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Budgetary Requests 49.3 Per Cent Over Present Year, If Approved Tax Rate Would Zoom From \$1.41 to \$2.04

Monday night the Jones County Board of Commissioners will meet for lengthy surgery on the 1968-69 budgetary requests of county departments.

The proposed budget unveiled Monday totals \$1,486,147.30, which is \$491,218.28 more than the budget for the period ending June 30th, during which the county's part of all departmental operating costs was \$994,929.02.

The biggest increase is that in the current expense budget of the county school system, and it is brought about by the threat from federal sources that more than \$400,000 in federal tax funds will be cut off unless Jones County schools immediately take other steps than "Freedom of Choice" to force mixing of the races in the several schools.

This year the county's part of the school operating budget was \$282,669.11. For the coming school year \$626,403.70 is requested.

There is also a request for a larger capital outlay budget for the schools but it's much more modest, increasing from \$46,214.83 to \$61,450.

The welfare department's budgetary asking is up \$143,144.76, or 34.3 per cent over this year's, but a very large per cent of this department's budget comes from state and federal funds, whereas the school budget figure must all come from county sources.

The tabulation here shows the allocations for the present fiscal year and the requests from each department for the coming year.

If all requests were granted, on the basis of revenues other than taxation, it would require a tax rate of \$2.043 on the county's tax listed valuation of \$20,128,500 to bring the budget into balance. The present tax rate is \$1.41.

Department	1967-68	1968-69
Commissioners	\$ 6,427.47	\$ 6,836.00
Tax Listing	4,621.58	9,075.00
Tax Collection	10,773.00	12,527.60
Sheriff Department	23,640.81	27,060.10
Elections	4,451.34	2,593.00
Building Maintenance	11,546.76	9,569.00
Register of Deeds	11,040.00	12,801.98
Coroner	500.00	600.00
Jail	955.73	1,400.00
Superior Court	6,524.55	7,250.00
Court Clerk*	13,799.08	9,356.00
Attorney	2,083.56	2,400.00
Special Phones	240.00	240.00
Veteran Officer	1,425.16	1,680.00
Auditing	4,000.00	4,000.00
Soil Conservation	1,500.00	1,500.00
Libraries	5,400.00	5,487.00
Fire Departments	5,060.00	6,480.00
Civil Defense	1,228.50	1,300.00
Alcoholism Centers	2,515.29	3,949.77
Insurance	1,891.68	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	4,519.31	10,000.00
Jury Fund	241.52	250.00
Office Supplies	312.61	350.00
General Fund	\$124,580.43	\$139,375.35
Courthouse	35,855.82	3,000.00
Welfare Administration	44,256.05	70,484.00
General Aid	5,348.00	8,500.00
Aid to Blind	3,977.89	5,800.00
Aid to Aged	85,822.00	106,785.00
Aid to Children	205,568.73	251,987.00
Aid to Disabled	69,006.47	113,202.00
Medical Aid	2,128.91	2,495.00
Accountant	2,884.00	6,454.00
Extension Department	13,556.07	15,276.00
Forestry	4,617.00	5,022.00
Health Department	28,369.15	34,995.80
School CE	282,669.11	626,403.70
School CO	46,214.83	61,450.00
School Debt	28,899.00	27,970.00
Mosquito Control	4,803.13	4,860.45
Recorder Court*	3,392.24	2,087.00
Grand Total	\$994,929.02	\$1,486,147.30

* Clerk of Court comes under state budget after December 1st and recorder's court is replaced by district courts so these figures represent five months of operation for these two offices.

Jones Commissioners Holding Special Session Monday Study '68-69 Budget

Trenton Postmaster Applications Are Being Accepted

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced that applications for the office of Postmaster of Trenton, North Carolina will be accepted until June 25, 1968. Applications must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. and must be postmarked not later than the closing date.

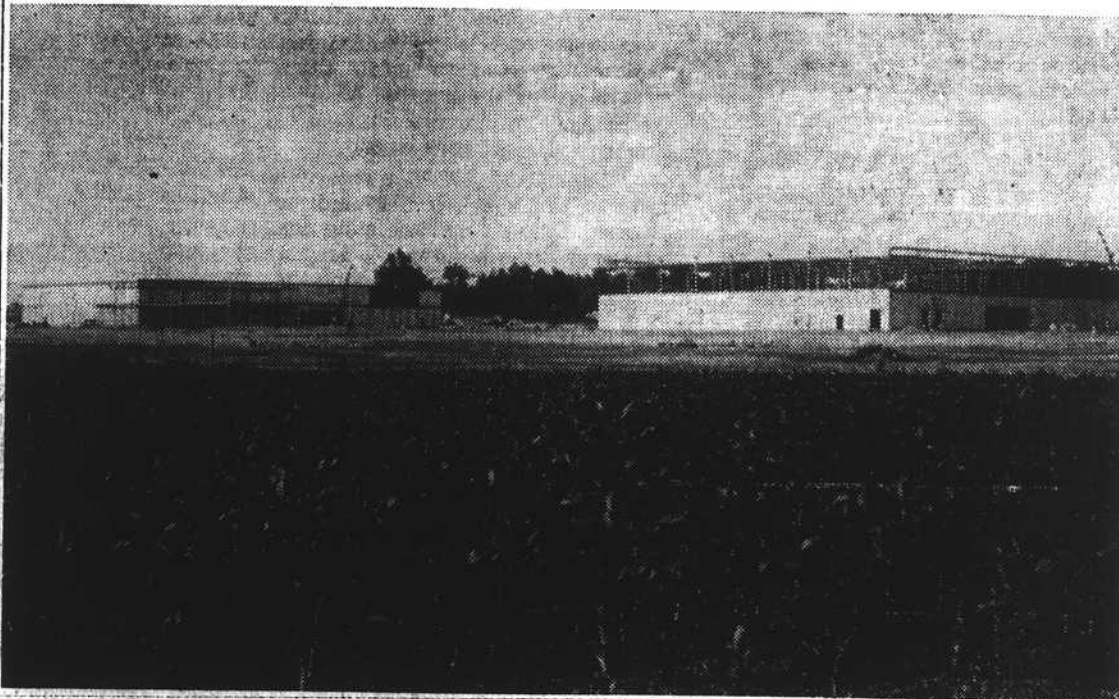
Competitors for the postmaster vacancy must have at least 1 1/2 years of experience (education above high school level may be substituted for 9 months of experience) showing that they have the ability to conduct and manage the community's postal business efficiently and to supervise employees so that customers are satisfied with the service. They must be able to deal with the public agreeably and effectively. Other requirements are: the applicant must have resided with in the delivery of the office for one year immediately preceding the closing date of the examination and the applicant must have reached their 18th birthday. Also persons over 70 years of age cannot be appointed. The written test will be given at New Bern.

After taking a quick look at the budgetary requests of all county departments Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners went on to less frightening affairs and voted to hold a special meeting Monday to see what could be done about bringing the budget out of the straits.

In lesser affairs the board voted to pay the final bills for the new heating and air-conditioning system in the court house except for a gas bill incurred for supplemental heating after November 1, 1967, since under the contract with the firm installing the new system it was supposed to have been completed by that date.

Complete information about the examination requirements and instructions for filing applications may be obtained at the post office for which this examination is being announced.

Coming Events Cast Their Shadow Long in Advance



By the yardstick this picture shows the rising north and south ends of what will ultimately be the biggest single commercial building in this part of the country. It is Vernon Mall, which will be opened to the shoppers of the state on March 1, 1969. It will include almost 700,000 square feet of floor space. Its first floor covers an area 378 feet by 846 feet and its second floor has just 76,000 less square feet than the 319,788 square feet on the first floor. And although the shopping center will only be two stories high it is already casting a very long shadow over the traffic planning of the State Highway Commission, the City of Kinston and assorted private traffic engineers who live in the area and who have thoroughfare plans which they allege and aver to have more sense than those conceived by the advanced

planning staff of the highway commission, the Kinston Planning Board and the Kinston City Council; all of which in 1957 had approved a plan that included a major artery in the area. Monday night a considerable delegation of these "traffic experts" spoke for two hours before the city council, and the majority opposed everything that has been done up until now to provide more adequate streets to serve the general area, and the Vernon Mall Shopping Center in particular. And the traffic engineers of the State Department of Mental Health opposed any new street in the area, and especially the proposal to run a new artery across the property of Caswell Training School, which now has 1100 acres, and would suffer terribly, according to the mental health board, if it lost several acres to this particular project.

Editorial

As an instrument . . . a terrible instrument of politics Nihilism

Nihilist Terror

is nothing new in the world; but it is new to the United States, where we have with few exceptions seen the orderly processes of representative government work, and work extremely well.

Now with the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy Tuesday night in Los Angeles, the murder less than five years ago of his brother, President John Kennedy, and the murder in April of this year of Negro Leader Martin Luther King we have seen nihilism erupt in its most brutal and ultimate form.

Nihilism is defined: Total disbelief in religion or moral principles and obligations, or in established laws and institutions. And the principles of a Russian revolutionary group, active in the latter half of the 19th century, holding that existing social and political institutions must be destroyed in order to clear the way for a new state or society, and its extreme measures employing terrorism and assassination.

The dictionary could not more perfectly describe the present state of our nation's national affairs than with this definition of nihilism.

God is dead. Religion is a fraud upon the people. The supreme court bases a landmark decision, uprooting—or trying to uproot the most ancient traditions on the writing of a man, Gunnar Myrdal, who called the United States Constitution a fraud upon the people. This by men who are sworn to uphold and defend the Constitution.

The same court orders religion out of public schools, in a land that was founded upon religion freedom. But now atheism is enshrined as the official American ethic and religion. . . of all kinds . . . is banned as any part of the education of every child in a public school.

We have seen close to home nihilism chase the president of Duke University out of his home . . . and into a hospital bed. Seen Columbia University brought to a dead stop by nihilists . . . Seen our nation's capitol partially burned and totally terrorized by nihilism.

And even now with this nihilist act in Los Angeles a very large part of our federal government quivers in its collective boots from the hot breath of nihilism roosting in Potomac Park, as poor, ignorant people are used and abused by hired agents of international nihilism.

It is no mere coincidence that the flavor of American politics has taken on a frightening Russian flavor. Our churches, our colleges and our courts have glorified socialism, and all too many have embraced that Soviet style form of tyranny that is called socialism.

But even worse than the pseudo-intellectual wedding with the beehive philosophy of socialism is the almost total cowardice of national leadership in the face of this premeditated attempt to destroy the American system.

If acts of criminal anarchy were confronted by whatever force needed to halt them, and those punished who committed or tried to commit such acts some semblance of order can be brought back to the chaos that now roosts over our nation like a buzzard.

This situation will not grow better by spending vast amounts of money on any or all the recommended socialistic schemes that have been put forth.

Enforcement of the law and punishment of violations always has been, and still remains the only way to maintain law and order.