

City, Trustees Will Help Defend Lawsuit

Supporters of the Smithville Township hospital referendum have been granted a motion to intervene in defense of the lawsuit challenging the legality of the vote.

Judge Henry McKinnon granted the motion to intervene upon conditions following a brief hearing in Bladen County Superior Court in Elizabethtown last Wednesday afternoon.

The City of Southport, the Board of Trustees of Smithville's Doshier hospital and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Connaughton, Jackie Herring, Otto Maehl, Cora Davis and June Brown, filed the motion to intervene on behalf of the county to defend the lawsuit.

Judge McKinnon is expected to sign an order granting the motion to intervene in the lawsuit this week.

He made the parties intervenor defendants in the case to defend relief claims alleged by the complainers in the suit. But he did not allow them to allege counterclaims since he said claims for relief could be a separate action.

Attorney Carter Lambeth, representing the city, hospital trustees and the citizens, said he considered Judge McKinnon's ruling allowing the intervention "a victory."

He said a motion and answer have already been prepared, which will be filed with Judge McKinnon's order allowing the city, hospital and citizens to intervene.

County Attorney James Prevatte, Jr., representing the county — the original defendant — said he would welcome the motion to intervene to help defend the case.

Attorney J.B. Lee, who represented the citizens opposing the referendum, spoke against the motion.

Attorney Parks Icenhour of the Attorney General's office told the court he represented the "interests" of the Brunswick County Hospital Authority. But he was told the county Hospital Authority "had no apparent standing" in the case.

Attorneys agreed to change date and place of the hearing on the case to Brunswick County Superior Court during the week of October 25.

Prevatte had requested a delay in the hearing, which had been set for October 18 in Columbus County Superior Court. He requested the date change since October 18 is the regular meeting day of the Brunswick County commissioners.



BRUNSWICK TOWN staff member Jane Shetterly (center) gave a slide presentation on the state historic site last week at a meeting of the 177-member Bolivia Junior Tar Heel Historian Club. Officers for the club, which is

made-up of seventh and eighth graders at Bolivia school, include Kim Wescott, president; Reginald Randolph, vice-president; Marian Mercer, secretary; Danny Rivenbark, treasurer; and Tina Sellers, parliamentarian.

Long Beach Seeks To Fill Vacant Police Job

By BILL ALLEN
Staff Writer

Long Beach is taking applications to fill the vacant permanent position of police chief.

Town Manager John Berry, who made the announcement, said he had already interviewed several men who

have made application to succeed James Hamlett.

Hamlett, who served as the Long Beach police chief for 30 months, was fired last Wednesday morning by Berry.

Berry told The Pilot on Tuesday morning that he could not comment on the reasons why he dismissed

Hamlett. He said it was a "personnel matter."

"Mr. Hamlett knows the reason, but I can't discuss it because of laws covering personnel matters," the town manager stated.

Hamlett said he was dismissed because Berry said he had not been providing him (Berry) with leadership. Berry said he could not comment on Hamlett's statement because he did not "understand it."

Berry announced that James Sloop, who has been a member of the Long Beach Police Department for the past two months, has been appointed acting chief.

Sloop, who was a deputy in the Rowan County Sheriff's Department for seven years prior to coming to Long Beach, will be considered for the police chief's position, Berry reported.

Hamlett was reportedly out

of town this week and unavailable for comment about his dismissal. But he made several comments last week, which were received too late to be printed in last week's edition of The Pilot.

Hamlett told The Pilot last Wednesday morning just prior to presstime that he was dismissed by Berry that morning after he refused to resign.

"Mr. Berry said he did not think I was providing him with the leadership that he thought I should give him (Berry)," Hamlett said.

The former police chief said he did not think he had failed to perform his duties in the Police Department.

"I was under the assumption that I was to lead the Police Department rather than the town manager," Hamlett stated. "I have worked hard to give the citizens of Long Beach a good Police Department. I think Long Beach has one of the best police departments in the state."

Hamlett said he believed that the duties of a police chief were to administer the department, hire qualified personnel, do police work, enforce the laws and protect the citizens.

"I do not think I have failed in my duties to the taxpayers," the former chief stated. "My record speaks for itself. The case clearance rate at Long Beach is better than the national average for police departments."

Hamlett, who has been in law enforcement for nine years, was police chief in Hillsborough for five years before coming to Long Beach. He was hired by former Long Beach Town Manager Frank Kivett.

Volunteers To Meet Monday

Doshier Hospital Volunteers will meet Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the board room of the Southport - Brunswick County Library.

Meet The Candidates

The Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce plans a "Meet the Candidates" session next Thursday night for Democrats and Republicans seeking office in the November 2 general election.

John Barbee, president of the organization, said all candidates have been invited to the meeting, which will be held at the Brunswick County Courthouse in Southport.

Authority Chairman Not Renominated, As Of Yet

Brunswick County Hospital Authority Chairman Mason Anderson has not been recommended for renomination by Brunswick County Commission Chairman Steve Varnam, Jr.

Chairman Varnam has sent a memo to members of the Authority suggesting that Edward David (Butch) Redwine of Shallotte, Donald Cecil Evans of Ash, Donald Ray White of Leland, Lucille Blake of Leland and Naomi Henry of Winnabow be considered for membership.

He said that "many citizens of the county have called and requested" that the five individuals "be recommended as potential nominations for the forthcoming appointments to the Hospital Authority."

members in the signed memo, with copies sent to other commissioners, that he "would appreciate you" including these on the list of nominations we requested you bring up at your September 29 meeting."

Chairman Varnam also submitted to the Authority members names recommended by the County Council on the Status of Women. The council recommended ten members, including Chairman Varnam himself.

Others recommended by the council include Corrie Hollingsworth of Shallotte, Ramona King of Bolivia, Vannie Morgan of Supply, Susan Arnold of Shallotte, Della J. Gore of Supply, Clara Gainey of Leland, Eileen Kellagher of Long Beach,

Kenneth E. Hewett of Shallotte and Ruth Somers of Long Beach.

Executive Director Warren Oliver has announced in a memo sent to county newspapers that the Authority will nominate new members at the October 27 meeting in Shallotte.

The terms of Chairman Anderson, Albert Parker, Percy Hewett and Caesar Hardy expire at the end of this month.

In addition, a new member must be nominated to replace Henry Foy of Long Beach, who has officially resigned. Foy's term expired in January but he continued to be a member since his successor was never named.

Under law, Oliver pointed

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'Swine Flu' Vaccines To Begin On Tuesday

A limited amount of swine flu vaccine has been received by Brunswick County health authorities and more is expected.

The 1,850 doses of monovalent vaccine and 1,280 doses of bivalent vaccine, picked up from the Regional Division of Health Services in Fayetteville last Wednesday,

will be administered at four county locations next week.

Richard Walker, county Health Director, said the vaccine will be made available to the public on October 19 at the Southport Health Department; on October 20 at Bolivia Baptist Church; on October 21 at the Shallotte Health Depart-

ment; and on October 22 at Lincoln Primary School in Leland.

"Those who are homebound due to illness may call Southport 457-5450 or Shallotte 754-6611, and a public health nurse will go to their homes to administer the vaccine," Walker said.

The bivalent serum is for

those 60 - years old and older, and those in high risk areas suffering from diabetes, heart trouble or with chronic upper respiratory disease 60 - years old or older. It will also be available to those between the ages of 3 and 18 with: 1) Chronic broncho-pulmonary disease, such as asthma and cystic fibrosis; 2) heart disease; 3) chronic renal disease; 4) diabetes and other chronic metabolic diseases; 5) chronic neuromuscular disorders; and 6) malignancies and immunodeficient states upon receipt of a written order from a physician.

The monovalent vaccine, he said, "was for the general public, 18 years through 59 years old."

The shots, he said, will be administered from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the four clinic sites on the appropriate date.

"More vaccine is expected Thursday. We won't know how much until it is picked up," Walker said.

"Raleigh sends the vaccine out to the counties on a percentage basis according to population," he said.

As more vaccine becomes available to Brunswick County, "more clinics will be announced. We will let the public know when it has arrived," Walker said.

Aldermen Say 'No' To Marina Zoning Request

The Southport Board of Aldermen has rejected a request to allow Southport Marina, Inc., to establish a mobile home - recreational vehicle park on state property on West Street.

The board voted unanimously Thursday night following a public hearing to deny the request for pyramid zoning, which would have allowed the park Southport's entire zoning ordinance would have had to be changed if the request had been approved, board members were told.

Attorney Ernest Parker, Jr., representing the marina and President Bill Arnold, had requested the public hearing to "permit or allow higher - class use in lower - zone areas of the present zoning ordinance."

Southport Community Planner Thomas Cassell of Wilmington said the Southport Planning and Zoning Board had gone on record opposing the request to "protect residential as well as industrial zoned areas of the city."

Parker told the board that changing the zone at the marina property from I-4 (Light Industry) to RA-20 would allow the park to be established. "If someone wants to build a home next to the sewer plant area in light industry zoned areas, they should be able to do it," he stated.

Parker told City Attorney

Carter Lambeth that he was seeking to have pyramid zoning established in Southport. Under law, Lambeth pointed out, pyramid zoning can't be done block - by - block, but must cover the entire city.

Chairman James K. Porterfield of the Planning and Zoning Board said Southport uses district zoning to keep businesses, residences and industries together.

Resident Jerry Giles of Brunswick Street told the board that he opposed the establishment of a mobile home park in the city. But he said he had no objection to a temporary camper park.

Arnold, who leases the former Small Boat Harbor property from the state, said he wanted to have both mobile and permanent homes and campers in the park. "We want to build the park to suit many types of boating people," he explained.

Member Barbara Smith of the Planning and Zoning Board said she opposed the change.

"The waterfront has a charm and definitely should be preserved in every manner," she pointed out. "Commercialism would be detrimental to the charm."

Alderman Pierce Horne suggested that the board postpone action in order to obtain more information. "There are too many doubts in my mind now," he explained.

Resident Joe Walton questioned whether the mobile home park "would be an asset to the town like the Sea Captain (motel)."

Alderman Mary McHose said she was more concerned that the proposed change would allow pyramid zoning in all areas of the city rather than in one area.

Mayor E.B. Tomlinson, Jr., pointed out that the mobile homes and vehicles in the park - if approved - would have to be elevated 13.5 feet

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Jones Hasn't Resigned Post

Yaupon Beach Assistant Police Chief L.D. Jones has not resigned his position with the town as had been reported in The Pilot and other newspapers.

Yaupon Beach Police Chief Aubrey Hickman said that Jones has asked for and received a leave of absence pending trial on charges of receiving stolen goods. He also has turned in his police badge.

Chief Hickman said he was expecting an official letter from Jones since the request

has only been made orally.

Jones and his brother, Jarvis Jones, members of the family operating Jones' Restaurant at Long Beach, have been indicted by a New Hanover County Grand Jury on charges of receiving stolen goods.

Six other young men from New Hanover County have been indicted on charges of theft and delivery of stolen seafood to Jones' Restaurant.

L.D. Jones told The Pilot

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