

Road Delegation Heard By County Commissioners

Willie Davis, a resident of Minnie Yancey Road near Soul City, once again appeared before Warren County commissioners Monday morning at their regular meeting to request assistance in getting the road upgraded.

The only obstacle to the improvements is the signature of Perdue, Inc. on a petition granting the needed right-of-way to the state. Perdue, a Maryland-based poultry producer, owns land on the road. Its representatives have declined to sign citing the possibility that the road could interfere with future construction.

County Manager Charles Worth told Davis that he has again written to Perdue to request its assent to the project.

"We need to ask them to respond in the next two weeks," Chairperson Eva M. Clayton said. "It is incumbent upon us to put more pressure on Perdue."

Also appearing before the commissioners about road matters were residents of State Road 1110 south of Norlina and State Road 1318 from Vaughan to Macon.

The commissioners approved resolutions requesting the Department of Transportation to grade, drain, and pave both roads.

They also passed a resolution in support of a project by R. B. Nelson of Robersonville to establish N. C. 903 from the Virginia and North Carolina state

line to Wilmington. Nelson specifically requested the commissioners to recommend the widening of S.R. 1357 northeast of Vaughan at Lake Gaston from 18 feet to 22 feet to link up with the proposed N. C. 903.

In other business, the commissioners:

—Allocated \$5,171 to the Warren County Senior Citizens Council for 10 percent matching funds on a grant application for funds to complete renovation of the vocation building at Hawkins School for a senior citizens center.

Allan Hawks, director of the council, said the grant, if approved, would enable workers to complete the inside renovation.

—Appointed Margaret Cooper of Warrenton to the Warren General Hospital Board. Commissioners also voted to review the resolution creating the board after Commissioner Jack Harris noted that it provides that a member be appointed from each voting precinct and two be appointed from Warrenton precinct.

The board agreed to consider those requirements in future appointments to assure fair representation from various parts of the county.

—Appointed Joseph Alexander of Warrenton to replace Mrs. Clayton on the Region K Private Industry Council. Mrs. Clayton stepped down because of other responsibilities.

—Heard a request from Curtis Palmer of Warrenton that

recreational facilities at area schools be made more accessible to the general public and that additional facilities and programs be considered for recreation.

Mrs. Clayton suggested that the board consider the appointment of a Recreation Commission to identify and coordinate recreational and cultural activities in the county.

—Heard a report from Warren County Agricultural Extension Chairman Russell King on the county's four-year Peoples Plan for 1987. He noted that the report, which was distributed to commissioners, contained county educational and operational goals in the areas of farm management, home economics, 4-H and agriculture.

Fickle March Gets Garden Work Going

March can be frosty, sunny, windy, rainy, snowy, or combinations of these. What you can do in the garden this month will depend on the weather.

Although the weather may limit what you are able to do, here are some reminders of garden chores that should be done from agricultural extension specialists at North Carolina State University.

March is the time to sow some root crops and leafy crops such as beets, turnips, radishes, rutabagas, Chinese cabbage, kale, spinach and leaf lettuce.

You can set out plants of head lettuce, cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower. Sow onion seeds or put out onion sets. Irish potatoes can be planted this month.

March is a month of pruning and trimming. Ligustrum, Chinese holly and shrubs that have grown out of bounds can be pruned. Hybrid tea roses should be pruned before new growth starts in the spring. Thin out the oldest canes, and cut back those left to hold them and keep them in control.

Bunch grapes and muscadine grapes may be pruned this month. Both muscadine and bunch grapes will "bleed" or exude sap when pruned during warm weather. This does not harm the vines. Check with your county agricultural extension office for more information on how to prune bunch grapes and muscadines.

Delay pruning azaleas and other shrubs with dead leaves until the plant buds open in the spring in order to see how much of the plant was cold damaged. Just because the leaves were killed during the extremely cold weather in December and January doesn't mean the branches were killed as well.

If your liriop, pampas grass or other ornamental grasses look ragged, you should cut them back before new growth begins. Liriop can be cut with the lawnmower. If new growth is already started, raise the lawn-



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mower's blades so the new leaves will not be damaged.

Also, take time to enjoy the blossoms of spring as they open across North Carolina. Although flowering dates will vary, here are a few plants to look for in bloom: daffodils, crocus, pear, peach, Judas tree (redbud), pines, red maple, camellia, forsythia, crabapple, flowering quince, hyacinth, pansies and violets.

Norlina Commissioners Seek Ways To Improve Tax Collection Rate

The Town of Norlina will seek increased ways of collecting delinquent municipal taxes.

That was the opinion of three of five board members present for the monthly meeting of the town council on Monday night. Not present for the meeting were Councilmen James Vaughan and Ben Lloyd.

The need to take additional tax collection steps, including the possible garnisheering of delinquent taxpayer's salaries, was brought to the board's attention by Town Clerk Mae Gums, who said she did not have adequate time to fully pursue ways of collecting overdue taxes.

Mayor Bill Perry distributed a letter from the Fiscal Management Section of the Local Government Commission expressing concern over Norlina's 90.5 percent rate of collection of ad valorem taxes.

Mrs. Eleanor Hayes, a member of the town council, said the rate should be at least 96 percent.

Town attorney Jules Banzet asked councilmen to allow him to review the remedies available to towns under the general statutes of North Carolina and that he would make recommendations for improved collection at the next meeting.

John Thomas Harris, Warren County contractor, appeared before the board to explain the installation of a regional sewer line across property owned by Charles and Alex Katzenstein, who had previously complained that tree cutting on their property had devalued their property.

Harris reported that his company cleared only that property specified by L. E. Wooten Co., the town's engineering firm, and that he estimated the most trees cut within the 40-foot easement would have numbered between 15 and 20.

He said the trees measured between eight and 12 inches in diameter and that some 2,000 to 2,500 board feet were cut off the property. He estimated that this was valued at between \$250 and \$300.

Harris said that most of the clearing involved underbrush on property that, because of terrain, was unsuited as building property. He said that his men sawed what timber was cut and stacked it along the easement for the property owner's use.

Attorney Banzet said he would like to inspect the property, and it was suggested that the Katzenstein brothers and Harris might be invited to meet at the site of alleged damage to help settle the controversy.

In another matter, Commissioner Dwight Pearce recommended that the town continue garbage pickup outside the town limits at its cost, or that it not be done at all. He recommended that the town calculate exactly how much is involved in the monthly collection cost and charge that. The only firm now having its garbage picked up outside the municipal limits is The Country Store, which is charged \$15 monthly for the service. Pearce's motion was unanimously passed.

Mrs. Gums reported that Leary Construction Company had finished cleaning and painting the water tank and had repaired 4,000 pits for a total cost of \$17,812.50.

Mrs. Ruby Jones appeared before the board to complain about the condition of Access Road leading past her home. Both she and her husband noted that the road had been scraped only once this winter.

Mayor Perry said that the town had neither the equipment nor the money to adequately

maintain the street, but that if a block grant currently being pursued by the town is received, the situation can be remedied.

Larry Williams, operator of the Norlina Bus Station, appeared before the board to allow the restaurant portion of his business to operate until midnight on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and until 1 a. m. on the remaining nights, excluding Sundays.

Williams said that he had been running the business for about a year and that the town police had experienced few problems with its operation. Because his business contained

games, including pool, it was forced to curtail its operating hours to comply with a town ordinance regulating the hours of pool rooms.

At the urging of councilmen, Williams said he would install a window, required by the ordinance, and a door to block off the game portion, that he would put up a no loitering sign and give police written authority to control after-hour parking if he was allowed to extend his operating hours.

There was no objection from commissioners and Williams was granted to lengthen his hours when he complies with the provisions of the town ordinance.

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