

BCC Trustees Will Select College President Next Week

BY DOUG RUTTER

Brunswick Community College Trustees plan to announce the name of the institution's next president May 11.

During a special meeting next Wednesday, trustees expect to terminate an eight-month search process and approve the hiring of one of two finalists who will undergo final interviews within the next week.

The meeting will be held in the board room on the second floor of the classroom building at the college's main campus near Supply. It will be held instead of the regular monthly meeting scheduled for May 18.

BCC Board of Trustees Chairman David Kelly said the meeting will follow two special closed-door meetings, at 6 p.m. May 4 and 10, called to interview the two finalists. The interviews will be held in the CP&L Visitors Center meeting room at Southport.

The presidential search committee recommended the two finalists to the full board of trustees during a meeting April 23. In order to protect the current positions of those individuals, the names have not been released.

The search for a new president began last September



Kelly

and followed the firing of Dr. Joseph Carter, who had served as acting president since the institution opened its doors in 1980.

Since Carter's firing, William Michael Reaves has served as acting president. He was also one of about 80 applicants for the permanent position.

According to procedures currently followed in the selection of a new president, the local board of trustees will recommend one person for approval by the State Board of Community Colleges.

However, the state board is currently in the process of amending that procedure in a manner which could take some of the decision-making power out of local hands.

The state board is expected to act on a joint proposal developed by a state board committee and the N.C. Association of Community College Trustees during its May 18 meeting in Raleigh.

According to the proposal, which was mailed to college presidents and local trustees chairmen within the past week, the only major change in procedure would be a step requiring the search committee to send resumes of all finalists to the state board for review. The state board would then return the resumes along with any comments and recommended pay scales for each individual appli-

cant.

This proposal also requires the local search committee to seek the advice of state community college officials when establishing requirements and criteria for applicants.

Kelly, who supplied information on the proposal to The Brunswick Beacon, said it does not contain a clause giving the state board or state department officials the right to reject any of the finalists upon review of their resumes.

He added that it still requires the local board of trustees to submit the name of the one person selected as president to the state board for final approval. The state board must also be informed of the trustees' selection at least 10 days before its next meeting if it is to be acted on during that meeting.

"It appears to me that the state board in the past has not had enough time to make a decision," said Kelly. "I think they're trying to leave as much judgment to the local trustees as possible."

The proposal contains no provision if the state board rejects the final recommendation of the local board of trustees, he added. "It seems to say that if we follow the steps as presented, they will be satisfied."

Kelly said he did not know what effect state board action on the proposal would have on the BCC selection, but

stressed that the local board is not rushing to choose a president before the state board meeting.

"We did not move it (the trustee meeting) anticipating action by the state board on the eighteenth," said Kelly.

He explained that many trustees anticipate being out of town May 18, when the regular monthly meeting would normally have been held. He said the observance of the 25th anniversary of the state Department of Community Colleges starts that week as well as the annual state trustees meeting in Raleigh.

Although he would not speculate on what might happen with the BCC recommendation, Kelly said the local search committee has basically followed the proposed procedure.

He said the names, and possibly the resumes, of the finalists were sent to Raleigh and state community college officials were given the opportunity to comment before the search committee recommended the two finalists to the full board of trustees last month.

"It appears that we have pretty much tracked this procedure," said Kelly. "I do believe we've been as close to being in compliance as we can possibly be. We have to be optimistic that we are operating in a way which will be confirmed."

Sunset Beach Adjusts ETA Boundary

BY DOUG RUTTER

After nearly five months of discussion and review, questions about the jurisdictional border between Sunset Beach and Calabash could soon be settled.

On the recommendation of the town planning board, Sunset Beach Town Council Monday adjusted the Extra-Territorial Area (ETA) border between the two towns, possibly bringing to an end the confusion of property owners in search of building permits.

Before the minor change becomes official, however, an identical ordinance must also be approved by the Calabash Town Council.

The extraterritorial boundary between the Calabash River and Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, while remaining about 500 feet west of N.C. 179, now falls along lot lines instead of bisecting lots.

Adjustment of the border was proposed by Brunswick County Planning Director John Harvey. Its approval follows several joint meetings between the towns.

Sunset Beach Town Attorney Mike Isenberg said he had spoken with the town attorney at Calabash and was assured that the matter would be settled when the Calabash Town Council meets May 10. Calabash board members have already voiced their support of the adjustment and conducted the required public hearing.

Although the border issue seems to be settled, Sunset Beach will next have to adopt zoning restrictions for areas recently added to its ETA.

These areas include sections of Shady Forest, Heritage Haven, Bonaparte's Retreat II, the Pauline Ransome tract and land on the waterway side of Schuyler Drive. The latter two tracts are still undeveloped.

A public hearing concerning the zoning of those areas will be held at the next regular meeting, on June 6, at 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

Planning Board Chairman Dick Good listed that board's zoning recommendations Monday. As proposed, Shady Forest lots included in the ETA of Sunset Beach would be zoned MH-1 (mobile home). The sections of that subdivision included in the ETA are all lots east of N.C. 179 and lots situated within 500 feet of the

highway on its western side.

The planning board has also recommended that the remainder of Heritage Haven west of N.C. 179 be zoned MH-1, while the remainder of Bonaparte's Retreat II be zoned MR-2 (residential).

The two undeveloped tracts of land nearest the waterway were recommended for MR-1, the highest classification of residential zoning at Sunset Beach.

Planning board member Walter Hoff said these areas were considered prime real estate because of their location. He said it was the feeling of the planning board that the town should encourage those property owners to develop the lots for first-class residences.

Hoff added that only 2 1/2 percent of the town is currently zoned MR-1 and more restricted areas will only help beautify the town.

Property owners affected by the zoning will be notified of the public hearing. Maps of the areas in question can be viewed at town hall.

Approval Granted
In other business, town council granted preliminary approval for a subdivision located in the ETA of Sunset Beach along the Calabash River on the planning board's recommendation.

The action came after hearing an explanation of a confusing situation from Planning Board Chairman Good. He said the two lots making up the subdivision were recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds office earlier this year without approval of the town.

The lots, which are located in an area zoned MB-1 (business), are owned by Bradford Midgette and Layton Tharpe.

Proposal Tabled
Also Monday, council members tabled any action on proposed additions to the town hall until they have reviewed preliminary plans and obtained cost estimates.

The plans, submitted by Councilman Al Odum, call for addition of a 10-foot deep section at the rear of the building to provide space for the police department, a filing room and a computer processing room. Also, another half bathroom would be added as well as an office for the town administrator.

Lease Agreement Sought

Council scheduled a public hearing for its June 6 meeting on a request from David Kanoy of Kanoy Communications to lease space on the town's water tower for three years.

Attorney Isenberg advised that the town could not enter into a lease of more than one year without holding a public hearing.

Councilwoman Minnie Hunt added, "I'd like to see the agreement before we make any motions."

Kanoy said he would bring a copy of the contract to the next meeting, but explained that it basically requires him to pay the town \$300 a year to use the water tower as a place to set up his communications equipment.

He added that he has leased seven other sites in Brunswick and Horry counties but has never dealt directly with a municipality. "There are no large condominiums in this area so water towers are about it."

Chamber Makes Request
Council members also heard a re-

quest from South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce President Don Evans for a contribution to the chamber in the town's next budget.

Mayor Mason Barber said the town would consider the request during upcoming budget workshops.

Although the chamber mainly promotes area businesses, Evans said tourism also helps promote towns and added that the towns of Shallotte, Ocean Isle Beach and Holden Beach have all made donations in the past.

Other Business

In other business Monday, council: •Called a special budget workshop meeting for May 4 at 4:30 p.m. at which time an executive session will also be held to discuss a personnel matter.

•Reviewed a letter to be mailed out to all property owners affected by the east-end canal dredging project. The letter asks that all estimated assessments for the work be paid to the town no later than July 1.

Nature Show On Tap

David Gulick of Carrboro will present an educational and entertaining nature show using live birds on Tuesday, May 10, at 4:30 p.m., at the West Brunswick Branch Library in Shallotte.

During the 45-minute presentation, Gulick will talk about birds and how they evolved. He will also tell bird stories, touching on their roles in American Indian mythology.

The program, sponsored by Brunswick County Parks and Recreation, is open to the public, with individuals of all ages are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the recreation department, 253-4357.

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