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Office Accepting Bids For Watershed Project

Bids for the second and major phase of the Limestone Creek watershed project will be received until 10 a.m. Dec. 9 at the Duplin County Soil and Water Conservation District office.

Major items of work will be 105,435 feet of channel restoration, 62,116 feet of channel excavation, 48 acres of clearing, laying 2,836 feet of 15-inch corrugated metal pipe inlets, digging 20 permanent sediment basins in the channel and planting 40 acres of permanent vegetation.

The cost is estimated between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

Invitations to bid were

mailed to contractors last week, said Kenneth Futreal, Duplin County soil conservationist. Five requests for further information had been received by Wednesday. "It looks like we'll have a lot of interest among contractors for this project," Futreal said.

Only two bids were received on the first phase. Because at least three bidders are required on an initial bid call, the project was readvertised. Only one bid was received for the second bid opening, Futreal said.

Phelps and White Construction Co. of Windsor submitted the bid of \$74,000

Oct. 20. The initial phase calls for 21,000 feet of channel restoration and installation of three sediment basins, which are deep spots in the channel to catch sediment running off fields. When sediment in the basins reaches a specified depth, it is removed to prevent channel clogging.

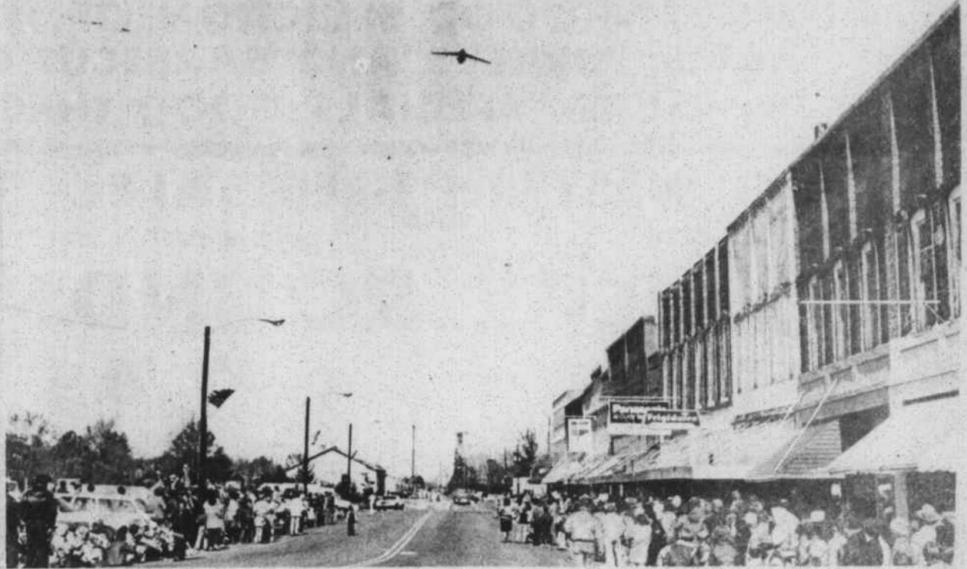
When Phelps and White completes forms concerning bonds and they are verified by the state Soil Conservation Service office, the construction order can be issued, Futreal said.

"I hope that work can be started by Nov. 22," Futreal said.

Prospective Phase II

bidders may visit the work site Nov. 16 and Nov. 30. They will assemble at 10 a.m. on each date at the SCS office and be escorted on a tour of the area, which is on and near Limestone Creek north and west of Beulaville. Other inspection arrangements should be made with Calvin R. Mercer, chairman of the district and contracting officer for the Duplin County Board of Commissioners.

Futreal said 58 land owners have applied for long-term land treatment contracts for their farms in the watershed area. Land treatment is designed to prevent erosion of soil into the channels.



FLYOVER by Seymour Johnson Air Force based jet signals "Time to Start the Parade."

Rose Hill Agrees To Supply Firm With Water

The area's newest industry will be supplied with town water from Rose Hill although it will be located outside the city limits.

The Town Board agreed last week to supply Feather Processors Inc. with water. The firm expects to use about 85,000 gallons and pay about \$1,000 each month in water fees.

The board directed its attorney, Richard Burrows, to prepare an ordinance revision eliminating the double water fee to out-of-town customers.

Feather Processors will pay the \$7,963 cost of extending an 8-inch water line

880 feet from the town limits to the plant site on U.S. 117 north of town. The project will include one fire hydrant to be placed near the plant.

Company president Hebron Watson said in a letter to the board that the firm needs the water by Dec. 6. It plans to begin operations next month with about 15 employees. The plant will process feathers for furniture, bedding and upholstery manufacturers.

Watson said the firm had a choice of drilling its own well, an expensive process, or buying water from Rose Hill. He said the firm will not burden the town sewer system because it will have its

own system.

The town's water rate schedule establishes a minimum fee of \$5 per month for 3,000 gallons of water; \$1 per 1,000 gallons for 3,000 to 10,000 gallons; 30 cents per 1,000 for 10,000 to 25,000 gallons; and 60 cents per 1,000 for purchases of more than 25,000 gallons.

Town clerk C.Y. Fussell advised the board that 10 out-of-town customers now pay double rates for water with their bills ranging from \$10 to \$19 per month.

The board also authorized Mayor Ben Harrell to apply for an advance of \$72,000 on its sewage plant grants to pay for design of the plant.

The town has been approved for a federal sewage plant grant. The estimated cost of proposed improvements is \$2.5 million.

"After 13 years, we're finally going to see something happen — maybe," Harrell said.

The sewage treatment project has been planned for about 13 years since the present plant was ruled inadequate to meet treatment standards.

In other business, the board endorsed the effort of the Chamber of Commerce to raise \$27,000 as the local share of the cost of a rural health center.



PARADE MARSHAL TOMMY GRESHAM with Robert West at Warsaw's 61st consecutive Veterans Day Celebration. It was once called Armistice Day. Veterans Day now honors all veterans of all wars or conflicts. A record-breaking crowd was on hand to take part in the celebration, Warsaw's Mayor Sam Godwin said. "I think the crowds get larger each year, and the weather cleared up just for us."

Work Will End Soon On Cable TV In Warsaw

Cable television line installation will be complete this week and home service installation should be completed by the end of the month, a company official told the Warsaw Board of Commissioners last week.

Installation has been completed for 60 homes, said Brian Beasley of Beasley Cable Television Co. last Monday. Beasley said his workers are installing service to about 10 residences a day. With most line and home service cable being buried,

more time than usual is required for installation, he told the board.

The system provides a basic service of 21 channels for \$8.50 per month. It also offers Home Box Office and Show Time entertainment channels for additional fees.

Installation will be free to people signing up for service before Nov. 30, Beasley said. After that, installation will cost \$15.

The board approved an ordinance barring dumping

anything except domestic waste in the town sewer system.

Gasoline has seeped into the system on Best Street from time to time for three years, and efforts to locate the source have been unsuccessful. The gasoline kills some of the bacteria which break down the raw sewage at the treatment plant.

Gasoline fumes also can be a hazard to workers. A manhole cover was blown off about three years ago when

fumes exploded under Best Street.

The board delayed annexation of the King's Courts area east of Warsaw because of opposition of a land owner between the town and the developed area. Met Ausley, who owns a strip of undeveloped land that would have to be taken in by the city to reach King's Courts, opposes the annexation.

Residents of King's Courts have petitioned the town for annexation because of a water problem in their area.

Wallace Town Board Authorizes Water Contract

Engineering design work on the proposed Wallace waste water treatment plant should be completed in about six months, an engineering firm's representative said Friday.

The Town Board authorized a design contract totaling \$65,147. The town has enough money to complete this work and pay for the local share of the estimated \$1,136,758 cost of the proposed plant, said Bill Burnett of Henry von Oesen and Associates, consulting engineers on the project.

Burnett said the 12.5 percent local share of the cost would be less than \$200,000. The federal Environmental Protection Agency usually finances 75 percent of such projects, but because Wallace plans an innovative technology package, the federal share of the cost will increase to 85 percent, he said.

The state provides 12.5

percent and the local government, 12.5 percent, in most cases, he said.

The Town Board agreed Thursday night to apply for a \$34,774 advance from the state Environmental Management Office, which administers the "201 facilities" program for EPA in the state.

Town administrator Steve Routh said Wallace has \$290,000 set aside for the project.

The state can match federal grants for treatment plants but not for collection systems, said Bobby Blowe of the construction grants division of the state's Environmental Management Division.

Burnett said the project might receive federal funding in the 1983 fiscal year. "If construction can begin as soon as the plans have been finished, the plant could be in operation in 18 or 20 months," he said.

But Blowe said the 1982-83 priority list is still being developed. "I don't know where Wallace will stand on it," he added. The state is planning to advance Wallace design money, he said.

Blowe said Wallace ranks 40th on the state's 1982 priority list.

"We don't know how much money the state will receive from the federal government for these projects next year," he said. "We received \$42 million for the 1982 year."

The Wallace project was begun in 1973 when the state Office of Water and Air Resources informed the town of the availability of grants for 201 facilities plans. Wallace received an EPA grant of \$37,500 for preparation of a Wallace-Rose Hill sewage treatment facility in December 1974.

The completed plan was submitted to the state Division of Environmental Management and EPA on

June 1, 1976. On Oct. 19, 1977, additions to the plan were submitted to the state and federal agencies by the engineering firm.

EPA approved the innovative technology package for Wallace July 12, 1982. It later cleared the project for environmental permits.

Burnett said the Wallace plan received full approval of the environmental management office on Sept. 22.

In other action Thursday night, the board agreed to a 30-day extension for completion of the town's new well because the contractor, East Coast Construction Co. of Jacksonville, was having difficulty getting some material.

The board delayed action on increasing load capability of a sewage lift station until budget time in the spring. It also tabled action on taking the Rockfish Plaza sewage lift station into the town system.



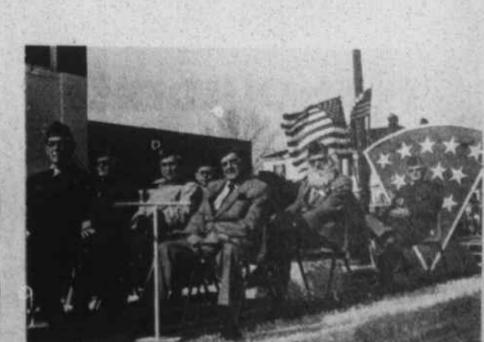
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