

County Seeks Funds

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 chasing a repeater transmitter with a private line, which could cost as much as \$6097 plus the charge of the antenna move.
 *Purchasing a less expensive system for \$4,100 and moving the antenna.

The matter will be considered at the February 1 commission meeting. County Manager Martin will work with the fire departments and to develop firmer cost for the improvements prior to the meeting.

Court House Aid Sought

A request will be made to state Rep. Daniel H. DeVane to introduce a special bill in the Legislature for funds to aid in the restoration of the Hoke County Court House.

Because of the building's historical significance, Martin said there is a good chance that state

matching funds would be available for the restoration project. Architectural studies have pegged the cost of the project at \$90,000, but restoration of the 72-year-old building might be trimmed to around \$60,000, Martin said.

If state funds are approved, they would probably be provided to be matched with local funds on a 50-50 basis, Martin said.

Other Matters

In other business, the commission took action on these matters:
 --Delayed voting on an option, which expires in March, for six acres to be used as a recreation area for the Rockfish Community. A board of directors was also appointed to oversee the operation of the newly remodeled Rockfish Community Center building.
 --Approved a measure which

will allow Martin to invest county funds in interest bearing accounts in local banks and institutions. The move also allows the county manager to place funds in a state Cash Management Trust Account, which is a mutual fund for local governments.

--Agreed to provide \$131 in county funds and \$110 in school funds to match a \$2,414 state grant for youth services programs here.

--Appointed Mark Posey to fill the vacancy created on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council when Robert L. Conolly resigned.

--Appointed Palmer Willcox to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. J.L. McNeill on the Sandhills Regional Library Board.

--Received for information the annual report from the Hoke County Rescue Squad.

Commissioner James Albert Hunt did not attend the meeting.



DUMPSTER FIRE -- Raeford firefighters turned out in force last Wednesday but were relieved to discover that a fire that erupted at Faberge was confined to a trash dumpster.

Around Town

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 of at any time. They are the waste at the sewer plant and the Raeford Airport.

From the latest news articles it

seems that a cure may be in the making for the waste at the sewer plant. This still leaves the airport to be dealt with at a later date.

You don't hear anything about the airport at the present time, but

it will surface one of these days.

So I hope that it will soon be where the council will have only the tax problem to deal with in the future.

Mystery Surrounds Mobile Home Fire

The mobile home of Mr. and Mrs. David Green on Rockfish Road near Scurlock School was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Sunday night.

Firefighters of the Hillcrest

Volunteer Fire Department found the trailer engulfed in flames when they arrived about 9:30, soon after the alarm was sounded. No one was injured.

Later, Green reported to the Hoke County Sheriff's Depart-

ment that the \$200 tank of gas had been stolen from outside the trailer.

He said he discovered the loss when he and fireman went to remove the tank because of the fire.

Petition Circulated

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 and lodging. The Lumbee directors are elected to serve three years each. Four directors are elected each year.

Branch said many members of the coop are upset because the board has not given a reason for firing Hinson and has turned down a number of requests to give a reason. Hinson had been general manager since 1974.

Some of the organizers of the Action Group asked the board at the December 14 meeting why Hinson was fired, an earlier Action Group report says.

"However, through a total lack of class and common courtesy the Board ignored our request," it adds.

The Action Group was organized December 29 in an effort to persuade the board to give its reason for firing Hinson.

The report continues: "We felt as members we had the right to communicate with our elected representatives, which are

one White, one Black, and ten Indians. With this strong imbalance of races seems to have come strong prejudices, in that the only true fault to be found in Mr. Hinson is the fact that he is White."

The report also says the corporation's bylaws allow the members to petition for recall "when Directors do not proportionally represent the members." It adds: "In light of these highhanded actions, as well as their high expenditures, and racial imbalance, we have chosen to petition for recall of these directors."

"This group feels that the Board must be challenged before the fiscal health of the Corporation is endangered."

The directors whose ousters are sought by the group are Rogers, Alton V. Dudley, Timothy Strickland, Harold Dean Brewer, Gus Bullard, Lacy L. Cummings, Ronald Hammons, Hunt, Bradford Oxendine, Marciea Lowery, Bill James Brewington, and Davis K. Parker.

Shelter Managers Readied

If a natural disaster were to occur in Hoke County, shelters would be available to house over 40,000 survivors.

In order to be prepared for such a disaster, about 35 managers of those shelters attended a course here January, and were briefed on the latest operational procedures.

The course, which was conducted by representatives from the state Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD) and under the auspices of the Emergency Management Agency, was held at the Lester Building on Magnolia Street.

Representatives from industries, schools and buildings that house the shelters attended the all-day course.

Hoke County is a host county and the Emergency Management

Agency here is prepared to handle about 40,000 survivors, Director Bill Niven said.

In the case of a natural disaster, school buildings would be used primarily, Niven said.

The majority of Wednesday's session focused on natural disasters, Niven said, noting that a future session will cover shelter management during wartime.

Last week's course was attended by principals or assistant principals from all of the county's schools, members of the Hoke County Sheriff's Department, Raeford Police officers, representatives from the Department of Social Services, Hoke County Government, mental health, public health, McCain Hospital, McCain Prison, Sandhills Youth Center and several local industries.

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