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**You gotta have a plan, leaders agree**

**Towns, county look ahead in joint session**

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

As 135 county leaders gathered for an unique planning session last week, what evolved was a very similar list of wants and needs for the year 2010.

From Calabash to Northwest the concerns are the same. "When you have this many elected or appointed people in one room, we need to take advantage of what we've got," said Wade Horne, Brunswick County planning director.

On the lists reviewed during the four-hour session were some recurring themes plus some new ones -- consolidation of three Oak Island towns into one, plans for Interstate 73, more youth programs, a new corridor from Long Beach Road, an extension from Boiling Spring Lakes to Midway Road, second bridge to Oak Island, too many towns, protection of the Castle Hayne aquifer.

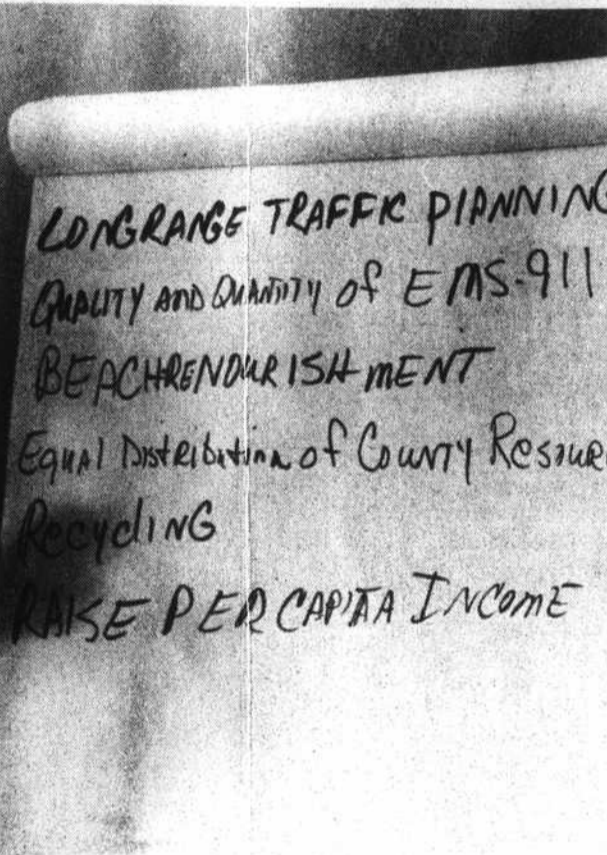
Eight topics evolved from the discussion and became the focus of concerns for Brunswick County, which continues to be one of the fastest growing areas in the state:

- Traffic planning and transportation, thoroughfares.
- Better coordination between county and municipal governments.
- Roadway trash and litter control.
- Countywide water and sewer system needs.
- Controlling growth without destroying atmosphere and appearance of county.



Brunswick County's zoning administrator Judy Russell approached the countywide planning session with enthusiasm. She led one group of participants, which had no problem putting their ideas on paper.

- Educational system, sending graduates from school that can't read, write.
- Finding ways to deal with beach erosion financing.



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- Regulation of hog farms.
- A series of eight town meetings will be held in the county to gather input from citizens this fall. Consultant

Glenn Harbeck, facilitator of last week's session, will compile a report for county commissioners, who will use it as a planning tool for the next decade. Horne said he hopes residents respond at the same level. Of the 135 people last week, 120 were officials from towns stretching from Calabash to Northwest.

"If they do participate, then it gives us direction of where to go," said Horne. "What we need to know is what do the people in the county want us to do."

Rated as the top concern is transportation and traffic problems. How can you integrate air, rail and highway routes in a county experiencing both industrial and tourism growth?

"We feel the goal is a comprehensive transportation plan to move people and materials," said Bob Quinn of Southport, a member of the Brunswick County Long-Range Planning Committee appointed by county commissioners earlier this year. The committee sponsored last week's session and also serves as an advisory panel to the Brunswick County Planning Board. "It's a big guessing game right now," said Quinn.

Roadway trash has caught the eye of the county commission, which has formed a new committee and funded

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Wade Horne  
Planning director

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**Who was at fault?**

**Schools' 'breakdown' causes fund shortfall**

By Holly Edwards  
Feature Editor

A "communication breakdown" between Brunswick County school system principals and central office staff has led to budget shortfalls for classroom supplies in virtually every school and lingering uncertainty about the upcoming school year calendar.

With the first day of school just two weeks away, the board of education called for an informal meeting with principals Monday afternoon to hear their last-minute concerns.



**Forecast**

We're only halfway through the summer but Tuesday saw morning temperatures in the 60's giving us a glimpse of autumn. The temperatures for Thursday through Saturday should be in the mid 80's.

**Tide table**

HIGH	LOW
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 10</b>	
8:14 a.m.	2:08 a.m.
8:48 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 11</b>	
9:07 a.m.	2:57 a.m.
9:37 p.m.	3:11 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 12</b>	
9:57 a.m.	3:43 a.m.
10:24 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 13</b>	
10:46 a.m.	4:28 a.m.
11:09 p.m.	4:47 p.m.
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 14</b>	
11:33 a.m.	5:13 a.m.
11:54 p.m.	5:35 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 15</b>	
12:20 p.m.	6:22 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16</b>	
12:39 a.m.	6:42 a.m.
1:08 p.m.	7:12 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.

**Those people in the central office will be more visible in the schools this year if we have to move their offices into the schools.'**

Bud Thorsen  
Board member

Instead, the school board discovered principals had not received funding they were promised for classroom supplies and materials and were not informed that the school board was resolutely opposed to the Wednesday early release policy.

School board members said they were shocked by the apparent lack of communication between the central office and school principals.

Directing money back to the classrooms and eliminating the early release policy have been two of the

board's biggest concerns, but apparently none of the principals were aware of the board position on either of these issues.

"It was like throwing cold water in my face," declared school board member Glenda Browning. "These are things the principals needed to be aware of. This is very disappointing."

Browning told principals that she was assured by central office staff that local funding for classroom supplies and materials would be doubled.

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**Fall elections field complete**

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

The municipal elections of 1995 may prove to be as notable for who is not running as they will be for who is running.

The period of the election year in which candidates may file official notices of intention to run for municipal office expired Friday at noon.

Southport, Yaupon Beach and Caswell Beach will definitely have new mayors in December.

Southport mayor Norman Holden,

after 14 years of service as an alderman and mayor, did not file to seek election. Caswell Beach mayor Jack Cook, top elected official in that town since 1979, did not file for election. After 12 consecutive years of service to the board of commissioners, all but three as mayor, May Moore of Yaupon Beach will not seek reelection.

In Long Beach, 14 candidates will enter a non-partisan primary election to be held October 10. Only two candidates will seek the Long Beach

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**REACHING OUT**

**Resolution is approved**

**County board wants whole-area service**

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

Before Oak Island residents can reach out and touch someone just across the waterway at Sunset Harbor it takes a long distance telephone call.

From Southport to Boiling Spring Lakes is just a few miles. But that, too, requires a long distance call.

The county is divided by two companies -- Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. and Southern Bell -- but some residents are now pushing for toll-free service.

"We feel, in our area, that this is something that is needed," said William D. (Billy) Carter of Yaupon Beach, vice-presi-

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dent of governmental affairs for the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce. "I think, above all, it will bring us closer together as a county."

Carter called on support from the Brunswick County Board of

Commissioners Monday, and all five board members answered the call. They passed a resolution to ask the N. C. Public Utilities Commission to extend local calling among all of the exchanges within county boundaries -- if approved by a vote of the telephone customers.

"There are a number of steps that you must go through," said Carter. "It takes a two-year journey to accomplish this."

It also would not be free. There would be an increase in the basic monthly service fee each customer would pay the telephone companies, but no more long distance rates.

Carter said the chamber will

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**Municipal support encouraged**

**Chamber resolution: 'spirit of cooperation'**

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

Municipal governing bodies in the area are being asked to adopt resolutions aimed at making calls to most sections of Brunswick County local calls.

Under terms of a sample resolution advanced recently by the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce, an "Extended Area Service of

Local Calling" would be established to permit local calling between the Southport-Oak Island exchanges -- 457, 278 and 201 -- and some of the other exchanges in Brunswick County, 754 (Shallotte), 253 (Bolivia), 842 (Supply-Holden Beach) and 845 (Boiling Spring Lakes).

The Southport-Oak Island area is served by Southern Bell Telephone Company which provides the 457 and 278 exchanges and the new

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