



PAUL DENNIS, (left) one of the developers of Lockwood Folly Links, and Bruce Cardwell of Sea-Aire Canal, who wants water in his subdivision, exchange ideas on how such lines should be financed during a break in last Thursday's meeting of the Brunswick County Commissioners. In the background, one of Dennis' partners, Mason Anderson, talks with another Sea-Aire Canal resident.

Residents Along Road Won't Share Cost Of Water Line To Golf Course

BY SUSAN USHER
Property owners along two roads leading to the project won't be forced to share the expense of running water to Lockwood Folly Links, a 500-acre golf course development near Varnumtown.

That's the assurance given last Thursday night to Wallace Smith, spokesman for a group of the residents, by the Brunswick County commissioners.

"Personally, I do not think we can assess the people in this district because we haven't found anyone who wants the water," said Commissioner Frankie Rabon, his sentiments echoed by others on the board.

"But at the same time we have to look at it from an economic standpoint, we have to look at it as industry," he continued.

Wanting time to develop a policy that provides incentives such as tax breaks to encourage developments to finance water lines, commissioners postponed until later a decision on how to pay for the line.

Harvey said most incentive

agreements for water line extensions are negotiated with industry on a case-by-case basis, typically with the industry agreeing to buy a guaranteed quantity of water.

Graham Justice, a Sea-Aire Canal resident who wants his subdivision across the waterway from Holden Beach to get water if the new golf course subdivision gets it, said he was "puzzled" at the county's considering the golf course an industry.

"A golf course development is a place to live and play golf," he said, noting that similar considerations had not been given to other county golf courses in the past.

Even if that changes, he told commissioners, "It's against all principles to throw people who have been asking and begging for water for years—to throw us on the side—when we've been living here for years and paying taxes."

Paul Dennis and Mason Anderson, two of the partners in Channelside Corp., which is developing Lockwood Folly, repeated their request Thursday for the county to run the water line.

request of the Utility Operations Board, commissioners voted to proceed with a water assessment district along the route, with property owners and the county sharing the estimated \$99,600 cost of installing a 12-inch line down Sabbath Home and Stone Chimney roads from Holden Beach.

When property owners along the route protested, commissioners asked the UOB to reconsider its recommendation.

Reiterating that the development should be treated as an industry, the UOB stuck with its original recommendation. But as an alternative, its members suggested the county pay the entire cost of the line from contingency funds, not from its water project fund.

In related action, commissioners adopted the final assessment resolution for special assessment district (S.A.D.) 3, in the Seaside area. Harvey said the district projects are taking longer than expected, each requiring nine months to a year from start to finish, rather than the four to five months first anticipated. Water line installation in the first two districts, on the mainland near the Holden Beach causeway and in the Brick Landing area, should be completed in February.

In other business, the board continued the meeting until Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the public assembly building, for a joint meeting with the planning board to review a draft of the county's proposed land use plan.

Commissioners Push Through 23 Appointments

BY SUSAN USHER
After making no appointments for nearly a month, Brunswick County Commissioners pushed through 23 appointments in a matter of minutes last Thursday night.

Some had been pending for weeks, others for months.

Among other decisions the board unanimously appointed engineer Jerry Lewis of Shallotte to the Brunswick County Board of Health, in lieu of an optometrist.

Lewis is consulting engineer for the county water system and a member of the state Environmental Management Commission.

"I don't know any optometrist," said Commissioner Chris Chappell in nominating Lewis for the local post.

Under state law, the health board membership is to include professionals from a number of specific health-related fields, so long as they reside in the county. If there is only

one, then commissioners have a choice of appointing either the professional or a member of the general public. The only practicing optometrist commissioners knew of was Chris Moshoures, who had just resigned from the health board.

If an optometrist living in the county wanted the post and objected to Lewis' appointment, Clegg told Chappell upon questioning, "I think he will seek an injunction against seating him on the board."

Commissioners also voted unanimously to appoint Marie Hart, a Southport nurse to the nursing seat on the health board.

At least six of Thursday appointments were on 3-2 votes, with Commissioners Chris Chappell and Jim Poole voting no together, a division of the board seen frequently of late.

Since early summer, members had been caught up in a debate over the board's policy of rotating some ap-

pointments among the five district.

Thursday, the board agreed with a proposal to take motions from the floor for each appointment. Commissioners Frankie Rabon, Benny Ludlum and Chairman Grace Beasley then agreed the appointments should be made that night, without further delay.

"What you mean is if we don't put up names, we don't get appointments," said Chappell.

He and Poole said they hadn't contacted prospective appointees since they didn't know what procedure the board would adopt.

The first four appointments were made in rapid succession on the 3-2 split, with Chappell and Poole searching their memories for nominees they thought might accept appointment. Lacking other possibilities at one point, Chappell nominated a reporter from the audience, losing the vote again 3-2.

Other appointments/reappointments are as follows: Al Parker Jr., Brunswick County Airport Commission; Wilson Arnold and Charlene Alston, Brunswick County Hospital Authority; R.L. Johnson, Industrial Facilities Board; and Don Warren, Resources Development Commission; Durward Clark, 13th District Jury Commission; Lucille Blake and Doug Hawes Jr., Brunswick County Library Board; Jean Caldwell, Mary Strickland and Rebecca Chapman, Nursing Home Advisory Committee; Louis "Bobby" Brown, Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Brunswick County Social Services Board; John Barbee, Ed Gore and Alan Holden, Brunswick County Planning Board; Grace Beasley, Southeastern Mental Health Board; Robert Nubel and Ernest McGee; Jim Poole, emergency management committee.

Split Vote Hires New County Manager

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county just as the commissioners are."

Smith said he expects to report to work in mid-September, or as soon as he can take care of some responsibilities to his current employer.

Smith served from 1974 to 1979 as manager and finance officer for Iredell County. Other past local government experience includes 11 years in tax administration. He has also taught school, owned an insurance business and worked as an

industrial engineer in textiles.

He is currently manager of appraisal services for L. Robert Kimball, supervising approximately 120 employees of two companies, Automated Valuation Services and Hunnicutt Appraisal Co.

He has a certificate in county administration from the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, bachelor's degree in physical education and math from Erskine College in South Carolina and a master's degree in political science and ad-

ministration from Appalachian State University in Boone.

Smith said he has "always liked Brunswick County" and had sought the manager's job once before—just after former manager William Carter was hired.

"So when this came open," he said, "I made sure I got an application in."

During Carter's tenure, Smith said, county government here stabilized under the leadership of a series of "good boards of commissioners," he noted, a pattern he expects to continue. "I don't look for things to go back to what they were before."

Before voting on Smith, commissioners met behind closed doors to hear a background report on two manager candidates from Sheriff

John Carr Davis. Later, in open session, Chairman Grace Beasley said the sheriff's report was thorough and contained nothing detrimental about Smith or the other candidate.

The board had asked for as thorough a check on the candidates as possible after an earlier experience this summer.

On June 15, commissioners hired Thomas Barnes, but before he could take office asked for and received his resignation after learning Barnes had been the subject of an SBI probe while administrator of Halifax County. They said Barnes hadn't told them about the investigation.

The county post has been vacant since April 1, when William Carter resigned for health reasons, taking medical retirement.

Young Girl Drowns In Ocean Isle Beach Canal

BY DOUG RUTTER
A two-year-old Burlington girl drowned in a canal behind her Leland Street residence at Ocean Isle Beach Friday afternoon, Ocean Isle Police Chief Bill Ozment said Monday.

Katherine A. Powell was pronounced dead on arrival at The Brunswick Hospital at 7:10 p.m. Friday.

After becoming lodged under a floating dock for three to five minutes, she was pulled from the canal and given CPR by Brunswick County Detective Lindsey Walton and nurse Suzanne Meghadapour of Durham, said Ozment.

He said the child's father, Samuel C. Powell, was cutting the grass and

the Powells' three children were playing in the back yard Friday when the incident occurred. Powell went to put the lawn mower in the storage garage, Ozment said, and when he turned around Katherine had started running towards the canal.

Ozment said he believed the family had just arrived Friday and that the Leland Street residence was a second home of the Powells.

Earlier this season at Ocean Isle Beach, Dwight M. Irwin, 62, of Tarheel Acres, died while swimming in the ocean June 24. The cause of death in this case was heart failure, however, and not drowning.

Daytime Temps Above Normal

Average daily temperatures were two degrees above normal in the Shallotte area during the period Aug. 18-24, according to meteorologist Jackson Canady.

Canady recorded an average daily high of 91 degrees and an average nighttime low of 71 degrees.

The maximum high temperature was 96 degrees on the 23rd; the

minimum low was 68 degrees on the 24th.

Rainfall at Shallotte Point during the period measured 1.83 inches.

Canady said that over the next few days, the area can expect near-normal temperatures and rainfall.

Daytime highs in the upper 80s are expected along with nighttime lows of around 70 degrees.

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