

# County Seeking Advice On Recycling Program

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Brunswick County commissioners will seek suggestions from local volunteers and towns now active in recycling programs before deciding how to keep the service available to residents.

Volunteer groups and towns now active in operating the seven recycling centers in Brunswick County have been asked to send a representative to the workshop set by commissioners for 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at the commissioner's chambers at the government complex in Bolivia.

Commissioners have been asked for additional funds by Bush's Recycling of Florence, S.C., to help keep the centers open and to add an additional three trailer sites within the county. George Bush, owner of the company, addressed commissioners at their meeting Monday night, saying he would need the county to provide a supplement of an additional \$200 per tractor-trailer load to keep the centers operating until June 1991. Bush's Recycling has been providing trailers to the sites at no cost, with the expectation of making at least \$150 per load off of the paper, aluminum cans and plastic collected.

"For \$350, I feel like the county can work into a program and work with the volunteers and save that money," responded Commissioner Benny Ludlum. "It's just a matter of time before the state's going to make us do it anyway."

Bush said the cost of trucking the recycling trailers to Florence makes it impossible for him to continue to transfer the tractor-trailer beds without losing money. In the eight months he has parked the trailers in the county, approximately 276.6 tons of recyclable material has been transferred to the center in Florence. Each trailer contains an average of 5,800 pounds of newspapers, 3,000 pounds of glass, 2,000 pounds of aluminum cans and 400 pounds of plastic, he added.

"There is a need for 10 trailers in the county at this time," Bush told commissioners. "I would have to go out and make an investment and buy more trailers."

Bush had originally given commissioners a deadline of Sept. 15 to decide whether or not to supplement his program. He told commissioners Monday that no trailers would be moved from the sites for another two or three months. The trailers sit on town property in Sunset Beach, Holden Beach, Long Beach, Calabash, Boiling Spring Lakes, Southport and at the county government center at Bolivia.

Persons working the sites are mostly volunteers, except for Southport, where town employees help to run the center. Commissioner Gene

## Commissioners Preparing To Interview For Manager

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners will set a date Friday to begin interviewing candidates for the county manager's position. At least one commissioner was ready Monday night to get the interviews started.

Following a 90-minute executive session held to discuss personnel Monday, Commissioner Benny Ludlum asked if the board was ready to set a date to begin interviewing candidates.

"I was waiting for you to bring it up," Ludlum told Chairman Gene Pinkerton after the board reconvened from executive session.

However, Ludlum agreed with other board members to wait until Friday to set the date. Commissioners recessed their Monday night meeting until Friday at 9 a.m. to hold a workshop with county volunteers and others interested in the county recycling program.

Board Clerk Regina Alexander, who was to contact some of the applicants last week to see if they were still interested in the job, was sick Monday and unable to attend the commissioners' meeting.

"Whether she has contacted all of them, I don't know," added Commissioner Grace Beasley.

County Attorney David Clegg has been serving as interim county manager. In April, 47 applications were received for the job. At their Sept. 10 meeting, commissioners refused to say how many of the original 47 applicants would be called to see if they were still interested in the position.

Pinkerton said he hopes a workshop would pull together ideas and see where the county is heading in its recycling program. There is a need, he said, for the program to be

"standardized throughout the county."

Commissioners also approved a resolution Monday by the Cape Fear Council of Governments ask-

ing state legislators to address the solid waste disposal issue more closely during the next session of the General Assembly. Copies will be sent to State Sen. R.C. Soles Jr. and to State Rep. David Redwine.

In other action Monday, commissioners:

- Approved a budget amendment for the county parks and recreation department to reflect a \$5,000 gain in a state grant and a \$5,000 oversight in donations that County Interim Manager David Clegg said involves no county funds.

- Amended a county ordinance that regulates penalties for privilege license violations to show that for each month a business is in violation the penalty figure will increase by five percent;

- Accepted petitions from residents living on Cumbee Road in Supply and Joe Robinson Road in Shallotte for paving and street improvements;

- Adopted resolutions declaring Sept. 22 as Hunting and Fishing Day in Brunswick County and Oct. 25 as Domestic Violence Awareness Day. The week of Oct. 21-28 was declared Red Ribbon Week in the county as part of Drug and Alcohol Free Week statewide.

- Approved a request by Nancy

Moore, county tax collector, to release 11th-year taxes, as provided by the general statutes, totaling \$30,492.30, taxes that are "outside the jurisdiction to foreclose or the pursuit of the attorney," Ms. Moore said.

- By resolution, set Oct. 2 as the date for the sale of the county's "two-thirds" general obligation bonds. By state law, the county is authorized to issue bonds in a fiscal year without referendum approval for up to two-thirds the amount by which the county's outstanding indebtedness was reduced the previous year. More than \$1.9 million for community college facilities, law enforcement facilities and water system improvement bonds are available for sale.

- Heard from Clegg of the need to revise the county's personnel policy regarding in-house hiring so that it doesn't interfere with employees on probationary status. Current policy gives existing county employees, probationary or otherwise, first opportunity to be considered for other county positions. Clegg recommended either abolishing in-house hiring practices and advertising all positions or making probationary employees ineligible for in-house positions.

## County Given Drug Proceeds

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Department has been awarded \$3,690 in forfeited drug proceeds, according to a news release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The county's share is part of \$740,480 in forfeited drug money that was divided between 31 state and local law enforcement agencies that participated in the investigation of drug cases in eastern North Carolina.

Under the provisions of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984, the federal government can share federally forfeited property with state and local authorities that assist in the investigation of drug cases.

Federal law says property used to facilitate drug transactions, as well as property representing the proceeds of drug transactions, may be seized and forfeited to the federal government.

Seizures may be made by federal agents or by state and local enforcement officers to be "adopted" by federal officials, according to the news release.

The purpose of the sharing provision is to promote law enforcement cooperation at all levels. Forfeited proceeds are disbursed directly to the participating law enforcement agencies to be used exclusively for law enforcement purposes.

## County Issues 323 Permits

Permits for construction and improvements valued at \$2.02 million were issued during August by the Brunswick County Building Inspection Department.

The office issued 323 permits. Of those 142 were building permits, bringing the total for the calendar year to 1,312.

Planner Don Eggert, who compiles the monthly report, said 79 of the building permits were for mobile homes. Seventeen were for single family homes valued at \$1,209,633; three for commercial structures valued at \$551,440; one for remodeling, 10 additions and two garages with a combined estimated value of \$225,150.

To date this year the office has issued permits for construction valued at \$22.92 million.

During August the department also issued 128 electrical, 10 plumbing and 43 mechanical permits.

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