the unincorporated Leland, Navassa, Woodburn, Clairmont, Belville, Lanvale area, is a separate water supply project for both treatment and distribution. The raw water to be treated will be Cape Fear River (surface) water provided by the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority project. Thus, the treatment plant at Leland will be utilized to treat the water furnished to the county's existing Phase I project and the new Phase II project.

"The Leland project will be handled by the Leland Sanitary District, already established and in being, who are utilizing the same consulting engineer as the county. The engineer is now preparing the preliminary Engineering Report for this project, and Federal grant and loan applications will be submitted promptly. Most likely revenue bonds will be utilized. The District will contract with the county for the actual operation of the Leland treatment plant.

"Accomplishing the county's Phase II project and the Sanitary District's project will provide rural residential water to the greatest number of rural users in a most cost effective manner. The rural residential usage will be 1.1 mgd, with the usage by the municipalities and by the residents located along the lines outlined above.

"The county Phase II project and the Leland Sanitary District project are dependent upon the accomplishment of the Authority's project: Regional project and the new Phase II project.

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Mobile Office Sites Are Sought In County

Brunswick County is still looking for mobile office locations in the Leland and Shallotte areas to provide county services to residents, commissioners were informed at their meeting Monday.

County Manager Don Flowers, Jr., reported that the Board of Education will be asked if the mobile offices can be located on school property in the two communities.

If school property can't be used for the mobile offices, other land will have to be used in the Leland and Shallotte areas.

Flowers said he had found a

good location for the Leland mobile offices on land near Sturgeon Creek owned by Mrs. Dillon Ganey. The land was formerly used by Commissioner Franky Thomas when he was in the mobile home business.

Flowers said the only question was whether the county could rent it since Mrs. Ganey is the mother of County Manpower Carpenter Elmer D. (Bully) Ganey.

County Attorney James Prevatte, Jr., told Flowers he could see no legal reason the county could not rent the property despite the fact Ganey is a county employee.

The mobile offices will be

used to provide family planning, Health Department and Social Services department services in the two areas of the county.

The board took no action on a request made by Health Department Director Richard Walker that County Dog Warden Winston Hewett be appointed a rabies inspector to work only at the dog pound. Flowers said Hewett would only give rabies shots to dogs adopted at the pound.

Commissioner Willie Sloan requested that no action be taken by the board since the

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County Planner Sutton Resigns Office Friday

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Brunswick County Planner Johnny Sutton resigned his position in county government Friday.

County Manager Don Flowers, Jr., who made the announcement during a meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners on Monday, said that Michael G. Nugent, who is a member of the department, has been appointed acting county planner.

Sutton, who has headed the county Planning Department since it was established in November of 1974, refused to say why he resigned his position. He said he had "no comment" since he was in the process of applying for

another job.

"I am hereby submitting my resignation to you for my position as county planner with Brunswick County," Sutton said in his letter of resignation addressed to Flowers. "My resignation will be effective July 16."

The handwritten letter was dated Friday, July 9.

Flowers was reluctant to discuss Sutton's resignation when contacted by The Pilot. "You never know what to be surprised at today," Flowers said when asked if the resignation came as a surprise to him.

"I think John has made some valuable contributions while he has been in Brunswick County," the county manager volunteered.

Flowers said he hoped to be

able to make a recommendation concerning the employment of a permanent county planner for the county commissioners to consider at their next meeting on August 2.

Brunswick County Personnel Director David Swain said he knew "nothing" about the matter except that Sutton had resigned.

County commissioners made no comments when Flowers announced that Sutton has resigned at the meeting on Monday. He gave commissioners a copy of Sutton's letter of resignation.

Commissioner Willie Sloan asked Flowers if he planned to advertise to fill the position. Flowers said he hoped to promote from within the Planning Department to

promote employee morale.

Sutton, who was appointed the first full-time county planner when the department was established, was known for his dedication and long hours of work on behalf of the county.

Most of his work was involved in implementing the requirements of the Coastal Area Management Act in Brunswick County although he was involved in numerous other county government projects. Under Sutton's direction, the county has submitted the final draft of the massive land use plan to the state for approval.

Flowers said on Monday that he had not heard from the state about whether the county land use plan has been approved.

Sutton, 30, who is a native of Suttontown in Sampson County, is a 1969 graduate of East Carolina University with a degree in history and geography. He has had more than 596 hours in planning schools sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

He had four years of experience with the Wilmington - New Hanover Planning Commission and the Cumberland County Planning Board in Fayetteville before accepting the Brunswick County position.

Sutton, who was earning \$17,478, was in charge of the six-member Planning Department in the county. The department operated on a \$87,811 budget last year,

with all the funds coming from the state and federal governments. In fact, almost half the money distributed by the Coastal Resources Commission to implement the act came to Brunswick County.

The Planning Department is scheduled to receive \$74,021 in the new 1976 - 77 budget. Sutton had expressed the belief that more than half the funds could come from state and federal sources this year.

Nugent has been employed with the Brunswick County Planning Department since May, 1975. He has held a position of Planner II with the department.

A native of Rockfish in Hoke County, Nugent, 28, is a

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"Revolution!" Special

Next Tuesday and Wednesday will be "two for one" nights at "Revolution!" To express their appreciation to Brunswick County citizens who have worked for and with "Revolution!" the producers have authorized next week's special.

Anyone who clips the coupon published on page 6 in The State Port Pilot and buys one reserved seat will get another seat free.

Only one coupon may be redeemed per family.

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