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Warsaw Board Awards

Municipal Park Contracts

Contracts were awarded for the completion of the Warsaw Municipal Park during the meeting of the Warsaw town board, September 8.

Recreation Director Neale Turlington presented the board with bids received on the park project. And, Turlington said, the Recreation Commission recommended the bids be awarded to A. & R. Supply Company of Kernersville who submitted a \$20,000 bid on the ballpark lights. The commission also recommended All Steel Products of Columbia, S.C., be awarded the tennis courts and fencing contracts. All Steel Products submitted a total bid for the fencing and two tennis courts of \$30,145.

The commission requested \$5,500 for playground equipment and \$400 for picnic tables and grills. The above items were recommended to be purchased through the recreation department. Remaining funds after the awarding of the contracts and the payment of architectural fees would be used in a contingency fund for building a concession area, Turlington said.

A motion to authorize the awarding of contracts as requested by the recreation commission was made by Commissioner Frank Steed. However, Steed included, the contracts should be reviewed by Town Attorney Jene Thompson before awarded to the low bidders. Commissioner Billy Kennedy and was unanimous.

Hardison To Speak At Graduation

The eighteenth annual graduation exercises for James Sprunt Technical College will be held Sunday, September 21 at 6 p.m. in the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Amphitheatre in Kenansville. Approximately 200 graduates will receive degrees, diplomas and certificates in general education, technical, vocational and adult diploma programs.

The public is invited to the exercises and to hear The Honorable Harold W. Hardison, Senator of the Fifth Senatorial District of Duplin, Lenoir and Jones Counties. Hardison has held public office since 1979 when he was elected to the N.C. House of Representatives. In 1972, he was elected to the N.C. Senate, where he still serves. He is presently chairman of the senate appropriations committee and vice-chairman of the state government committee. He is also a member of the agriculture, basic budget, banking, finance, natural and economic resources, public utilities and energy, rules and operation of the senate, human resources, transportation and ways and means committees.

In addition, Hardison owns Eastern United Tires in Kinston and manages the Humphrey-Hardison Oil Company which he established in 1946. He was in the U.S. Air Force for four years and served two years in the 7th Air Force in the Pacific Theater.

Hardison was raised in Deep Run where he attended public schools. He is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College. He is married to the former Arleen Humphrey. They have a daughter, Pam Braxton.

Following the graduation exercises, the public is invited to attend a reception on the grounds of the amphitheatre. In the event of inclement weather, the exercises and reception will be held in Kenan Memorial

With the recreation project, the board approved payment of landscaping and grading fees for the municipal park to Good Earth Associates of Wilmington. The total fee was \$15,560. The board approved the payment of \$2,000 to Parks Recreation Consultants of Goldsboro, architects for the municipal park. An additional fee of \$7,700 will be paid the architectural firm over a period of three months.

Payments and contracts awarded by the board totaled \$82,243.72. A budget of \$100,000 for the construction of the park is composed of a 50% matching grant from

the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. After awarding contracts and payments a contingency fund of \$17,756.28 will remain. Turlington said, the recreation commission hopes to construct a concession building for \$10,000 and use the remainder of the funds to resurface the outdoor basketball area and lay out a jogger's trail through the park.

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company representative Ruby Allsbrook appeared before the town board requesting the commissioners support of toll-free service throughout Duplin County. According to

Ms. Allsbrook, telephone customers in Duplin County would be able to call toll-free anywhere in the county if the service receives enough citizen support. However, she added, an increase in the flat rate of service would result if customers began the toll-free dialing.

Warsaw Commissioners instructed Town Clerk Alfred Herring to write a letter agreeing for Carolina Telephone to poll the area subscribers on the toll-free service. However, the board would not support the toll-free system until the increase of the flat rate was submitted for the commissioners' review.

A gas saving device was presented to the commissioners by Donnie Ezzell. According to Ezzell the device when installed in an automobile will save a minimum of seven percent in fuel. The product is sold by Ezzell under the name of XPCL. No decision was made on the XPCL by the board.

After the close of the public hearing to rezone the Warsaw Apparel Co. area. Blocks 18 and 39 were zones business. The area had been zoned restricted business. No persons appeared at the public hearing to comment on the rezoning of the two blocks.



DIAGNOSTIC LAB DEDICATION - Commissioner of Agriculture James Graham presided at the dedication ceremony of the new Rose Hill Diagnostic Lab. The lab was originally located on Church Street in downtown Rose Hill, but had outgrown the

building. The new building was constructed to allow more working space and the addition of mammal disease diagnostic services, Lab Director Hugh Powell said. Commissioner Graham is pictured above with Dr. Hugh Powell, D.V.M.

Tar Heel Fine Arts Tickets On Sale To Public

Membership Drive Ends

Melvin Williams, president of the Tar Heel Fine Arts Society, announced membership sales are open to the general public and

anyone interested should contact a THFA board member for tickets.

The concert series scheduled for 1980-81 follows:

October 6 - Jack and Sally Jenkins - "Love in the Middle Ages"; November 16 - "Mr. Sax" Boots Ran-

dolph; March 28 - The Jack Daniels Original Silver Coronet Band; April 23 - The Mercy River Boys.

A limited number of tickets remain available through board members listed: Helen Boyette of Chinquapin; Melvin Williams of Pink Hill; Kirk Carawan of Rose Hill; Muriel Offerman of Wallace; Willard Fussell of Peachey; Pearl West of Warsaw; Barbara Guy of Faison; Thomas Albritton of Calypso and Mount Olive; Z.W. Frazelle of Kenansville; and Jean Sanderson of Beulaville.

Kenansville Board Asks For Third Set Of Expansion Plans

Two sets of architect's plans were turned down September 8 by the Kenansville Town Board which requested a third plan for the fire station/town hall expansion be drawn.

Both plans one and two included 3,800 feet in the expanded area, Town Administrator Woody Brinson said. He added, an estimated \$30 a sq. ft. will be needed to construct the addition. Each of the architect's drawing included office and meeting room expansion, which would be bid in two projects.

According to the town's 15-year contract with the fire department, expansion of the office space and the bay area for fire vehicles would take place within the second five years of the contract. During the third five years, the town would expand the meeting area. Upon the completion of the two phases the building will be jointly owned by the fire department and town hall with both departments maintaining the building.

The project was designed to include all necessary expansion to meet the town's contract with the fire department, Brinson said. Bidding the project in two contracts will allow the town to complete the expansion or build only the portion which is called for during the second five years of the contract. The estimated cost of the complete project is \$120,000. Brinson said, which would mean an approximate debt of \$9,000 a year for the town over the next 40 years.

"I think we should drop the idea right now, we can't afford to build right now," Commissioner Betty Long said. "When we were first told about the expansion it

cost \$80,000. Now it is up to \$120,000."

She added, the town hall should be able to find another location for its headquarters costing less than \$9,000 a year. Building now or anytime in the future will force a tax increase, Long stated.

"These expansion plans are designed for luxury, but we're talking about bare necessities," Commissioner Earl Hatcher said. The plans should be redrawn, and the building squared as we had originally proposed, Hatcher said.

Commissioner Jimmy Johnson made a motion to send the drawings back to the architect with the instructions to square the building. Commissioners Hatcher, Cordell Johnson and William Fennell voted with Johnson. Commissioner Betty Long voted against the motion.

Town Administrator Brinson recommended the Kenansville board approve Beulaville as a member of the tri-town administration. The tri-town administration was originally formed by Kenansville, Rose Hill and Magnolia sharing the services and salary of a town administrator. Magnolia pulled out of the tri-town arrangement in the spring. The Beulaville board of town commissioners voted to enter the tri-town arrangement at their September meeting.

Kenansville commissioners which will replace Magnolia in the tri-town administration arrangement. Beulaville and Rose Hill will each be paying 25% of the administrator's salary and Kenansville will furnish the remaining 50%. Travel expenses are also shared by the towns.

A report from Public Works Director Larry Hoffman

called the board's attention to the need for a new dump truck and a motor overhaul for a tractor. According to Hoffman, each motor costs approximately \$1,200 to fix. Until the truck is replaced, he said, no water leaks can be fixed or limbs hauled away. The dump truck had been bought second hand from the Department of Transportation Brinson said, and has served the town four years. The tractor, a gasoline powered 135 Massey Ferguson, was purchased in 1969 as a new piece of equipment. While the tractor is out of service the town will have one tractor working, Huffman said.

The board voted unanimously to purchase another used dump truck from the DOT for approximately \$1000-\$2000 and place the town's name on a waiting list for used flatbed trucks. The board voted to fix the engine in the tractor.

Over the past two weeks the air-rater at the waste treatment plant has been torn up, Huffman said. Because of the problems with the aerator the plant has not maintained state standards, he said. And, until the plant reaches state standards the treatment plant will be inspected each week by a representative from the Environmental Management Commission, Huffman explained.

The public works director also reported four major water leaks in the town of Kenansville and mentioned an indefinite amount of smaller leaks along the town roads. Huffman reported the removal of the fire hydrant used by farmers to get water. The hydrant had been left partially opened, he said, and drained across the town park and ball field.

A request by Dr. Clark Hamner to continue parking a small travel trailer at his home as a home for his mother was denied by the board.

Grove Creek Apartments was classified as a business, meeting developer Tom Rabon's request for trash pick-up within the apartment parking area at two locations.

The Kenansville commissioners voted to accept the Board of Education's offer to rent the ballfield known as Turkey Stadium to the town. The town will be renting the field for a dollar a year for the next 10 years.

\$768,950 Commitment For Kenansville Water Project

Third District Congressman Charlie Whitley announced last week that the Coastal Plains Regional Commission has informed him that funding has been committed in the amount of \$768,950 for Kenansville water system improvement.

Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab Dedicated

The Rose Hill Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory was dedicated Wednesday afternoon following a meeting of the North Carolina Board of Agriculture.

The new facility replaces a poultry disease diagnostic lab which had served the area for 20 years. It is operated by the Animal

Health Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

According to state Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, the new laboratory will provide animal disease diagnostic services to southeastern North Carolina.

"Poultry is a major industry here," Graham said in presiding over the dedication, "and the area has become the most intense pork producing section of the state. Added to that are beef cattle, dairy farming and horses. If ever there was a need, it was here and this new laboratory has filled it."

In the dedicatory address, state Senator Harold W. Hardison (D-5th District) of Deep Run said: "This new facility by far expands for North Carolina Department of Agriculture's ability to serve the people. It increases the capability to handle and

diagnose all species of animals and thereby enhances the opportunity for farmers of this area to produce livestock and poultry."

Others on the program included Ebern T. Watson, Jr. of Watson Seafood and Poultry, Rose Hill, offered the invocation; Dr. Dayid E. Harling, president, N.C. Veterinary Medical Association, Greensboro, remarks, and Dr. Hugh M. Powell, Rose Hill laboratory director, led a tour of the building.

The 3,500 square foot concrete structure is equipped to handle all animal species including pets. Some procedures, however, will be referred to the Rollins Laboratory in Raleigh.

The laboratory was designed by the architectural firm of Brice-Morris Associates, Inc., of Charlotte and built by Dixie General Contractors Inc. of Wallace at a cost of \$319,500.

Dedication Of Beulaville And Magnolia Housing Units

The Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority dedicated two housing units in Duplin County last week. The projects will serve the low to moderate income families.

Both projects, 26 units containing one, two, three, and four bedroom apartments, are owned and managed by the Housing Authority. The apartments are designed to be energy efficient and rents are based on family income.

Architect for the Mercer Court in Beulaville and the Magnolia Court in Magnolia was Billy Griffin of Goldsboro. The cost of constructing the two projects was \$1,720,000.

During the dedication Housing Authority Attorney David Ward said the Beulaville project began in 1978 and is the fastest completed housing project undertaken by the authority.

The Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority was organized in 1941 and serves 10 counties which includes Duplin. The authority has housing projects in operation or under allocation in seven counties and they are making efforts to help small communities and towns obtain housing needs, Ward said. Before the dedication of the Beulaville and Magnolia units the Housing Authority had 490 units in operation the Duplin projects increased the total to 540, the attorney said. He added,

another 143 units are under construction or allocation.

Applications for the projects will be taken September 23 in Magnolia, September 24 in Beulaville, and following weeks, each Tuesday in Magnolia and Wednesday in Beulaville. Occupation of the projects will begin the first of October, Ward said.

Contractors for the housing project are: general construction, Site, Inc.; electri-

cal contractor, Basic Electric Co.; plumbing contractor, Kinston Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc.; and heating contractor, Electricon, Inc.

The housing authority operates in Duplin, Wayne, Sampson, Johnston, Harnett, Craven, Onslow, Pamlico, Carteret and Jones Counties. And, the Authority has assets totaling approximately \$13 1/2 million either

under operation or allocation.

Representing Duplin County on the Housing Authority is Garland King. King is a charter member of the Authority.

BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile will be at the Kenansville Fire Station next Tuesday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



AUTHORIZE WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS - Magnolia Mayor Melvin Pope is pictured above authorizing the wastewater treatment plant and sewer system improvements and water system and distribution improvements. The sewer improvements will require \$1,125,000, and the

water system improvements will be constructed for \$355,000. The town will be borrowing a total of \$192,900 from Farmers Home Administration for the projects. The remainder of the funds is grants. Pictured with the Mayor is Town Clerk Mrs. Dennis Pope.