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County Jail To Be Close July 1

\$9 Million Road Flayed

A large crowd of Transylvania County residents gathered in the Court House Wednesday night, listened patiently while a \$9 million road project was described, and then verbally assailed the proposal.

Occasion was the public hearing on the Department of Transportation's plan to relocate Highway 64 from the end of the four-lane section west of Brevard to a point just north of Rosman.

Hearing officer for DOT was Bill Garrett.

Charles Galloway, who will be displaced, told him: "I'd like to go on record opposing this new route. It could follow the old right of way. And when I sell they're going to have to say, 'You've got to sell'."

Continuing, Mr. Galloway said, boys were sent over to Korea and other places to keep foreigners "from coming over here and taking our land, and now you're doing the same thing in a way."

The six-mile-plus project will dislocate 45 families, Mr. Garrett said — 30 homeowners, and 15 tenants. He had earlier described relocation payments, how right of way negotiators work, and other matters in connection with the project.

Larry Fisher asked the

official; "How much effect does public opinion have on the way you operate?" He questioned building the road if the public is against it.

Mr. Garrett replied: "We cannot build roads by referendum. We have to weigh all factors. This includes service to the local traveling public, and to those who are going through as well."

Robert B. Taylor said there's a small graveyard on his place — within the right of way outline, and he wanted to know what would be done about that.

He was assured that the graves would be moved, and relatives would be located and informed.

Mr. Garrett said the road — planned to be a four-lane road with a 60-foot median at some future date, will be constructed as a two-lane road in the beginning, with the north portion of the road finished first.

Rights of way negotiations could begin before the end of June of this year, he told the more than 150 persons gathered in the court house. And construction of the highway is scheduled to begin sometime next year.

He projected the costs as — See \$9 Million, Page 3A



BILL GARRETT

Renovate, Hearing Request

A Transylvania County group of citizens asked the Board of Commissioners to renovate the old jail and to pay the estimated \$450,000 costs with the smallest tax rate possible on Tuesday night after a state jail official ordered the facility closed July 1.

The request from the more than 200 persons in the court house for a Board of Commissioners meeting came in the form of a "straw vote" on a number of possibilities mentioned by persons who contributed ideas at the session.

A majority of those present favored renovation as opposed to hauling prisoners or constructing a new jail.

Then Chairman Bill Ives found that no one in the group was interested in another bond referendum in spite of the ultimatum handed to the county by Woodburn Williams, head of the Jail and Detention Division of the N. C. Dept. of Human Resources.

But when he asked if taxes should be raised the least amount possible and on a temporary basis to cover the renovation costs almost every hand in the filled court room went up.

Former Commissioner Hale Siniard Jr. had spoken in favor of the tax-increase method for getting the job done.

Chairman Ives began the meeting: "Tonight it is upon us that something must be done..." and proceeded to read a formal letter from Mr. Williams which outlined in detail the shortcomings and hazards of the Transylvania County jail.

Among the criticisms: No separation of women and juveniles; no security area of visitors, insufficient lighting, no fire escapes, no water in cell blocks, unsanitary conditions, insufficient number of water closets, and many more.

"I'm recommending to the Dept. of Human Resources that the jail be closed as of July 1, 1975," he said.

The jail official, who was present to answer questions, said that something could be worked out whereby the jail could be used as a short term holding facility for from one to four hours while prisoners are awaiting release or transportation to another county.

"But there'll be no overnight stays," he stressed.

District Judge Robert T. Gash then asked about holding prisoners who are awaiting trial in court — those brought back to Brevard from other counties.

Mr. Williams said that something could be worked out for keeping them in one area of the jail on a day to day basis with meals brought in — catered by a restaurant. "But they can't stay overnight."

Asked about Sheriff Milford Hubbard's proposal of last week that the jail be turned into a 72-hour holding facility until a new jail is built, Mr. Williams said:

"Either a jail meets minimum standards or it does not. There is no inbetween."

J. L. Williams of Williams and Associates Architects of Matthews, who was brought in to design a new jail for — See Present, Page 4A



CHAIRMAN BILL IVES reads letter announcing jail closure. Left to right are County Administrator Mike Epley, County Attorney Bill White, Com-

missioner Clinton Owen, Mr. Ives, Secretary Judy Matthews (back to camera) and Commissioner John Folger.

Times To Feature Historic Pictures

The Times today is beginning a new feature, in cooperation with the Transylvania Bicentennial Committee, and will run pictures of old and historic places from all areas of the county.

The pictures will appear each Thursday on the front of Section B. Transylvanians will find today's picture of the Old McMinn House which stood on Main Street fascinating.

Don't fail to note that the boarding home's male guests were all downstairs, and the women and children were on the second floor porch.

The Bicentennial Committee is looking for other pictures of interesting places in Old Transylvania. If any person has one or more, Chairman Bill White would appreciate a call at 884-4128.

"We'll make a copy of the picture and return it to the owner almost immediately," Mr. White said. "And we'll be extremely careful to prevent any possible damage to pictures which are loaned to us."

The Times staff feels that Transylvania citizens will enjoy this new feature.

Jurors Have Monday Off; Special Venire Cancelled

Transylvania jurors who were ordered to report for duty on Monday, March 31, should report on Tuesday, April 1, according to Mrs. Marian McMahon, Clerk of Court.

Superior Court Judge John R. Friday and District Solicitor M. Leonard Lowe have decided that Easter Monday will be celebrated as a holiday, she said.

All persons listed should report for jury duty on Tuesday, April 1, she said.

At the same time, she said a special venire of jurors drawn the April 1 term of court, can just forget it. They were called

WPNF Noon News Area Expanded

WPNF-Radio has recently expanded its noontime news coverage to include additional state and regional news as well as world and local news

Public affairs programs follow the noontime news, expanding the news coverage from the previous five minutes to fifteen minutes.

Each day at noon listeners will get a complete rundown on state and regional news, with details on many of the state news stories as well from the Associated Press.

Sunday morning worship services this month have been broadcast from the First United Methodist Church in Brevard. The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Tuttle is Pastor.

Next week the services will be broadcast from another of Brevard's churches.

for the retrial of the Lawrence McCall murder case, and this trial will not be held in the coming term of Superior Court.

Here are the ones ordered to report on Tuesday:

Grand jury to serve through June 30, 1975 — Janice Westall, Cleo Sentelle, Robert L. Rackley, Glenn C. Frady, Don M. Jenkins, Ruth E. Whitson, Ann B. Petit, Sharon H. Elliott, and Sue H. Ives.

Grand jury to serve through December 1975 — Volney Tinsley, Jr., John Buchanan, Frank Murr, Robert Miller, Annette Enloe, Roy Ashe, Paul Shelton, Patsy Buckner, and Lucille Cooper.

Regulars —

Ball, Johnnie Alvin
Brown, Frances Hightower
Brown, Gladys Jackson
Bryson, Leona Reid

Burgess, James Charles
Excused
Burrell, Allia Edwards
Cabe, James Jerry
Chandler, Janice Lynn
Combs, Eugene
Davis, Rosa Lee Walker
Duckworth, Robert Henry
English, Ethel Smith
Eubanks, Jack Ervin
Flynn, Francis Carl
Gaddy, Eula Ralston
Galloway, Elmer Harrison
Galloway, Ida Owen
Galloway, Rex M.
Gilliam, Isaac Dennis
Griffin, Gayle Cox
Hall, Haskell Gertha
Handley, Anna Rigdon
Harris, Robert Emmitt
Harwood, Jerry Woodrow
Holcomb, Kathy Jennings
Holden, Linda McCoy
Huffman, Nathalie D.
Johnson, George Farle
King, Carolyn Vallandigham
McCall, L. C.
McCall, Vernon Odell
McCrary, Hissie Walter
McCurdy, Michael E.
McGaha, Jimmy Earl

EASTER

I ask you, is this Easter now,
That we celebrate?
I think that we should show them how,
And bring it up-to-date.

For Easter is a sacred time,
A special time that's given,
To show the world and tell them why,
Christ our Lord is risen.

I think that we should tell the world,
That bunnies don't lay eggs,
It would help to tell the boys and girls,
Do it now, I beg.

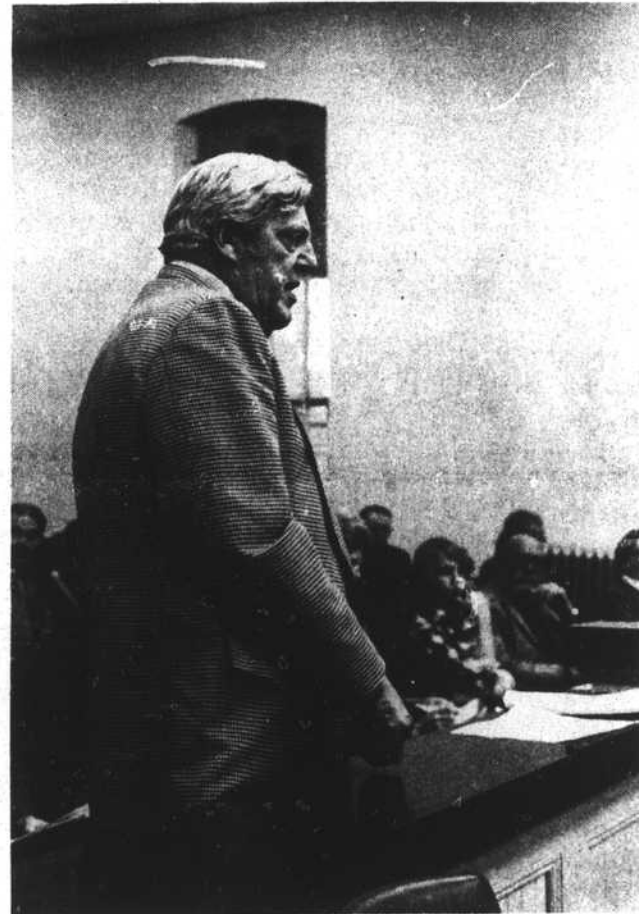
I ask you, is this Easter now,
That we celebrate?
To do it wrong can't be allowed.
So do it right before too late.

Genevive Calore
Mrs. Rollins 7th grade
T.C. Henderson

The following are members of the special venire whose presence will not be necessary, said Mrs. McMahon:

Aiken, Charles William
Akins, Sarah Campbell
Avery, James Morrison
Ballard, Patricia Louise
Bardwell, Ashby Warren
Barnes, Ernest Winfred
Baswell, Edward A.
Bayne, James Deoulia
Benfield, Fannie Curtis
Blodgett, Carl Le Roy
Boggs, Nancy Garren
Bowden, Joseph Arthur
Breedlove, Betty McGraw
Bryson, Edith Henderson
Brown, Allen Mahaffey
Brown, Nancy Mae
Brown, Erike Eberl
Brown, John Robert
Burdette, William Edgar
Bryan, Homer Jerome
Burgess, Tommy Ray
Byrd, James Gordon
Carison, Althea Wise
Carr, Hoyt Dewitt
Carter, Nina Cathey
Cash, Edith Ramsey
Chapman, Jenny Lee
Chappell, Clark Walter
Clark, George Michael

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Woodburn Williams explaining reasons for closure of Transylvania County's jail.

Mass Transit Bill In Tarheel Senate

RALEIGH — A bill introduced in the North Carolina Senate on March 18, when ratified, will affect the mobility of almost every citizen in the state.

The bill, introduced by Senator James B. Garrison of Stanly County and supported by 17 other Senators representing both rural and urban areas, has been sent to committee. It will authorize the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety (DOT), to administer all matters relating to mass transportation.

The legislation will give the DOT the authority to set into motion a proposed mass transit program as well as

Holiday Monday

Brevard and Transylvania County offices will be closed Monday in observance of the Easter holiday, spokesmen for both governmental agencies have announced.

Superior Court will also take Monday as a holiday.

The U. S. Post Office, however, does not observe this holiday and will operate as usual with windows open for business and mail delivery on schedule.

Weather

By Fred Reiter

High temperatures once again were higher during the past week than the week before, but the low readings each day also averaged lower. The past week's averages were 67 and 39. Rainfall totaled 1.78 inches.

The week's highest reading was 75 degrees on Friday while the lowest temperature was 27 degrees on Wednesday morning.

Extended outlook for North Carolina for Friday through Easter Sunday: — chance of rain each day. Highs mostly 60s and low 70s. Lows mostly 40s and low 50s.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
March 20	71	33	0.00
March 21	75	36	0.00
March 22	68	38	0.16
March 23	74	38	0.00
March 24	62	57	1.62
March 25	60	43	0.00
March 26	58	27	0.00

First-Citizens Dividend \$1.25

First Citizens Bank and Trust Company's Board of Directors meeting in Raleigh Monday declared a quarterly common stock dividend of \$1.25 per share, R. P. Holding, Jr., chairman, announced.

The dividend will be paid July 2, 1975 to shareholders of record June 18, 1975.

Nothing Stumpy About This Tale

George Wilson, popular driver's license examiner and teller of tales, had this to say about Monday's terrific windstorm:

Two years ago, he said, winds blew down a large tree on his farm in the Little River section.

"There must have been 15 feet of dirt pulled up with that stump," he said.

Well, George cut the felled tree for firewood, leaving "about two fireplace lengths of stump attached to the roots and dirt."

Then on Monday after returning home, he said he went to the pasture to check his cows, and found the stump upright, with the dirt and roots blown back into the hole.

That's what he said, honest.

WATER BOARD

The Transylvania County Water Resources Board will meet on Wednesday, April 2, 1975, at 7:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building.