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Tentative Jones Budget Fixed At \$785,954.07 By Board Monday

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners adopted tentatively the 1964-65 county budget, totalling \$785,954.07. The budget is open to review in the offices of Board Clerk Bill Parker subject to its final adoption on or before July 28th.

Nearly half of the total budget is made up by the record welfare department budget of \$353,579.

Based on a tax listed valuation in the county of \$11,432,784 the budget is balanced at the old tax rate of \$1.92 on the \$100 valuation.

The bulk of the budget will come from out-of-county sources, with \$614,736.70 indicated as coming from sources other than ad valorem taxes on real and personal property in the county.

The total levy against real and personal property amounts to \$219,509.85, but discounts, commissions and uncollectable portions of this total levy are estimated at \$48,292.08, which leaves an estimated total ad valorem tax collection of \$171,217.27.

The tabulation included with this story shows the allocation for each county department in this proposed budget.

A further breakdown of the welfare department budget indicates that of the total asked for that department: \$151,200 is allocated to dependent children; \$85,500 for aid to the aged; \$70,800 for aid to the totally disabled; \$3,211 for aid to the blind; \$88,500 for general aid to the needy and \$36,348 is allocated for salaries and office expenses of county welfare workers.

No Pay, No Park

Jones County and Trenton officials ruled that they had no legal right to pay rentals on parking lots after Mrs. Lillian Noble had billed the county for \$120 and the town for \$60 rent on a lot she owns. Mrs. Noble is now having a fence installed around the one-time parking lot.

SUNDAY WRECK

Charlie Hall of Hookerton route 1 was charged with making an improper turn after a wreck at 8:15 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of 70 and 258 just south of Kinston between his car and that of John Devai of Windsor, Ontario. Damage to the cars was estimated at \$850.

ATU Agents Destroy Trent Township Industry

Perhaps the largest manufacturing institution in Lenoir County's Trent Township was destroyed Tuesday by Federal Alcohol Tax Unit Officers from Goldsboro.

Three employees of the industry were arrested and have been bound over to the next term of federal court at New Bern. They are charged with operating a whisky still without a federal license.

Samuel M. Wheeler of Creedmoor Route 1, Clifton F. Barrow of Draper and Leroy Sneed of Raleigh route 5 were caught at the still Monday night.

ATU agents said the still included 220 55-gallon oil drums which were full of mash at the time of the raid, for a total of 11,000 gallons of mash.

Proposed Budget

Commissioners*	\$2,985
Tax Listing	25,005
Tax Collecting*	8,276
Sheriff Office*	16,006
Election Board*	2,066
Courthouse	8,972
Register of Deeds*	9,260
Coroner	250
Jail Expenses	1,160
Superior Court	3,875
Court Clerk*	8,613
County Attorney	1,800
Telephones	240
Veterans Service	1,200
Special Services	3,500
Soil Conservation	1,500
Libraries	3,000
Miscellaneous	20,507.57
General Fund Total	\$117,217.27
Welfare Department	\$353,579
Accountant Office*	4,704
Extension Dept.	11,384
Forestry Service	3,975
Health Dept.*	23,036
Bond Fund	33,520
School Current	195,949
School Capital	25,300
School Bonds	19,821
Mosquito Control	4,300
Recorder's Court*	2,968
Grand total	\$785,954.07

*Denotes total budget of office, not salaries of office employees

INSPECTOR VACATIONING

Beginning July 19, for one week, Nolan Jones, electrical inspector of Jones County will be out of town.

Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past week:

- From Allen and Delphia Bender to Town of Pollocksville one lot.
- From Emmett McDaniel and Arlester Miller, trustees of the Holy Branch United American Free Will Baptist Church to Raeford and Ransom Becton Jr., one lot in Beaver Creek Township.
- From Raeford and Annie Becton to Christopher and Etta Mae Roseboro one lot in Beaver Creek.
- From Raeford and Annie Becton to Haywood and Elora Nicholson one lot in Trenton.
- From John W. and Bertha Barker to James and Carol Hood one lot in Trenton.
- From Helen Winfield Wilson to Roger Lee Wilson two tracts in Trenton Township.

NC 58 Improvement

On July 28th bids are to be opened for a number of highway projects across the state and among these will be bids for construction of two new bridges of NC Highway 58 between Trenton and Pollocksville. These will replace the dangerously narrow bridges across Little Hell and Mill Run Creeks which were built in the mid-twenties.

Commissioners Act on Number Minor Matters

In addition to passing the tentative 1964-65 budget Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners acted on a number of other matters, including:

- Two road petitions which were OK'd and passed on for study, and hoped-for action by the State Highway Commission;
- Authorization to all county officers to destroy such records as approved by the State Department of Archives and History since that department is now completing the microfilming of county records and under present law most records

may be destroyed after a specified period;

Voted to permit the Clerk of Superior Court to pay some bills incurred in the 1963-64 budget period out of allocations for the 1964-65 budget period;

To reimburse W. M. Whitaker \$180.64 premium on an insurance policy cancelled by the county;

To reimburse candidates for the county board of education \$2 each since they had paid that amount too much as a filing fee in the recent election.

Craven-Lenoir Boards OK Dover Pupil Change

Concurrent actions of the Craven and Lenoir County Boards of Education have set the stage for transfer of 127 pupils from the Dover area to the schools of Lenoir County for the 1964-65 school years.

Lenoir Board Chairman Lynwood Turner outlined the work and the plan Monday to the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners.

Turner stressed that there would be no cost to Lenoir County in the move which would place 85 elementary school students at Southwood Elementary School and 42 high school students in South Lenoir High School.

Norwood Davenport, spokesman for the Dover group that had worked out the swap, thanked the school board and commission members for their help with the Dover problem.

It was also stressed that this one-year agreement is based upon a bond issue election being called in the very near future in Craven County in which funds would be asked to provide more adequate schooling, especially for the children of Western Craven County.

Turner also pointed out that there was plenty of room in the two Lenoir County schools for the 127 Dover-area pupils and that the state school board would transfer teacher allotments to Lenoir County from the Dover School which will be closed this coming school year.

Lenoir's 12th

Lenoir County's 12th Highway fatality of 1964 came at 12:55 Sunday afternoon when 11 year-old Chester Earl Mumford, son of Mrs. Lou E. Mumford of 101 North Adkin Street swerved his bicycle into the path of a car driven by Howard Monroe Hutchins of Winston-Salem. The accident took place about 4 miles east of Kinston on Highway US 70. Patrolman A. T. Smith said the accident was unavoidable insofar as Hutchins was concerned and no charges have been made.

Congressional Activity Speeds Up With Early Adjournment Expected

By Senator Sam Ervin

The legislative logjam which ended with the passage of the so-called civil rights bill on June 19th has turned into flurry of Congressional activity.

The President at a news conference on June 23 gave impetus to the movement by setting forth a list of some thirty requests he hoped Congress would act upon prior to adjournment. In the two week interim considerable headway has been made on legislative items ranging from authorization bills to appropriation measures to priority legislation.

There is a feeling now that with the Senate speed-up it may be possible for Congress to adjourn just before the convening of the Democratic National Convention which

begins on August 24th in Atlantic City. Congress will recess briefly for the Republican National Convention which begins July 13th.

Some of the Presidential requests appear almost certain to go over to the next session. They require legislative hearings and if the adjournment target is to be reached they would have to await action next year. Chief among the legislative items which must be cleared for adjournment are about a dozen appropriation bills. Last week the Senate Appropriations subcommittee conducted hearings on most of them and this gave rise to fresh hopes for an early windup.

Included in the legislative action was a bill which I have labored on for some time. . . a measure for the modernization of the legal procedures governing the hospitalization of the mentally ill in the District of Columbia. On June 22 it passed the Senate unanimously, and went to the House for its action. The measure is the result of lengthy studies and hearings by the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee of which I am Chairman.

This bill seeks to protect the patient's legal rights after hospitalization. I hope the bill will serve as a model for the revision of many state hospitalization laws.

Several months ago I introduced three measures which would make it easier for person charged with Federal crimes to get bail pending trial. The purpose of this bill is to remedy one of the great tragedies in the administration of justice. All too often a defendant must await trial in jail for want of ability to give an appearance bond. He is therefore punished before trial, before guilty is established, and in many cases he later finds that he has been imprisoned at great expense to society for a crime of which he is adjudged "not guilty."

I am hopeful that Senate hearings on the Federal bail bills can be held soon. However, due to the multitude of priority legislation to be acted upon before adjournment, I do not know whether it will be possible to conclude action on them during this session.

Congress has been in session almost the year around for two years. Much of the momentum of the adjournment drive is derived from this fact and the feeling that lawmakers ought to be at home after a long period of legislating talking with the people. So barring some crisis or emergency, it is likely that the windup drive will begin in earnest.

Buying Radios

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners voted to buy nine two-way radio sets for civil defense purposes in the county at a price of \$1,813.85 with the understanding that all but about \$450 of this amount would be refunded by the State Civil Defense office.

CHAMBERS IN KOREA

Specialist Four Linwood Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Chambers, Route 1, Seven Springs, and other members of the 1st Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division's 31st Artillery participated in the unit's annual training test (ATT) in Korea, June 9.

Suckering and Topping Tobacco Does Pay Off

By County Agent Joe Koonce

Probably no other phase of tobacco production has had more research work devoted to it than topping and suckering. The results of this work have always emphasized the value to topping and suckering tobacco.

The yield and value of tobacco topped and suckered has consistently been higher than tobacco that was not. Also topped tobacco usually suffers less during wind storms than tobacco that has the top in it.

Studies have indicated that spacing and topping are interrelated. That is to say that a change in one can at least partially be offset by a change in the other. These studies further indicate that within reasonable limits higher topping and closer spacing gave an increase in yield and a decrease in quality as measured by the price per pound.

The desired number of leaves per acre may vary depending on the combination of production

practices followed. But there is some indication that from 120,000 to 140,000 leaves per acre may be more desirable than either a smaller or higher number. It is important to avoid extremes either way in spacing and topping and to stay within reasonable and practical limits.

Too close spacing or too high topping tends to increase starved, shaded and slick tobacco. If close spacing is used then top reasonably low, and if wide spacing is used it should be topped higher. Excessively high topping is not practical even with fairly wide plant spacings. Quite often high topping causes the grower to handle more leaves of tobacco with no increase in pounds and dollars per acre.

To be of help to tobacco farmers, a table giving the spacing, number of plants and leaves per acre has been prepared. All interested farmers may get a copy by either visiting or calling the county agricultural extension agent's office.