

Housekeeping Staff Size Will Stay Same For Now

Brunswick County Commissioners Monday night tabled a request to add a half-time position in the housekeeping department on a 4-1 vote after a motion by Commissioner Frankie Rabon to deny the request failed on a 3-2 vote.

"Maybe we could get a half-time person to finish out the year, but I don't want to see the number of employees keep increasing," Rabon indicated, saying the county could end up "overstaffed."

Commissioners Chris Chappell, Herman Love and Grace Beasley voted against Rabon's motion. Chappell had first proposed the half-time position be created but withdrew his motion. Later, he voted against Rabon's motion and also Poole's substitute motion to table the item until budget time.

County Manager Billy Carter had requested the addition of a full-time position in housekeeping at budget time, but the request was denied.

Then, in November, the previous board agreed, at the urging of Commissioner Rubin Sloan, for Housekeeping Assistant Luervia Williams to go from full-time to part-time status in order to protect her Social Security benefits, decreasing the size of the housekeeping staff rather than increasing it. They took no action on a separate request to add a full-time position to the department.

Housekeeping Supervisor Edouise Russ says the loss of the half-time employee has created a hardship on other employees in the department. She proposed to move Mrs. Williams to the half-time slot and fill the previously-existing full-time position. Funding the half-time position through June would cost the county \$2,800.

Carter again recommended filling the full-time position and look at the status of the half-time post again at budget time, prompting Commissioner Jim Poole to ask, "Why can't we do now what we were going to do then?"

In other business, commissioners: Named Carter acting finance officer until a replacement for Dennis Harrison is hired. Interviews will be conducted later this month. Two persons must sign all county checks.

Transferred \$8,000 to the sheriff's department to finance a temporary position through June that is part of an ongoing undercover operation. So far the department has spent \$5,900 in undercover work this budget year.

Set a joint meeting with the Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees Thursday at 7 p.m. at the complex. A joint meeting with the Brunswick County Extension Advisory Council will be held Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Jane's Seafood Restaurant.

Authorized the parks and recreation department to fill the laborer vacancy created by the resignation of Greg White.

Authorized the planning department to fill the draftsman vacancy created by the resignation of Elaine

B. Wood, effective Jan. 18.

Authorized Planning Director John Harvey to designate Planner II Von Singleton as a CAMA minor permit officer.

Authorized the landfill department to advertise bids for 40 eight-cubic-yard green boxes, a larger size than those previously used.

Heard from Mattie Formey of Northwest Community regarding senior citizens' need for a center in the Leland area. Commissioner Grace Beasley promised to keep her post on each step as plans are completed, saying, "I want you (all) to have that building as much as you do."

Designated the board of commissioners as the "focal point" for receiving funds from the Council of Governments for senior citizen programs, appointed Commissioner Jim Poole as the government representative on the regional aging advisory council and Regina Clerk as the citizen representative.

At Commissioner Herman Love's request, appointed Joseph Stevenson of Supply to the Brunswick County Board of Health from District 2. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the Brunswick County Board of Education in November.

Appointed James O. Johnson to represent the extraterritorial area on the Southport Planning and Zoning Board.

Amended a previous home health care resolution to also designate Lower Cape Fear Hospice as an authorized provider of home health care in Brunswick County. County Attorney David Clegg told commissioners they could authorize as many providers as they want. Hospice contracts with Comprehensive Home Health Care for actual in-home nursing care, but has a nurse on staff and a social worker who provides home health services.

Transferred \$11,780 within the register of deeds office budget to facilitate computerization of the department.

Heard from Carter problems the planning department has had in filling a Planner II position because of the low salary offered. Four people have declined the job. He was to mail to them for consideration details about a fifth person with four years' experience and past membership on the Coastal Resources Advisory Council who is willing to work for \$20,028, a slightly higher salary grade that currently set for the job. The board will act on the matter Jan. 21.

Heard from County Engineer Dan Shields that design of the Lockwood Folly convenience station was not complete but that the facility could be ready by summer if plans were completed in the month. He said the county could go ahead and bid the loader vehicle and 40-yard containers separately from the site construction, saving the county money and time. A "turnkey package" had been discussed previously.

AT RALEIGH INAUGURAL Brunswick Delegation Celebrated With Martin

BY SUSAN USHER

Approximately 60 Brunswick County residents were among the thousands in Raleigh celebrating the inauguration of Gov. Jim Martin last weekend.

The delegation, which included both Democrats and Republicans, returned home Sunday impressed and exhausted, said Brunswick County Republican Party Chairman John Dozier of Boiling Spring Lakes.

"The thing that was so nice," he said, "was the camaraderie of all the people from Brunswick County. We just had so much fun together. We had people from all over the county."

Of the proceedings themselves, Dozier was most impressed with Martin's 15-minute inaugural address, a straightforward call for

bipartisan unity, and with Martin himself.

"Martin called North Carolina 'one united state'; that was his theme. We are Democrats and we are Republicans, but we're all going to join together for the betterment of North Carolina," continued Dozier.

"I've never met a man I thought was more sincere."

Those attending had a whirlwind schedule to follow if they participated in all major events, highlighted by the inauguration noon Saturday of Gov. James Grubbs Martin, 48, the state's second Republican governor in this century.

He, Lt. Gov. Robert Jordan and other Council of State members took

their oaths of office on the steps of the Archives and History Building, with Chief Justice Joseph Branch of the N.C. Supreme Court officiating.

Saturday began with a prayer breakfast for a bipartisan crowd of about 800 at the Raleigh Hilton, with New Hanover County's Sen. "Chip" Wright and former Rep. Tom Rhodes, who will serve as Martin's secretary of natural resources and community development, as hosts, Dozier said. The featured speaker was Rev. Peter Marshall Jr., whose father, also named Peter, was chaplain of the U.S. Senate for many years, and whose mother, Catherine, was a noted author of Christian books.

Cold and wind didn't keep most of the local delegation away from the 2½-hour inaugural parade, he added. "Nobody seemed to mind it."

At the inaugural ball, he said, Jim and Dottie Martin led the dancing with the "Governor-Elect's Waltz" to the Sleeping Beauty Waltz. Those attending paid varying sums to participate, typically \$150 per couple for dancing and the late night buffet, and observers paying \$7 each to watch from the balcony.

The weekend entertainment also included a night of music ranging, with guests choosing from groups as different as Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs, Super Grit Cowboy Band and Herbie Mann.

Brunswick County's delegation include Dozier and his wife Margie; Rep. David Redwine; four couples from Carolina Shores; Kelly and Barbara Holden of Grissetown; Charles and Shirley Clemmons of Leland; Virgil and Carolyn Roberts of Holden Beach; Tommy and Wanda Bradsher; as well as Don Evans; Hollis Smith; Kenneth Willets; Charles Mills; Earl Andrews; Lynda Britt; Lois Baccarny; James Bellamy, Mavis Freeman and daughter; the Bobby Longs and others, including quite a few from the Southport-Long Beach area such as Tommy and Julia Harrelson.

"I had 57 on my list and there were others," said Dozier.

The guest list came about this way: the Brunswick County Republican Party was asked to compile a list of people who wanted to go. Those on the list, plus some others, were then sent formal invitations.

They were among crowds estimated at 8,000 to 10,000 for the various events.

Dozier understood why they, like himself, came: "A lot of people were there out of respect for Jim Martin. They worked hard for him, they believe in him; they were there to help him celebrate."

Disaster Aid Check Said In The Mill

Brunswick County should receive a check for \$70,918 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in about a month, local officials learned Monday.

Planning Director John Harvey, who until Tuesday had been responsible for coordinating the county's applications for disaster relief assistance, said the check represents three-fourths of what FEMA officials have approved as damages caused by Hurricane Diana to Brunswick County government facilities.

Notification of the grant came in a Jan. 2 letter from Edwin H. Harris, the governor's representative in the

N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

Final payment of federal disaster aid depends upon final inspection of the repairs made, analysis of vouchers and audits, Harvey noted.

Several areas of damage noted by the county are not covered by the check, including certain damage to the water system because insurance questions had not been resolved until recently; tree debris on the complex grounds, which FEMA says Marine Corps teams cleared, but which county employees are still clearing; and payment of overtime to county employees during and immediately after Diana. Harvey said exact time

records were kept of all overtime that was storm-related.

The county plans to appeal FEMA's decision on those last two items.

Once a final settlement is made, the state will pick up the remaining 25 percent expense, but that check could be some time in coming.

Meanwhile the county is to report to state emergency management officials any time the county deviates from the scope of clean-up and repair work specified on damage survey forms compiled after the storm; on any changes in estimated costs of that work; and when all work has been completed, said Harvey.

Course Offers New View Of Familiar Waterfront

A marine life course that begins Jan. 22 will give participants a new perspective on a familiar scene: the Brunswick County waterfront.

The class will meet at West Brunswick High School Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. through April 16. It is sponsored by the Continuing Education Department of Brunswick Technical College.

Instructor Bernard Hanke of Sunset Harbor will provide a historical background of oceanography, life cycles and chains, food levels and the producer-consumer relationship.

Lifestyles of several marine animals, both vertebrate and invertebrate, will be studied as well as

how and where they live and reproduce. Students will explore how organisms relate to their own kind and with other groups of organisms and their physical environment.

The course features two special lab sessions, one relating to the ocean and one to estuaries and basins.

Cost is \$10, payable the first night of class. A textbook will also be needed.

"For those who live along the Brunswick County coastline," said college spokeswoman Connie Powell, "this course should bring familiar information into new perspective and provide insight into the unfamiliar as well."

More information about the course is available from the college.

Hanke, the instructor, holds an

undergraduate degree in marine biology from State College of Boston in Massachusetts and has completed more than 50 hours of related graduate coursework. A former science teacher at Framingham, Mass., North High School, he was voted one of 10 outstanding teachers there in October 1982.

Board Takes No Action

After meeting behind closed doors for several hours to discuss pending litigation, the Brunswick County Board of Social Services took no action at a special session called Monday evening.

The meeting was first recessed until 5 p.m. Tuesday, but then was cancelled Tuesday afternoon.

Chief Supervisor Linda Greene said the meeting might not be rescheduled before the board's regular meeting Jan. 28.

At Monday's meeting, board members also heard from Bolivia resident Teddi Neal, who was concerned about the length of time involved for in-need families to obtain Food Stamps and gaps in provision of services to the needy in general.

"I've had people who work in this department tell me people who really need help don't get it while those who don't need it get it," she said later.

She wanted to know where the delivery system falls short—where the gaps are, she said, "so I can tell the president and hopefully get something done about it."

Ms. Neal also asked how Food Stamps are lost between issuance and receipt and what could be done about that.

North Honor Roll Listed

North Brunswick High School has announced the A and B honor rolls for the second six-week grading period. Students who attained the honor lists are as follows:

'A' Honor Roll
Ninth Grade—Jimmy Baggett; 11th Grade—Greg Johnson, LaRay O'Donnell, Debra Caultill, Sandra Jones. 12th Grade—Amy Jacobs, Donna Sneedon, Amanda Grant and Kevin David.

'B' Honor Roll
Ninth Grade—Grant Carmack, Charles Carrette, Frank Williams, Leigh Wilson, Roy Coleman, Phil Long, Martin Blue, Erica Jennings, Brian Freeman, Anna Williams, Billy Holden;

Security S&L Ranked Among High Performers

National Thrift News lists Security Savings & Loan of Southport in its compilation of high performance institutions for fiscal year 1984.

Managing Officer Douglas H. Hawes said Security was among eight North Carolina thrift institutions included on the national list.

Security, which has offices in Southport, Shallotte and Leland, was listed in the category of institutions with assets of \$25 to \$50 million.

The ranking is based on total assets for the year. It is compiled by the National Thrift News, a national publication catering to the thrift and mortgage banking industry.

Officials To Attend Winter Storm Seminar

Several local law enforcement and emergency officials will participate in a "Disaster Response Planning Vs. Reality" seminar in Jacksonville Tuesday, Jan. 15. Topic of the three-hour program is what to do during a "severe winter storm."

County Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan, Shallotte Police Chief John Wayne Campbell and Sheriff John Carr Davis will join other state, local and federal government personnel at Coastal Carolina Community College for the program.

It is sponsored by the N.C. Division of Emergency Management, the Cape Fear Council of Governments and the Neuse River Council of Governments. It will teach each local and state agency how to respond to a winter storm emergency and also provide each group a better understanding of one another's response capabilities.

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