



LONG OVERDUE BUT now underway is curb-and-gutter construction on Lord Street. The work, here being done in the vicinity of Southport Middle School, is expected to ease the problem of flooded streets and yards in the event of heavy rain.

School Fee Schedule Is Okayed By Board

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The Brunswick County Board of Education made plans for the opening of school later this month during a meeting Tuesday night.

"We will be ready, with the handicaps of the elementary schools," Supt. Ralph King told the board.

He said Waccamaw was the only new addition which will "definitely" be ready when school opens August 23. He said it is "possible" the addition at Union will be ready.

But King said the new additions at Bolivia and Lincoln will not be ready on opening day. He said it will take an extra two to four weeks to finish the additions.

Member Franklin Randolph said the four projects would have been completed opening day if the construction men had been working all the time. Member William Sue said he agreed.

King also reported that the work to air-condition the school lunchrooms will not be finished when schools open. He said the work will have to be done when students are not using the lunchrooms.

Board members expressed concern because they had been "assured" the projects would be finished when school opened in August. Randolph said he believed that the board had been "lax" since nothing has been said to companies that finished their work behind schedule in the past.

King said four or five teaching positions still must be filled before schools open. He said he expected to have no trouble filling the positions.

The board voted unanimously to approve the schedule of student fees for the new school year after making one change.

King said it has been the policy of the board to work to eliminate all student fees. But he said certain fees had to be maintained again this year because of school budget cuts.

But King said all fees for

occupation courses have been eliminated for the first time this year. In addition, the physical education fee was reduced \$1 and the band and chorus fee cut \$2.

Member Barbara Yount said she could not understand why the typing fee, the highest one in the schools at \$12, had not been reduced. Randolph called the typing fee both "steep and unreasonable."

"If we can eliminate the \$12

welding fee, we can at least reduce the typing fee," Mrs. Young declared.

After more discussion, the board approved the fee schedule after reducing typing from \$12 to \$10.

The fee schedule for both elementary and high school grades includes supply, \$1.50; library, \$1; insurance, optional; physical education, \$4; bookkeeping, \$10; band and chorus, \$2; and occupational clubs, fees set by

state and varies with organizations.

The board voted unanimously to approve the personnel policies handbook, which had been worked out by a committee headed by Shallotte Principal J.T. Keziah.

Keziah told the board that his committee had spent more than 300 people-hours on the policies. Each policy was discussed by 16 people and "a good majority" agreed on each one, he stated.

The board reaffirmed without opposition the personnel policy concerning out-of-field certification. The policy says that "teachers holding either a 'G' or 'A' certificate and teaching out of field and who desire continuous employment within the system must either seek transfer to the area of certification or enroll in a continuous in-service program for the level in which he or she is now teaching and obtain six semester hours of credit each summer."

Associate Supt. Robert Elkin estimated that the county has about 35 teachers who are teaching out-of-field. He said he did not know how many have enrolled in an in-service program.

Elkin pointed out that teachers can obtain financial help from the county to enroll in the classes, which are offered by the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Board members agreed that Brunswick County residents should be hired in the school system, all other things being equal.

Randolph raised the question because of the number of non-county residents being hired at the meeting. King said he did not know how many county residents with the same qualifications for the positions had been rejected.

Member W.T. Bowen said he agreed that Brunswick County residents should be given special consideration if the applicants had the same

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County Land Use Plan Okayed By Commission

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The Brunswick County land use plan has been "approved and accepted" by the state Brunswick County commissioners were informed at their regular meeting Monday.

The announcement was made by Coastal Resources Commission Member Doug Powell, who attended the meeting to brief county commissioners about the Coastal Area Management Act.

Powell congratulated the commissioners and the county Planning Department for the work they have done on the county land use plan.

Powell told the board that only four "minor deficiencies" were found during the state commission review of the Brunswick land use plan.

One of the problems involves a land classification conflict with the Southport land use plan. He said the commission is "most anxious" for the conflict to be settled between the county and city.

Michael Nugent, who was unanimously appointed county planner during the meeting, said the conflict involves land on Highway 211 near Herman's Restaurant. He said the city has listed the land as rural while the county has it as transition.

Powell said a second deficiency was that the identification of the principal recharge areas was misleading.

"The strip of land, which stretches from the settlements of Waccamaw to Winnabow, encompassing most of the Green Swamp, recharges the Cretaceous Aquifer system, rather than the Castle Hayne Aquifer," he explained.

He said that the "vulnerability of the upper aquifer to wastewater pollution should encourage better waste treatment measures, not sacrifice of the groundwater source. Since the water table recharges underlying aquifers, damage to it would lead to eventual and irreversible deterioration in artesian water quality."

Powell said the fourth problem area involved addressing the questions of which beach communities are experiencing salt water intrusion and which are withdrawing water in excess of the recharge rate.

Powell noted that Brunswick County received \$93,400 in federal and state funds in 1975-76 for work to meet the requirements of the Coastal Area Management Act. But the county is scheduled to receive only \$9,720, which includes \$3,240 in local matching money, this year.

After Powell left the meeting, Chairman Steve Varnam, Jr., and Commissioner Ira Butler, Jr., expressed concern because Brunswick County will have no representation on the Coastal Resources Commission this year.

Chairman Varnam instructed County Manager Don Flowers, Jr., to investigate why no county resident was appointed to serve on the state commission and to report back at the next meeting.

The board voted unanimously to appoint Nugent, who has been a member of the county department since May, 1975, county planner. He replaces Johnny Sutton, who resigned last month.

Reasons Flowers gave the board for recommending Nugent for the post included

the fact he has a master's degree in planning, was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1972-73 and won first place in the nation in the Student Planning Network National Awards Competition in March, 1975.

After discussion, the board decided not to increase Nugent's salary of \$13,801 since he received a raise in the 1976-77 budget. But they indicated they will give him a pay increase after he has had six months in the new

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Southport, Long Beach Plans OK, Boards Told

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Representatives of the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) appeared before the Long Beach commissioners on Monday and the Southport aldermen on Tuesday to brief the groups on recommendations for improvement of the towns' land-use plans.

Col. P.K. Leeseberg of the CRC advisory council and

Doug Powell of the CRC told the two towns that each had three deficiencies in its plan.

Leeseberg said the plans were reviewed by engineers, the advisory council and the CRC.

Leeseberg told the Long Beach commissioners the CRC found the land-use plan synopsis needed to be improved to include more information on development of water and sewer systems.

Long Beach citizens

recently voted to finance expansion of the town's now small water system. Eventually, the system will serve all residents. A sewer system is also planned.

The CRC also found Long Beach should use "a ten-year population projection... as the basis for determining facilities demand," Leeseberg said.

Finally, the CRC's review found that the land-use plan stated there is no evidence septic tanks have caused shellfish waters to be affected adversely.

According to the deficiency report, "There are, however, some areas closed to shellfish on the northeastern side of Oak Island, and there are a lot of septic tanks in the area."

"Perhaps the reason there is no evidence, is that there has been no study for it," the report continued.

Several Long Beach commissioners said they think those areas are closed because of pollution coming downstream in the Cape Fear River an not because of local pollution.

Members of the Southport Board of Aldermen were told of small corrections needed in their land-use plan.

According to the deficiency report presented by Leeseberg, Areas of Environmental Concern should be referred to as "potential" and land use

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Complex Design Satisfies Board

Design plans for the Brunswick County courthouse complex were presented to commissioners at their meeting on Monday.

Friday Hodges, John Boudreaux, Lesne Monteith and Kelly Harvey, all of LBC&W, engineers and architects on the project, showed and explained the design plans.

Commissioners were asked to study the information since the LBC&W officials will be back at the next meeting to receive final approval to begin work on the construction plans for the complex.

Chairman Steve Varnam, Jr., said he was "pleasantly surprised" with the plans. He said he expected simpler plans because of the money about \$4 million the county has to spend on the

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County Creates Board For Industry Financing

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Two or three new industries, including a large one, are looking at Brunswick County at the present time.

County Resources Development Commission Director Jackie Stephenson made the announcement while discussing the need to establish an Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority in the county.

Stephenson told county commissioners at their meeting Monday that the two or three potential new in-

dustries "in the wings" might want to use the financing provided by an authority.

He said one of the industries considering Brunswick County was a "sizeable one." "But I don't have a 51-percent feeling that they will come to the county," he stated. "We don't have the things they want."

But he said the two smaller industries "are interested" in locating facilities in the county at the present time.

Stephenson also said he knew about an existing industry in the county that officials indicate will expand in the next two or three years.

He did not identify the industry, but did say it was not Pfizer.

The director also told the board that the "main reason" Miller Brewing Company did not locate here was because Brunswick County is "75 miles out of its distribution area." He also said there were other factors involved.

Stephenson urged the board to take the steps needed to establish an Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority in the county. The authority, approved by voters in the March election, provides low interest bonds to attract new

industry and expand existing industry.

County Attorney James Prevatte, Jr., said the first step to establishing an authority is to file notice of intent with the Department of Natural Resources and the Local Governments Commission. The board voted unanimously to take the first step.

"North Carolina was the last of the 50 states to approve it," Stephenson pointed out. "We may end up being one of the few that meet the guidelines."

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