

Landfill

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estimates by seven months, but it had to close on Friday to meet state and federal requirements.

Terry Dover, the eastern area supervisor for the North Carolina Solid Waste division of the Office of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, was on hand Monday to oversee the transfer station permit.

He said his purpose was to ensure the Hoke facility fell in accordance with the temporary permit request to begin operation.

The facility meets temporary standards, but Dover said more drastic changes will be necessary to move to permanent permit status.

"I don't anticipate any problems with that either," he said of the long-term project.

Costs for the site undershot engineering estimates by almost \$50,000. City Utilities Director Mike McNeill said.

The price for the transfer station is about \$110,000, he said.

The primary costs for the county will come with the closure of the landfill itself.

It must place at least 18 inches of a clay-type material on the top portion of the landfill cells utilized from October 9, 1991 to October 8, 1993, Dover said, to meet federal regulations.

Then the county's landfill closure plan will come under the scrutiny of the state. State mandates include two feet of earth on the landfill, seeding, grassing in of the area, and erosion control.

Hoke has six months to meet the state requirements.

He said those plans tentatively look good, but Hoke must address other solid waste issues in the near future, including a "white" goods (appliances with porcelain) collection by January 1 of next year, land clearing and inert debris as well.



Celebration-State DOC officials and local staff were on hand to help McCain Prison Hospital celebrate its 10th anniversary last Wednesday.

Cameron pushes for passage of 'Nickels for Know-how'

A large "yes" vote in the Nickels for Know-How referendum on Tuesday, November 9 will demonstrate that farm families are interested in their own future, says Bill Cameron, chairman of the Hike County Referendum Committee.

"The Nickels' program is one of the best self-help programs in the country," Cameron says. "It shows government leaders and consumers that farmers are willing to support agricultural research and education in order to stray competitive in world markets."

The Nickels for Know-How Program was started by farm people in 1951. It

enables the North Carolina Department of Agriculture to collect (from the manufacturers) two nickels per ton of feed and fertilizer produced. The money, about \$500,000 annually, is turned over to the Agricultural Foundation at North Carolina State University for agricultural research and education.

Users of feed and fertilizer have approved the program in 11 previous referendums over the past 36 years. A two-thirds "yes" vote on November 9 is needed to continue the program for another six years.

Bonds

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operation to more fully meet the needs of the citizens of Hoke County."

Other information from the pro-bond camp states almost a third of high school graduates polled intend to enroll in a community college. Annual student enrollment statewide was over 760,000 over the past year, up 100,000 from five years ago.

Community colleges award one out of every five high school diplomas in

North Carolina. More than one in six Tarheel adults enroll in community college courses.

"Our community colleges have shown time and time again how they can change lives, create new opportunities, and drive economic growth — for individual and citizens and for the state as a whole," Robert Scott, president of the North Carolina Community College System, said. "This bond will raise the money for our colleges' most critical needs."

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