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Water plan Caswell system on hold

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Some county commissioners say they are reluctant to take over the Caswell Beach water system but are willing to study the issue further before a final decision is made.

By a 4-1 vote Monday, with District 3 Commissioner Leslie Collier of Long Beach voting no, commissioners asked staff to study the offer made by Caswell Beach last week that would give the water system to the county and to report back with a recommendation.

"I don't think Brunswick County is in the position to take over a water system when we are struggling with our own," said Ms. Collier.

Brunswick County has taken steps, including adoption of a mandatory tap ordinance and assessments, to help pull the county system out of the red. It is operating at a \$5-million annual deficit and is supplemented by ad valorem tax dollars to pay off debt service.

Caswell Beach officials approached commissioners recently with their offer to give the county 7.7 miles of water lines and 172 customers so the town can get out of the water business and cut its mainte-

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Violation has closed zoo/farm

By Wendy Bigham
Staff Writer

The Town of Bolivia and the Brunswick County Health Department have ordered William and Lillian Faircloth to close Faircloth Farms and Exotic Animals Zoo, located off Midway Road.

The Faircloths violated North Carolina law by not having an approved wastewater facility for a place of public assembly and not applying for a site evaluation, county environmental health supervisor Bob Odette said.

Also before building the zoo, the Faircloths did not obtain permits from the Town of Bolivia, said town zoning administrator Ina King.

All we're saying is they've got to go through the same procedures that everybody else does," said King. "We have to know what they're doing out there."

The zoo is located in Bolivia's extrajurisdictional jurisdiction and in an agricultural forestry district.

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Clifton and Edith Brown are justifiably proud of the sunflower crop at the farm on Highway 211. When asked what special variety he planted to get such profusion, Brown said he'd used whatever was in the bag of bird seed.

Photo by Jim Harper

Town candidates file

While only a few contests for municipal office are apparent right now, candidates still have eight days in which to file notice of their candidacies with elections officials.

The county board of elections and several town halls began accepting notices of candidacy for municipal office on July 7. Candidates have until noon August 1 to pay a \$5 fee for the privilege of seeking election.

Here's a rundown of those who have declared their candidacies to date.

Southport

Mayor Bill Crowe has filed notice of his intention to seek a second two-year term as top elected official in the

city. He has no challengers for the mayoralty at this time.

Ward II residents filed notice of their intention to seek reelection and challenge by Burrington Avenue resident William H. Hewett.

Alderman Phil Joyner and Paul Fisher have filed notice of their intention to seek reelection and challenge by Burrington Avenue resident William H. Hewett.

Brown of Ward I will also seek reelection. He has no challengers at this time.

Long Beach

The only election in Long Beach to conduct a non-partisan primary election in October hasn't made one necessary yet. For a primary election to take place there must be 15 or more

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Martin Marietta

Legal battle to continue over mining

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Brunswick County officials haven't surrendered in their legal battle against Martin Marietta Corp. over a controversial rock quarry planned on a 1,000-acre tract north of Southport.

Despite having their appeal dismissed last week by the N. C. Court of Appeals, Brunswick County commissioners instructed county attorney Huey Marshall on Monday to proceed with litigation aimed at keeping Martin Marietta from mining the property off Bethel Church Road. Marshall said he cannot disclose what type legal action the board will take until documents have been filed.

In a ruling filed last Tuesday, July 15, the N. C. Court of Appeals dismissed an appeal filed last year by the county after Superior Court judge Ronald Stephens issued a summary judgment that favored Martin

Judges reading the appeal stated 'any potential conflict between the ordinance and a permit will not arise until a permit is issued.'

Marietta on four issues over statutory rights and common law vested rights to mine the land. The company sued the county over an ordinance that prevents mining with explosives and dewatering of the underground aquifer

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Bed allocation

Dosher works on settlement

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Dosher Memorial Hospital trustees met with attorneys for an hour in closed session Monday afternoon to discuss an appeal filed against state approval of Dosher's application to construct a 60-bed skilled nursing facility.

Magnolia Health Care, which proposed to include the skilled nursing beds as part of a larger retirement community at Supply, filed the appeal last month with the state Office of Administrative Hearings.

Dosher trustees took no action after the closed session, but directed hospital administrator Edgar Haywood to continue negotiations

with Magnolia Health Care.

Dosher has retained administrative law specialists Bob Wilson and Jim Gates with the Raleigh firm Maupin, Taylor and Ellis to represent its interests in the case.

In the appeal, Magnolia Health Care asserts that in approving Dosher's application for beds and denying its application, the state Division of Facility Services "exceeded its authority and jurisdiction, acted erroneously, failed to use proper procedure, acted arbitrarily and capriciously and failed to act as required by law or rule."

A hearing on the case has been tentatively scheduled in early October in Wilmington before administrative

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Municipalities lend support

Framework being laid for county sewer plan

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Within the span of seven nights early this month, former Yaupon Beach mayor May Moore spoke before meetings of five Southport-Oak Island municipal governments, seeking support for a countywide governing organization to administer wastewater management needs in Brunswick County.

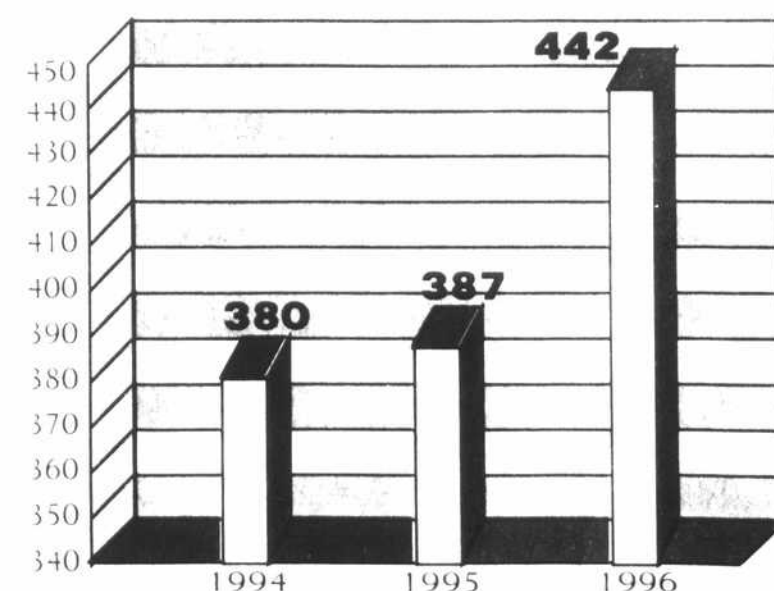
As chairman of the Brunswick County Stormwater Management and Sewage Oversight Committee, Moore said now that its report has been filed with county commissioners, it is the committee's charge to seek support for creation of a "county-led framework to address present and future wastewater and stormwater issues."

Except for mixed reception in Long Beach last week, Moore received unanimous approval of a resolution calling on county commissioners to put that "framework" in place. Long Beach Town Council voted 5-1 to support the resolution, with councilor Frances Allen voting in opposition. Councilor Helen Cashwell failed to respond when a vote was called, so her vote was counted in the affirmative under council rules.

The framework, or mechanism of county government, the Stormwater Management and Sewage Treatment Oversight Committee seeks will be established initially to flexibly provide wastewater management services where they are needed and in areas to which Brunswick County does not provide service, Moore said. The committee

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Brunswick County Health Department
REPORTED SEPTIC SYSTEM FAILURES



NOTE: Reported septic failures to health department is likely not the entire incidence of septic system failures, i.e., numbers are likely higher.

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