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No lease, but floor plan filed

City will rebuild structure on-site

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Although its lease on the Cape Fear River site is due to expire in 1998, Southport's board of aldermen last week proceeded with adoption of a floor plan for Community Building replacement.

Southport's original Community Building -- built on Army-owned property at the east end of Fort Johnston as a USO center in 1941 -- burned to the ground in January. City officials have received verbal assurances from the Army a long-term lease of that property of up to 25 years would be offered the city upon expiration of its present lease in April, 1998. The Army has committed nothing to writing, however.

City manager Rob Gandy said the city will now seek to win approval of the proposed Community Building floor plan from the state's Historic Preservation Office. Jeff Adolphson, director of that agency, was present Wednesday when the plan was advanced.

"The next step now is to put out requests for proposals for architectural and engineering work with oversight from that office," Gandy said Tuesday.

Because the building is located in a federally recognized historic district and was listed on the National Historic Register, any replacement structure must be built substantially on the same footing as the historic structure. Internally, however, the floor plan may be changed, with the approval of the N. C. Historic Preservation Office.

The sketch from which the board worked in adopting a floor plan proposal for the building indicates a fairly wide open interior, much like the building that burned early this

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WATER OLYMPICS



Mayor Joan Altman was one of the (frequently all wet) judges at the Water Olympics celebration Saturday at the Long Beach Recreation Center. Youngsters got to splash themselves and everyone else within range in a splendid antidote to hot and humid weather.

Long Beach

Stormwater control plan is proposed

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Although a five-member wastewater and water quality citizens committee last week took a pass on making recommendations on sanitary sewer needs to Long Beach Town Council, it did, after six months of study, recommend Long Beach undertake a \$6.5-million stormwater management project.

The project is outlined in a "Water Quality Management Study" prepared by consultants McKim and Creed Engineers, P.A. In addition to the initial multi-million-dollar cost of the project, the engineers estimate the "regional detention basin" stormwater management system will cost Long Beach about \$300,000 annually to

Engineering, administration and permitting fees are estimated to cost just under \$1 million

operate and maintain.

The report indicates collection and treatment of stormwater runoff will enhance the quality of surface waters and will control stormwater competition with wastewater for drainage capacity in on-site septic systems.

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Widely used here

Compromise on 'bed-in-fill' septic systems

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Public pressure has persuaded state officials to reach a compromise over the use of bed-in-fill septic systems commonly used along the Brunswick

County coast.

"For almost a year now, this county has been almost paralyzed by the State of North Carolina in that we've had almost a year go by with this held in question," said Tom Pope, a Sunset Beach developer and member of the Brunswick County Board of Health.

The agreement reached last week with the N. C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources rewrites the state's manual on

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Dosher hospital

\$1.1-million capital budget is approved

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

A \$1.1-million capital expenditures budget for fiscal year 1995-96 was unanimously approved Monday by the Doshier Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

The board must approve the complete budget for next fiscal year by October 1.

Included in the capital expenditures budget is a \$200,000 allocation to construct an office building next to the hospital for Dr. Brad Hilaman, a gynecological specialist recently recruited by Doshier.

Trustees emphasized, however, the hospital will own the building and lease payments made by Hilaman and future doctors will cover construction costs.

"The doctor will pay the amortization on the building and we will own it," said trustee Gene Tomlinson.

Trustee Gib Barbee also noted the capital expenditures are divided into three categories of urgency and they are funded on an as-needed basis.

"Just because we approve this doesn't mean we're locked into spending \$1.1 million," he said. "We'll fund these things as we go."

In a related matter, the board unanimously adopted a resolution to use current operations monies and not tax dollars to pay for the Boiling Spring Lakes physicians office and the physician to staff the of-

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Current operations funds and not tax dollars will be used to pay for the Boiling Spring Lakes physicians office and the physician to staff that office

Fewer report to Johnston

School central office staff is 'reorganized'

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Reorganization of the Brunswick County school system central office staff will streamline the chain of authority, enhance communication and effective decision-making among employees, eliminate duplication of

duties and save nearly \$200,000 in federal, state and local school funding, District 3 board of education member Billy Carter says.

The school board approved the plan this week following a six-hour closed session to discuss personnel matters.

The action brought the board one step closer to acting upon all of the

recommendations of a performance audit of the school system conducted by the state auditor's office earlier this year.

But the board did not approve all of the organizational changes recommended by the state auditor's office, instead approving a separate reorga-

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Except Long Beach, Bald Head

Filing slow for town elections

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

With just over a week remaining in the period in which candidates for municipal offices may file notices of their candidacy, the hottest potential contests appear to be in Long Beach and on Bald Head Island.

Long Beach, by Tuesday afternoon, still had not seen enough candidates file notices of intent to warrant a scheduled October 10 primary election. The purpose of that election is to narrow the field of candidates to

two per available seat -- one mayor and six members of town council.

By late Tuesday, only two candidates -- incumbent Joan P. Altman and Marvin Watson -- had filed notice of their candidacy. While all six incumbent members of council have filed notice of their intention to seek reelection, only three other candidates have filed notice they will oppose the incumbents.

Long Beach will not need the scheduled primary election if there is no third candidate for mayor or no more

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Forecast

Summer months always bring the chance of severe thunderstorms, as we saw this past week. This pattern will continue throughout the weekend with temperatures ranging from 85 to low 90's.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, JULY 27	LOW
8:34 a.m.		2:32 a.m.
8:51 p.m.		2:35 p.m.
	FRIDAY, JULY 28	
9:13 a.m.		3:11 a.m.
9:27 p.m.		3:15 p.m.
	SATURDAY, JULY 29	
9:50 a.m.		3:48 a.m.
10:01 p.m.		3:55 p.m.
	SUNDAY, JULY 30	
10:27 a.m.		4:24 a.m.
10:37 p.m.		4:36 p.m.
	MONDAY, JULY 31	
11:07 a.m.		5:01 a.m.
11:15 p.m.		5:19 p.m.
	TUESDAY, AUGUST 1	
11:52 a.m.		5:41 a.m.
11:59 p.m.		6:07 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2	
----- a.m.		6:25 a.m.
12:44 p.m.		7:00 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; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.