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Schools get million for computers

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Brunswick County schools will get an extra \$1 million to help buy computer equipment for its expanding technology program.

A vote to award that money was narrowly passed by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners Monday, 3-2.

Commissioners Wayland Vereen and Jerry Jones voted against chairman Don Warren's motion.

"I'm totally in support of the schools, and I understand they need the funds," explained Jones. "They haven't convinced me they need computers in every classroom in every school."

Warren quickly left the chambers following the meeting and did not talk to reporters.

At a budget session last week, Warren asked that the money set aside to build a warehouse for the government center near Bolivia be given instead to the schools.

The money will be transferred to the schools' "category II" capital improvements budget where commissioners can earmark it to be spent for a specific purpose.

Of the amount, \$750,000 will be used to purchase computers and \$250,000 for related items.

Jones said the money was first allocated for the county warehouse facility because the space is needed.

"If questioned, everybody is still going to say it's needed," he added.

The warehouse, funded for 1992-93 but never approved for construction, would have created more storage space for all offices and agencies at the government center plus house the public utilities and parks administration offices.

An architect, John Thompson of Southport, was hired for its design by the previous board of commissioners.

Gene Zuck, the schools' technology director, outlined a three-year

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Senior chief J. D. Arndt, Oak Island Coast Guard commander, helps Long Beach mayor Joan Altman adjust a life vest in symbolic recognition of National Safe Boating Week, which began Monday. Caswell

Beach police chief Paul Osborne, Southport chief Bob Gray, and Yaupon Beach officer Sandra Byrd represented their communities in the observance at the Oak Island station.

Photo by Jim Harper

Long Beach

Budget review adds cost, but goal is 41 cents

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

Long Beach councilmen Tuesday night moved one step closer to presentation of a 1993-94 fiscal year budget proposal.

The public was invited but not allowed to speak during the work session Tuesday while council members reviewed the proposal line item by line item. Another workshop is scheduled Monday at 7 p.m.

Formal presentation of the budget proposal will be made in public hearing prior to the council's regular monthly meeting next Tuesday night, and citizens will then be invited to comment. The council could adopt the \$4-million budget package at that time.

Discussion Tuesday night centered around expenditure increases totaling more than \$16,000 in several areas, including the Oak Island Library Boosters Inc., surface water quality testing, a basketball court and pay-

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Northwest area rescue services to be evaluated

By Terry Pope
County Editor

When residents of the Northwest community call for emergency help, often it's a neighboring county's unit that responds.

As of June 30, commissioners will no longer provide mutual aid funds to Columbus County's Acme-Delco-Riegelwood volunteer fire and rescue units.

Instead, the county will rely on paid

emergency responders to cover the area under its 911 program.

Residents of the northernmost corner of Brunswick County have formed their own emergency medical team, hoping to avoid long waits for other county units to respond.

But a first-year budget request of \$101,300 has county officials wondering if the area needs a 24-hour rescue squad.

Northwest Volunteer Emergency Medical Services would operate out of a fire and rescue building on Blue

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Workers: Landfill is doing okay

By Terry Pope
County Editor

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Employees who oversee daily operations of the county landfill at Supply told commissioners Monday things there are running smoothly again.

They were asked to appear before the board by chairman Don Warren, whose recent decision to advertise for a new landfill director has sparked some controversy.

"As we are operating today, I feel we have enough employees to do the job," said Darryl Somersett, director of operation services.

Somersett, the supervisor in charge of landfill operations, provides equipment and manpower to bury and spread garbage over the landfill site.

"I hope that the commissioners understand that," commissioner Jerry Jones said following the meeting.

Jones had objected to the decision to advertise for a new director, saying the landfill was operating better than it had before.

Warren said he reached a consensus of the board to advertise the job by polling commissioners.

But Jones said he was never called. Brunswick County landfill director Leo Hewett was fired from his job in March and his duties assigned to Somersett. Hewett's position was then cut from the budget by former county manager David Clegg.

County engineer Robert Tucker, who works closely with the landfill staff and oversees the county's recycling program, was quoted in an article last week as saying the landfill was operating efficiently without a new director.

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Jerry Jones
County commissioner

'We need better EMS coverage in that area. The question is how do we provide that coverage at the most economical cost to people in that area.'

Doug Ledgett
EMS director

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Fourth of July stage being set

Four-day celebration planned this year

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Four fun-filled days of music, games, arts, crafts, dancing and more are in store for those attending the 1993 N. C. Fourth of July Festival.

This year's festival will be a little different in that the Fourth will actually be celebrated on July 5, because the holiday falls on a Sunday.

Senior chief boatswain's mate J. D. Arndt of U. S. Coast Guard Station Oak Island will be this year's parade marshal, and a new queen will reign. There will be no N. C. Fourth of July Festival Queen's Pageant as in previous years, chairman Guy Auger said Tuesday, but he refused to say who would be the queen until the announcement is made public on television later this week.

Another change in this year's festivities is moving all entertainment to Waterfront Park. Because 150 arts and crafts booths will be set up in Franklin Square Park, children's entertainment normally featured at the gazebo will be presented at the waterfront to reduce congestion in the park.

"We're moving all the entertainment to the waterfront," Auger said. In that way children and parents won't have to be separated throughout the afternoon.

The festival begins on Friday, June 2, with Beach Day '93 at Long Beach. Surfing contests, volleyball, sandcastle building, watermelon eating, horseshoes and tug-o-war will be featured all day at the oceanfront cabana on 46th Street. A beach concert and sing contest featuring The Fabulous Kays will begin at 6 p.m.

The Freedom Run along the historic Southport waterfront kicks

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Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, JUNE 10	LOW
12:48 a.m.		7:01 a.m.
1:14 p.m.		7:11 p.m.
	FRIDAY, JUNE 11	
1:33 a.m.		7:46 a.m.
2:05 p.m.		8:04 p.m.
	SATURDAY, JUNE 12	
2:18 a.m.		8:34 a.m.
2:54 p.m.		9:00 p.m.
	SUNDAY, JUNE 13	
3:08 a.m.		9:24 a.m.
3:44 p.m.		9:58 p.m.
	MONDAY, JUNE 14	
3:59 a.m.		10:15 a.m.
4:35 p.m.		10:55 p.m.
	TUESDAY, JUNE 15	
4:51 a.m.		11:04 a.m.
5:25 p.m.		11:49 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16	
5:44 a.m.		11:54 a.m.
6:13 p.m.		— p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.

Forecast

The extended forecast Thursday through Sunday calls for partly cloudy skies and hot temperatures. Highs are expected in the 90s; 80-degree temps could return by Sunday, however.