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Newly appointed members of the Warren County Board of Elections receive oaths of office from Mrs. Dora Stegall, Deputy Superior Court Clerk, Tuesday morning in the courthouse. Taking the oaths are Mrs.

Janice Crump [Left], Mrs. Avis Bugg and Mrs. Ada S. Johnson. Mrs. Crump was named chairman of the board later during the day. [Staff Photo]

Warren Board Orders Major Budget Slashes

Reduction In Proposed Rate Leads To Cuts

Warren County commissioners, calling for a cut in the proposed 68-cent tax rate for the next fiscal year, will get a last look at a revised budget proposal at 9:30 a. m. today (Thursday) in the Warren County Court House.

Following a public hearing last Thursday during which a half-dozen citizens criticized the size of County Manager Charles Hayes' proposed budget, commissioners ordered wide ranging cuts in expenditures to achieve a 60-cent tax rate.

Among public agencies hardest hit by the budget trim were the public schools, volunteer fire departments, civic and charitable organizations. Funds for the purchase of one of two patrol cars recommended for the Sheriff's Department were stricken. Some \$10,000 was removed from the county's contingency fund and the county ambulance service budget recommendations were sliced by \$7,950.

Despite ordering the economy measures, commissioners approved an increase in their salaries beyond the amount recommended in the budget initially proposed. Board members had requested that their salaries be doubled from the \$600 each received this year to \$1200 next year. Hayes had recommended an increase to \$750 annually. The salary of the chairman of the board was ordered to remain at a requested \$1500 per year, which was recommended by Hayes. The post paid \$1200 during the current fiscal year.

Commissioners have ordered the current expense budget for the schools pared by \$27,000 and ordered a cut of \$25,000 in the capital outlay budget for county schools.

The recommended budget for the Warren County Historical Commission was reduced from a recommended \$3,000 to \$1,500 and the \$1,000 earmarked for the Warrenton Arts Commission was stricken. Expenditures for county volunteer fire units were ordered held at the 1976-77 spending level. The Warrenton Rural Fire Department, recommended for \$33,000 by Hayes, was ordered cut to \$27,500.

Funds for the salaries of technical assistants for the Soil Conservation Service were cut from \$14,000 to \$5,000 and the maintenance and repair fund for Warren County public buildings was cut by \$5,000. A recommendation that the Red Cross be given \$500 was dropped in the budget which commissioners will review today. An assistant in the Register of Deeds office was cut and \$5,200 recommended for janitorial services at "School Days," proposed county office building, was stricken.

Less than half a dozen Warren County taxpayers appeared before the county commissioners in the courtroom on Thursday of last week in response to an announcement that a hearing would be held on the adoption of the Warren County budget.

Those included Alvis Fleming, Jules Banzet, Judge Julius Banzet, Cecil

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Officers of the Warrenton Rotary Club were installed Tuesday night during a Ladies Night banquet held at The Rafter's Steak House. Shown following the passing of the gavel are (left to right) Richard Hunter, vice president; Gilbert Crofts, immediate past president; Col. Herman Andersen, president; and Lawrence Boyd, secretary-treasurer. [Staff Photo]

Warren Roads Are Approved For Requested Improvements

In a meeting with the Warren County Board of Commissioners on Thursday night of last week representatives of the North Carolina Department of Transportation announced that Warren County had been allotted \$294,786 for secondary roads for 1977-78 fiscal year.

Present from the Department of Transportation were Carl Paynter, Resident Engineer and assistant Jim Jordan, both of Durham; Bob Ross, district engineer of Henderson, and J. L. McInnis, secondary Road Councilman, also of Henderson.

All the commissioners were present except Clyde Edwards of Norlina, who had a leave of absence on account of a previous commitment, and a small number of citizens present on account of their interest in specific roads.

Mr. Paynter started the meeting by introducing himself and the other members of the department with him, and telling how road sites were selected. Road improvements are based on persons living on roads, churches on proposed road, number of school buses, mail routes, businesses and traffic count. Under this system the following roads were accepted for improvement:

1. \$35,000 to complete extension figured on Secondary road 1358.
2. \$15,000 to widen existing pavement on SR 1344 north.
3. \$20,000 to grade, drain Perry Road from N. C. 58 0.9 miles west.
4. Spot improvement SR 1126 from Vicksboro to Southerland Mill Road.

5. \$85,000 to grade, drain and pave SR 1306, Robinson Ferry Road.

6. \$60,000 to grade, drain and pave SR 1335 Lynch Road.

7. \$40,000 to dase (sic) and pave SR 1213 Mickel Road.

8. \$25,000 to drain, grade and pave SR 1242, Wildlife Road.

\$9786 road additions contingency fund.

Owen Dromand Mike, Jr., and Robert Boyd appeared before the road group on behalf of the Carroltown Road. Additional points could be obtained because there is a rest home on this road, Paynter said, adding that there is a good chance that this road will be paved in the 1978-79 secondary road allotment.

Cliff Robertson appeared before the group requesting that SR 1507, Embro to Marmaduke Road, be paved, a distance of 1.9 miles. Paynter agreed that the fact that the road had been stabilized for several years, would lessen the cost of

Pilot Of Fatal Air Crash Had Home On Lake Gaston

A Raleigh pilot who maintained a home on Lake Gaston for several years was killed Sunday when his single-engine plane crashed into a church steeple in Raleigh.

Roy (Don) Harrelson, 42, was killed instantly when he was thrown from the Cessna 150 plane after it struck the steeple of Highland United Methodist Church and crashed in a residential section of Raleigh. For some

pavement. He said that it would be easier to get the road paved on the north (Embro) side, but Robertson said he was more interested in getting the south (Marmaduke end) paved. Appearing with Robertson was John Reavis, who had a farm on this road. Robertson received no promises.

Paynter emphasized the need for those requesting road additions to obtain right-of-ways from every land owner along the route. These right-of-ways, he said, must be donated. Where a right-of-way, he said, cannot be obtained, the road will be skipped and a road with the next highest priority will be accepted.

The commissioners and those from the Department of Transportation were in session for less than an hour. Following their departure the commissioners did some heavy cutting of the county budget, prior to its later adoption.

years Harrelson had a home at Nocarva Marina on Lake Gaston.

Harrelson, who was buried in Raleigh on Tuesday, was described by a Civil Air Patrol spokesman as "a competent pilot." No cause of the crash has been determined. Harrelson was a major and group commander in the Civil Air Patrol.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, and two children.

Birth Rate Here Reported Below State's Average

Warren County's birth rate fell below the state average among both whites and nonwhites last year, members of the Warren County Board of Health were informed Monday night.

Ms. Carolyn Klyce, health director, provided statistics during the quarterly meeting of the Board of Health which showed that the county's birth rate for 1976 was 12.9 per 1,000 residents, compared with a state average of 14.8 per thousand.

Ms. Klyce reported that Warren County residents gave birth to 214 babies in 1976, with 45 being born of white parents and 169 born of nonwhite parents. Of the total, she reported, 28 were born in Warren County.

The summary of selected vital statistics for 1976 showed that no midwife deliveries were recorded during births by Warren residents. Midwives assisted in 313 births statewide last year, she reported.

Her report indicated that Warren County's birth rate among white residents was 7.4 per 1,000, compared with 13.1 statewide, while among nonwhite Warren residents, the birth rate stood at 16 per 1,000, compared with 20.5 statewide.

Budget Changes Are Discussed

The Warren County Board of Education in a special meeting Monday night discussed budget changes made by the county commissioners without any official action pending further developments.

The board agreed that the salary of Mrs. Ed. Harvey, who is serving as library supervisor and also title I-ESEA reading supervisor, should be paid one-fourth by county and three-fourths by HEW.

The board agreed to pay \$24,730 on a roof for the elementary building at Hawkins School and discussed the need to replace the roof on the maintenance building at Warren Plains. The payment at Hawkins represented an overrun of \$4,730.00.

Supt. J. R. Peeler briefly discussed reaction and reports concerning the ruling that only two softball games could be played a week at the John Graham playing field. The sentiment of the board was that its decision stands.

The board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer as a teacher at North Warren due to poor health. Supt. Peeler said that during her five years as teacher in the Warren County system, he had found her a superb teacher and deeply regretted that she had to resign.



RALEIGH — North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr. [left] says "thanks for a job well done" as he presents a certificate of appreciation to J. L. McInnis of Henderson for serving on the State's Secondary Roads Council. One of 14 Council members, appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., on March 18, McInnis, who was in Warrenton Thursday night, will serve through June 30 when his term expires. A 23-member Board of Transportation, created by the 1977 General Assembly, will take over the responsibilities of the Secondary Roads Council. McInnis represents Durham, Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance, Wake, and Warren Counties on the Council. [NCDOT Photo By Charles Jones]

Democrats Stage Convention; Mrs. Butler Chosen Nominee

Mrs. Anna Butler, president of the Democratic Women of Warren County, was the Warren County nominee for North Carolina Democratic Woman of the Year at the Warren County Democratic Convention which met here at noon Saturday.

Mrs. Eva Clayton, chairman of the Warren County Democratic Executive Committee.

Warren County Well Represented At Health Meet

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mittee, presided over the two-hour session which was highlighted by a talk by Mrs. Jane Patterson, Deputy Secretary of the State Department of Administration, and former chairman of the Guilford County Democratic Executive Committee. Mrs. Patterson is also a member of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee.

Mrs. Clayton was re-elected chairman and Mrs. Fatsy Hargrove, secretary, without opposition. Other members of the committee were re-elected without opposition with the exception of Floyd B. McKissick, Jr., first vice chairman, who was opposed by Matt D. Nelson, Jr., of Judkins. McKissick was re-elected by a vote of 36 3/4 to 26 1/4.

Mrs. Clayton, before calling for nominations, explained that the chairman of each precinct would cast the vote of that precinct, said that each precinct would be given an opportunity to caucus; she also told the members that where a full delegation was not present

Compromise Granted In Deer Hunt Plans

The either-sex deer season in Warren County will be restricted to that part of Warren County south of Highway No. 158 as requested by local deer hunters but the season will not be shortened as was requested by a delegation of deer hunters who recently appeared before the board of county commissioners.

This information was revealed in a letter to County Manager Charles Hayes from Richard B. Hamilton, assistant executive director of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, under date of June 8. Mr. Hamilton's letter was turned over to this newspaper by Mr. Hayes this week. It reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Hayes: "Thank you for your letter of June 7, 1977, requesting the Wildlife Resources Commission to shorten the antlerless deer season in Warren County.

"Your proposal was discussed with Representative Tom Ellis today, who originally suggested that a reconsideration of this season would be in order. Mr. Ellis advised that he and Mr. Walter P. Jones,

that those delegates present could cast the full vote on a percentage basis. (Where a precinct was entitled to five votes and only four delegates were present that each delegate would cast one and one-fourth vote.)

In calling for nominations for chairman of the election, Mrs. Clayton removed herself from the chair and asked Alvis Fleming to temporarily replace her as chairman as was the case in the nomination to the State Committee.

Following the calling of the convention to order by Mrs. Clayton at 12 o'clock, the invocation was given by Matt Nelson and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Herbert Richardson. The speaker was presented by Monroe Gardner. A progress report of the Democratic Party was given by Mrs. Clayton, which was followed by a Report of the Young Democrats by Floyd B. McKissick, Jr., and a report of the Democratic Women by Mrs.

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