

## Ocean Isle To Buy Land For Sewer System Growth

BY DOUG RUTTER

The Town of Ocean Isle Beach plans to purchase more than 400 acres of land next to its sewer plant that could be used for future expansion of the facility.

Ocean Isle Beach Commissioners adopted a resolution Tuesday authorizing Mayor Betty Williamson to enter into a contract and purchase three parcels of land adjoining the waste treatment plant located off Four Mile Road.

The action followed a 20-minute executive session in which board members discussed land acquisition with Town Attorney Elva Jess and island developer Odell Williamson. Commissioners Bill Benton and Virginia Gibson were absent.

Ocean Isle Beach plans to buy the land from Chadwick Shores, Inc., at a cost of \$2,500 per acre, according to the resolution adopted Tuesday.

The land has to be surveyed before the total acreage is known. But based on the estimate of 433 acres included in the resolution, the town will pay \$1,082,500 for the property.

Money for the land will come out of the town's sewer capital project reserve fund, which has been built up over the years for system expansion and emergency maintenance.

The town has saved \$895,867 over the years for expansion and has budgeted \$103,989 next fiscal year for the reserve fund, according to the 1990-91 budget adopted Tuesday.

Ocean Isle Beach will pay the landowner a \$550,000 option cost that will be applied to the purchase price, or refunded if the town does not receive a warranty deed within 90 days.

Odell Williamson, who serves as utilities supervisor at Ocean Isle Beach, said following Tuesday's meeting that no tax dollars will be used to buy the land. Explaining the town's ability to build up a large re-

serve fund, he said, "We've just been running a tight ship."

Williamson said the additional land will likely be used for spray fields, areas where treated wastewater is sprayed from pipes and absorbed into the ground. The town could also use some of the property for a holding lagoon, a pond where waste is held during periods of peak usage until it can be sprayed.

Ocean Isle Beach presently doesn't have enough spray fields to allow for development of the entire island. Williamson said the additional land "should take us into the 21st century with normal growth."

Sewage lines run in front of about 80 percent of the lots on the island. But Williamson said the town doesn't have the treatment capacity to serve all of those lots. The additional land could help solve that problem, he said.

"We're trying to stay ahead of our actual demand," said Williamson. "We're just trying to plan ahead and protect our bases so to speak."

Williamson, who said he owns stock in Chadwick Shores Inc. but has no controlling interest, said the firm plans to buy land from International Paper Company and sell some of it to the town.

Mayor Betty Williamson said the town negotiated with International Paper for more than a year and the firm would not sell land in the small tracts that the town needed.

The three parcels the town plans to purchase from Chadwick Shores Inc. are approximately 297, 90 and 46 acres in size, according to the resolution. Chadwick Shores will pay for the survey that will determine the exact acreage and cost.

Mrs. Williamson said the town couldn't have gotten a better price if it had tried to condemn the property. The town paid more than \$2,100 per acre when it condemned the land needed to build the sewer plant, she said, and land costs have gone up since then.

## Commissioners Cut Budget

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ployee an across-the-board a 2 1/2 percent across-the-board increase and to divide the other 2 1/2 percent equally among all employees. He then made a motion to grant the 5 percent increases and it passed unanimously.

A motion by Holden to rescind previous action granting Department of Social Services employees an extra 2.5 percent pay increase passed 3-2, with Rabon and Mrs. Beasley dissenting.

A motion by Ludlum to set aside \$40,000 for state-mandated reclassifications and reclassifications justified to and approved by the county commissioners, instead of 69 recommended reclassifications that would have cost \$127,000, passed 3-2. Pinkerton and Rabon dissented.

Coastal Insurance and Realty of Shallotte was approved as the company to handle the county's liability and property insurance again, after prolonged discussion.

Last Friday, Coastal proposed a premium of \$186,616.50 to \$225,148 by Carolina Security Insurance Group, \$199,296 by Calabash Insurance Agency and \$219,966 by the N.C. Counties Liability and Property Insurance. Tuesday, Carolina Security reduced its proposed premium to \$201,406.

Pinkerton proposed separating the various elements of the insurance and contracting with the agency that had the lowest premium on each element, which could have involved contracting with several insurance agencies. Holden's motion to award the insurance contract to Coastal Insurance passed 4-1, with

Pinkerton dissenting.

In other action, the board:

- unanimously passed a motion by Pinkerton that no insurance quotes or contributions to agencies be considered if accepted later than March 30 next year;

- unanimously eliminated \$2,000 for Retired Senior Volunteers, because Holden said that group is out of Columbus County;

- unanimously granted \$1,000 to the Brunswick County Law Enforcement Agency and unanimously denied any funding for the Sunset Beach recycling project;

- denied on a 2-3 vote, with Pinkerton and Rabon voting for, \$25,000 to the Ocean Isle Museum;

- granted the Leland Library \$10,000 that had not been recommended;

- cut \$39,900 in matching funds for capital improvements from the Brunswick County Airport, with Pinkerton and Rabon dissenting;

- unanimously cut \$15,000 from the Resource Development Commission's budget;

- cut \$15,000 from the Chamber of Commerce, funding it at the same \$60,000 level it was funded this year, with Pinkerton dissenting;

- cut \$56,285 from Southeastern Mental Health's funding, with Holden dissenting, which leaves SEMH with an allocation of \$229,088 or 25 percent more than this year;

- unanimously cut \$10,000 from the Brunswick County Library's allocation, leaving it the same amount of funding as this year;

- increased North Carolina Marine Crescent's funding from the recommended \$1,000 to \$3,000, with Holden and Mrs. Beasley opposing.

## STATE BOARD MUST APPROVE AGREEMENT

# UNC-W, BCC Plan To Offer Dual Transcripts

BY SUSAN USHER

A new program expected to be in place at Brunswick Community College (BCC) by fall quarter should make it easier for students to transfer to other schools to continue their education.

Officials at BCC and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington have signed an agreement that governs the offering of specific general college courses, said BCC President Michael Reaves. Students who take approved courses will be eligible for transcripts from both BCC and UNC-W.

"Most of our students have no problem transferring to UNC-W with the arrangement we have now with them," he said. "The main thing this program will do is help the student who wants to transfer to some other school such as Carolina, State or East Carolina University."

"For students that take these courses it will be just as if they were taking courses at UNC-W," he continued. "They'll be using the same texts, the same syllabuses. The real benefit is that they will be able to take the classes here on our campus rather than traveling to UNC-W."

Some four-year colleges and universities traditionally have not accepted transcripts from

BCC and similar community college campuses that offer general college courses, but do not have a formal college transfer program with a faculty of its own.

Several steps must be completed almost simultaneously before the transcript program goes into operation at BCC.

First, the agreement must be approved by the State Board of Community Colleges, he said, and must be signed by the president of the N.C. Department of Community Colleges and the chairman of the state board.

"That should be routine," he said. "As soon as I can get it on their agenda that's when it will be approved."

Reaves hopes the item can make the agenda of the board's next meeting, July 12 in Raleigh.

Dot Reardon, a secretary in DCC President Bob Scott's office, said the board may not meet in August.

Also, BCC must send the credentials of all its general college faculty to UNC-W for review and then faculty will have to go to UNC-W for personal interviews.

With one exception, faculty members must have a master's degree, with at least 18 hours of graduate course work in the academic area they

will teach. However, before BCC can offer chemistry, said Reaves, the school must not only add a chemistry lab, but must also find someone with a doctorate in chemistry to teach the course.

The approval process will complicate registration for fall courses, since only courses taught by approved faculty can be offered under the dual transcript program.

"That will affect our course offerings. I don't know how many we can get approved in time to offer fall quarter," said Reaves. "I know that some of our faculty won't have any problem getting approval," said Reaves.

UNC-W is following guidelines set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), which BCC also follows.

BCC has already prepared an in-house fall course schedule. Some BCC students have already pre-registered and actual registration is scheduled for August, prior to the start of the fall term in mid-September.

Discussions regarding the program began between the two schools more than a year ago, culminating in a visit to the BCC campus by UNC-Wilmington officials in May.

"It's been a long ordeal," said Reaves.



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## Creative Writing Fair

Barbara Hewett and three members of her kindergarten class at Bolivia Elementary School read some of the various writings on display for the school's first Creative Writing Fair. From left to right are Tabitha Naylor, Cedric Williams, Matthew King and Mrs. Hewett. Students displayed a variety of writings, including poems, short stories, paragraphs and letters.

## Visitor Drowns At Ocean Isle

A South Dakota woman visiting Ocean Isle Beach drowned in the surf last Wednesday, shortly after rough seas caused a small boat to capsize a few miles down the beach in an unrelated incident.

Officer Tommy Allen of the Ocean Isle Beach Police Department identified the victim as Naomi Frein, a South Dakota resident believed to be in her 30s. Brunswick County Coroner Greg White said drowning was the cause of death.

Allen said officers received a call at about 4 p.m., 30 minutes after a boat did overturn, that a second boat had overturned in the ocean in the vicinity of 174 E. First St. at Ocean Isle Beach and that two people were in danger.

When officers arrived on the scene about four minutes later, however, there was no boat. Three emergency medical technicians from Virginia and a doctor and nurse were with the woman, who was in cardiac arrest, Allen said.

Ms. Frein was driven to a vehicular beach access point just east of the Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier, where police met a rescue squad ambulance. Allen said the woman was transported by Calabash EMS ambulance to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply, where she was pronounced dead.

The policeman said the abnor-

mally high new moon tide last Wednesday afternoon was near its highest point at the time of the incident. Also, he said the waves were between 4 and 4 1/2 feet when the woman drowned.

Allen speculated the woman may have stepped in a hole created by the rough seas and been knocked over by a wave. The officer said he believed Ms. Frein was vacationing at Ocean Isle Beach with her family.

Allen said officers were called to the scene of the drowning shortly after returning from another call near the west end of Ocean Isle Beach, where someone had reported that a small boat had capsized with five people on board.

Two police officers and four or five volunteer firemen responded to the west end of the island around 3:30 p.m. after receiving a call that a johnboat had overturned, Allen said.

When they arrived, however, the five people had already been rescued and dropped off on the beach, apparently by a person riding a Jet Ski.

## Store May Open Friday

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tant administrator of the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, says three businesses in Brunswick County have received their mixed-drink permits and will be able to purchase their liquor from the new store: The Seafood Barn at Holden Beach, Ocean Air Restaurant at Grissetown and the Oak Island Moose Lodge.

County ABC Board members agreed that they should be set up for wholesale business to those three customers by today, although the retail store won't open until Friday or Saturday.

## Normal Conditions In Forecast

Near normal weather conditions are expected in the Shallotte area during the next few days, Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady said Tuesday.

He said he expects temperatures to range from the upper 60s at night into the upper 80s during the daytime, with approximately three-quarters inch of rainfall.

For the period of June 19 through 25, Canady recorded a maximum high reading of 93 degrees, which occurred on both June 21 and 22.

On June 25, he recorded the minimum low for the week, 64 degrees.

A daily average high temperature of 90 degrees and a nightly average low of 71 degrees combined for a daily average temperature of 80 degrees, said Canady, which is about 2 degrees above the long-term average for the period.

He recorded no rainfall.

## Government Offices Closing For Fourth

Ocean Isle Beach Town Hall will be open for business on the Fourth of July to accommodate out-of-town property owners, but it is the exception among government offices.

State government offices, the Brunswick County Government Center and the town halls at Calabash, Shallotte, Holden Beach and Sunset Beach will close for the day. Trash will be picked up at Sunset Beach July 4, on the regular collection schedule.

Also, U.S. Post Offices across the county will be closed, offering neither window nor route services. However, outgoing mail will be picked up from the various offices.

Offices of local financial institutions will also be closed.

The Brunswick Beacon office will be open on its regular schedule, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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