

Courthouse Project

County Chances Good For Federal Funding

"Brunswick County is in a good position" to obtain federal funds for the new courthouse complex, it was predicted this week.

Friday Hodges of LBC&W, architects and engineers on the complex, made the prediction after Congress over-rode a presidential veto to pass the \$3.95-billion public works employment bill last week.

Friday told The Pilot that he believed the county was in "good position" to obtain funds from the bill to construct the complex.

"Brunswick County should have a good priority to obtain federal funds because the unemployment rate here is much higher than the national average," Friday pointed out. "The

county is in a good position because the new bill requires construction to begin 90 days after a grant is approved and funded and we can meet that."

Friday also said the county was in a good position to obtain other federal money for the same reasons "because a sister bill includes funds for water and sewer systems."

He said LBC&W officials were ready to provide the county all the help it could with the application. He said the county commissioners will have to make the decision about how much money to seek from the bill.

Friday made his comments while he was in Southport on Monday and Tuesday to hold discussions about office space needs in the complex.

The bill authorizes \$2 billion in grants to state and local governments for public construction projects, such as office buildings and parks, that could be started within 90 days of the time the money is received. Another part of the bill allows \$700 million to states for water pollution control. Local governments with higher unemployment rates than the national average can submit applications.

Both the House and Senate acted last week to over-ride President Gerald R. Ford's veto and enact into law the \$3.9 billion bill that has the primary aim of creating new jobs.

President Ford vetoed a similar bill earlier in the year, and the Senate failed by three votes to overturn it. Democrats then revived the measure and scaled it down somewhat and gained considerable support from Republicans, it was reported.

Debate on the bill centered on the question of whether the government should concentrate primarily on reducing the rate of unemployment or direct its principal attention to controlling inflation.

"This bill will not create lasting jobs, but will instead create more inflation," President Ford declared. "It is little more than election-year pork barrel."

Supporters claim the public works bill will create 200,000 construction and other jobs.

Beach Squad Endorsement For Hospital

The Long Beach Rescue Squad has gone on record supporting the Doshier Memorial Hospital tax referendum in the August primary.

"We know that without the support and dependability of a nearby hospital emergency room, our capabilities are severely limited," said the endorsement statement released by the rescue squad. "Please support the hospital referendum and help us to help you."

The complete statement, citing reasons why the squad believes Long Beach residents should support the hospital tax referendum, follows:

"The Long Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad is once again appealing to the citizens of our community to 'Help Us to Help You.' This time we are not asking you to buy a plate of barbecue or give a donation.

"This time we are asking you to vote for keeping a hospital in Smithville Township. We believe we have valid reasons for our position and would like to share them with.

"We know there are people living on this beach today who could not have survived had we had to take them further than Southport for medical care. Some of these people had suffered heart attacks, some had severe bleeding; all were in a life-threatening condition. In these, and other situations, time and distance are big factors.

"Even when people must be transferred to Wilmington, the primary medical care received in Southport makes the transfer much less hazardous for the patient.

"We rely heavily on the doctors and emergency staff in Southport. From the time we pick up a patient we are in radio communication

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Permit Total At \$300,000

Building permits valued at almost \$300,000 were issued in Long Beach in June.

Building Inspector Boyd Phillips reported that his department collected \$585

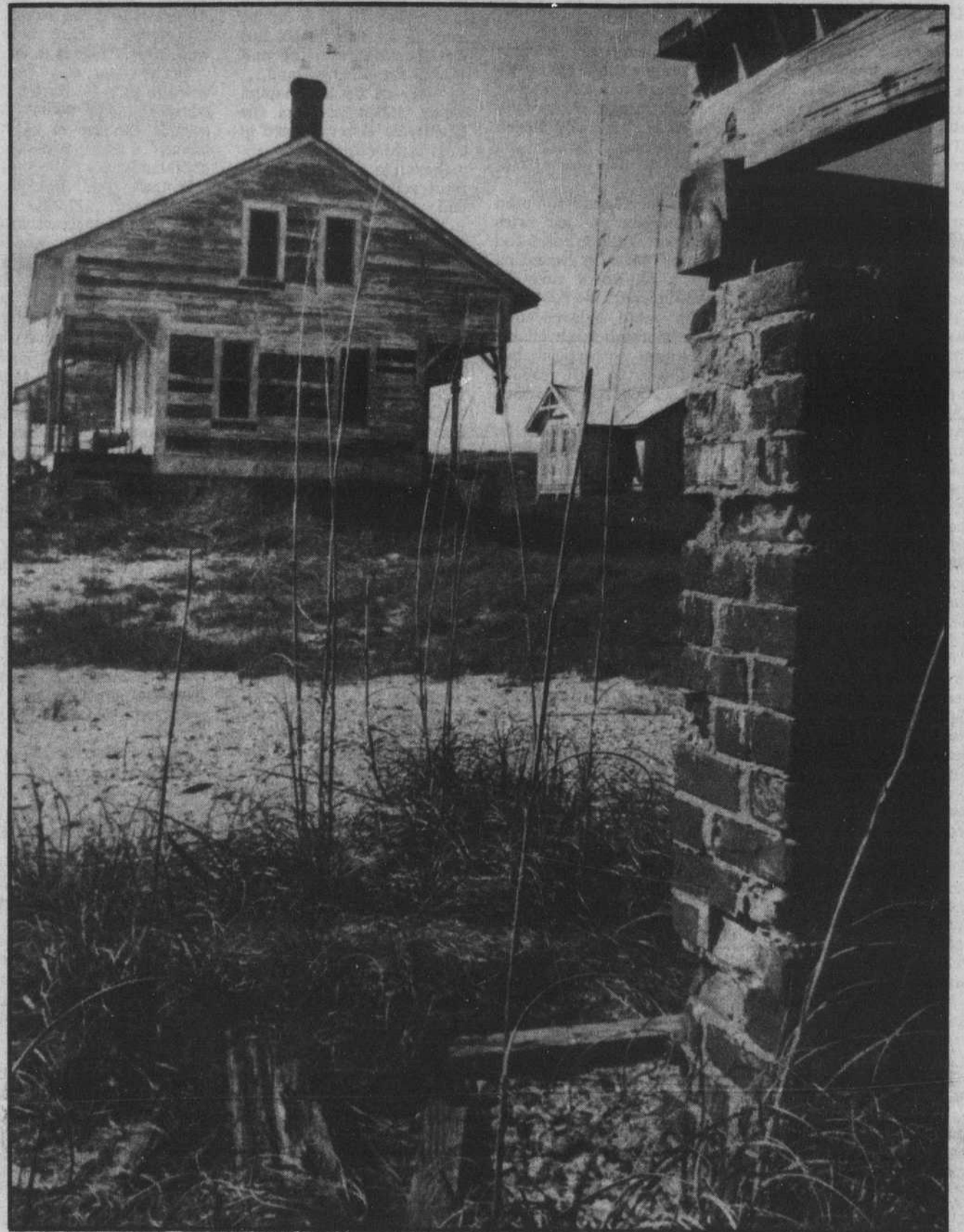
in fees, including \$467.50 for the 31 building permits and \$117.50 for ten plumbing permits.

The 31 building permits were valued at \$285,900, Phillips reported. They included 11 one-family residences valued at \$221,000; seven mobile homes valued at \$19,000, one non-residence building valued at \$200; 11 alterations to residences valued at \$42,700; and one alteration to a non-residence building valued at \$3,000.

RDC MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County will be held at 8 o'clock Monday night at the Commission office in Southport.

Warner questioned whether



AN EXCEPTIONAL NUMBER of entries in the art show sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Southport during the Fourth of July Festival featured Bald Head Island. Here is a different angle of one of the most popular island scenes, Captain Charlie's.

County Schools Will Open On August 23

By BILL ALLEN
Staff Writer

The Brunswick County Board of Education refused to delay the opening of school because of anticipated hot weather during a meeting Monday night.

Member Barbara Yount spoke on behalf of the request made by the Bolivia Local School Committee to delay the opening one week.

Supt. Ralph King told the board he was taking no position on the matter. But he said a week delay would result in students having to attend school until June 19 next year.

Mrs. Yount suggested that some of the teacher work days, when students don't attend, be eliminated to make up the week delay. King said the work days were needed by the teachers.

Member Franklin Randolph said the board could close the schools early on hot days in August.

Mrs. Yount told the board that the school buildings will be cooler in June than they are in August.

After more discussion, the board voted, with Mrs. Yount in opposition, not to change the school calendar to delay the opening of schools. Schools will open on August

23. Assistant Supt. John Hicks reported that the construction work at Waccamaw, Union and Bolivia should be finished before school opens. He said work at Lincoln will not be finished when school opens.

King told the board that North Brunswick Principal Nelson Best, who recently suffered a heart attack,

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Beach Aid To Yaupon Is Subject Of Meeting

By BILL ALLEN
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The Long Beach Fire and Police departments should not be the "primary" providers of services to Yaupon Beach, Long Beach commissioners agreed at the monthly meeting Wednesday night.

Town Manager John Berry was introduced to set-up a meeting for Mayor Harold Crain to discuss the matter with Yaupon Beach officials.

After attending the meeting, Mayor Crain will make recommendations in order for the board to "adopt a definite policy" at the next meeting.

Commissioner Russell Morrison told the board he was concerned about Long Beach providing services — police and fire — outside the city limits. He said the question does not involve the rescue squad since it serves the entire island.

Morrison said he was especially concerned about the Long Beach Fire Department answering an alarm in Yaupon Beach while the Yaupon Beach fire truck stayed in the station.

Morrison also said he was concerned about the Long Beach Police Department spending Long Beach tax money to answer calls in Yaupon Beach.

Mayor Crain suggested that he attend a meeting with Yaupon Beach officials to discuss the matter. "We should not be hard-nosed or a sucker about it," he declared.

Assistant Long Beach Fire Chief Dave Warner said the town has mutual aid agreements with other towns. "We help other departments rather than other towns," he pointed out. "But this is not our primary function."

Commissioner Pauline Morgan, attending her first meeting since being appointed to the board to replace Nancy Leggett, said Yaupon Beach residents have been called the Long Beach Fire Department rather than

the Yaupon Beach department. "Long Beach residents are getting the short end of the stick," she declared.

Morrison said Yaupon Beach residents have been calling on Long Beach for fire service for the past couple of years.

Mrs. Morgan also reported that she heard that two Long Beach police cars were in Yaupon Beach one night recently. She said the cars should have been working in Long Beach where they are paid to patrol.

"The mutual aid business is fine, but a primary call is different," Mayor Crain declared.

Warner questioned whether

the Long Beach firemen were covered by town insurance when they were in Yaupon Beach. No one knew the answer. "We don't want to leave the town bare when they answer an alarm in Yaupon Beach," he stated.

In other business, the board decided to approve a resolution to send to Gov. James Holshousers, Jr., "deploring" the fact that Brunswick County will have no representation on the Coastal Resources Commission.

Commissioner Ellis Dudley, who brought the matter to the attention of the board, said he had just learned that Brunswick

County, having the third longest coastline of the 20 counties covered by the Coastal Area Management Act, will have no representation on the Commission this year.

Dudley said he had to make several phone calls to find out who had been appointed to serve on the commission. "I was appalled to learn that Brunswick County will not be represented this year," he declared. "This disturbs me."

Dudley said local governments in the 20 counties nominate candidates to serve on the Commission. The appointments are made by the governor.

"I think the appointments are politically motivated and we in Brunswick County are being ignored," he declared. "Two counties, including New Hanover, have two representatives while we have none."

William Kopp, Jr., of Bolivia, who represented the county on the Commission last year, was not nominated by a government unit for re-appointment.

Mayor Crain requested that Dudley draft the resolution to send to Gov. Holshouser since he suggested it. Dudley said he did not think he was the person to word the resolution since he was upset about it.

Berry was instructed to

draft the resolution and present it at the next meeting.

The board voted, with Dudley in opposition, to pay the taxes to lease the Dowless property adjacent to the fire station and picnic area.

Berry reported that he had talked to Lester Dowless, who believed that town should pay the county and town taxes on the land to lease it because of higher re-valuation.

Berry said lots 1 through 9 are valued at \$18,110 and Lots 10 and 11, \$4,000, according to the county tax records. He said the two taxes will be above \$170 this year.

Mrs. Morgan told the board

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