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CALABASH COMMISSIONER George Anderson (left) questions State Sen. R.C. Soles after his announcement last week that he will introduce legislation to split the town into two municipalities.

'CLASH OF CULTURES' CITED

Soles Plans Bill To Separate Carolina Shores, Calabash

BY ERIC CARLSON
 Citing a "clash of cultures" between natives and new residents, State Sen. R.C. Soles says he will introduce a bill to resurrect the old town of Calabash and create a new municipality out of the Carolina Shores golf and retirement community.

But residents of both areas, who may be asked to decide the question in a referendum, have mixed feelings about the proposed split, saying it may cause more problems than it solves.

Legislators may get some indication of how such a vote might fare later this month when the Carolina Shores Property Owners Association polls its membership on the proposal.

Soles announced his intention to draft the legislation at a meeting of municipal officials and state representatives last week. He said that since Carolina Shores was incorporated into the town of Calabash in 1990, "there hasn't been a week" in which he did not receive a call complaining about the merger.

"If I live to get to Raleigh, I will introduce a bill to divide the two towns," Soles told the group.

Soles confirmed Monday that his bill would go beyond restoring the town of Calabash to its former status. It would also create a new town of Carolina Shores on its border, confining Calabash to a small area along the state line, a situation Soles sought to avoid when he supported legislation to combine the two.

The ink was barely dry on that bill when complaints about the merger began to surface. Most opposition came from business owners in the old downtown restaurant district after Carolina Shores used its 5-to-2 majority on the town board to enforce sign regulations and voted to discontinue commercial garbage pickup.

"They tried to change things too fast," said Lloyd Milliken, a restaurant owner who is fighting the town in court over a non-conforming sign. "Carolina Shores is filled with people from up north who are retired and have nothing to do but sit on that town board and make laws. Most of them have their livings made, while we're still trying to make ours."

"They're killing Calabash, cutting us down to a rinky-dink little town," he said. "I say let them go ahead and run Carolina Shores any way they want to and stay out of our little fishing community."

Milliken was one of about 30 downtown business owners who met with Soles and N.C. Rep. David Redwine several months ago to complain about the town the two legislators helped to create.

Redwine said he also has heard complaints, but wants more input from both sides before deciding whether to support Soles' bill. Such local legislation is rarely passed without the united support of local representatives. Rep. Dewey Hill, who also attended last week's gathering, said he has not made up his mind about the bill.

Soles said he has heard enough and is ready to push the legislation without a referendum. But Redwine said he may want to see a poll of residents from the two areas before he could support the bill.

Both legislators say they personally would like to see the town stay as it is. So do several members of the town board, including Doug Simmons, a lifelong resident, downtown business owner and Mayor of both "old" and "new" Calabash for more than 11 years.

"I don't like it," Simmons said of Soles' bill. "He's probably playing politics. I think we've begun to get things leveled out between District 1 (downtown) and District 2 (Carolina Shores). But there are always going to be differences."

County To Grade Impassable Roads

BY ERIC CARLSON
 Responding to requests from the school board and parents, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners Tuesday agreed to a one-time grading of all roads where school buses have been ordered not to travel because of muddy conditions.

And in an apparent first step toward a restructuring of county departments and staff, the board asked County Manager David Clegg to review all unfilled positions in county government and to hire personnel only for those jobs deemed "essential" to county operations.

After hearing complaints about impassable roads from a standing-room-only crowd of Deerfield Estates residents, the board voted unanimously to approve the following motion:

"Due to the recent inclement weather, at the request of the board of education, for reasons directly related to school bus routes and students' ability to attend school, the county will grade a road one time only, if the road is in process of being added to the state maintained system. Grading is the only work to be done. No other activity is authorized."

No estimate was given of how many miles of road might need to be graded or how much the operation would cost. The motion did not specify a line item in the current budget from which the funds will be allocated, so the money will have to come from the county's unappropriated fund balance.

Commissioners Chairman Don Warren said the county would ask the school board for a list of "roads that the school buses can't get down" and have them graded with county equipment. Roads specifically mentioned were Bear Branch Trail and those in Shingletree Acres and Deerfield Estates.

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Students To Be Kept Home Until Buses Can Reach Them

BY SUSAN USHER
 Students from Shingletree Acres subdivision near Calabash may not be in their classes come Friday morning because that's the day three Brunswick County school buses are to be pulled from service to their neighborhood unless the roads are repaired.

Represented by Robert Gore, approximately 50 parents and their children piled into the JROTC building at West Brunswick High School last Wednesday night to appeal to the Brunswick County Board of Education to help get their roads improved. A row of 18 youngsters sat cross-legged along one wall, trying to be quiet as the board conducted its business.

Gore wants the N.C. Department of Transportation to take over maintenance of roads in the subdivision. However, the state says the roads are private. Gore contends it shouldn't matter that the roads don't qualify for state takeover under guidelines that also apply to numerous other roads in subdivisions across Brunswick County.

Wants Roads 'Grandfathered'
 "We cannot qualify under the new rules," he told *The Brunswick Beacon*. "These roads should be grandfathered in under the rules that existed before 1975. The reason they weren't taken over by the state in the first place was because of someone's oversight. There were roads in here before this area was developed as a subdivision. We deserve to be grandfathered."

Gore describes the dilemma as a "Catch 22 situation." When the county maps were developed what happened was the people making maps didn't care about black people and they didn't bother including our roads. They put on the maps what they wanted on them for their own purposes."

Neither county maps of the period nor survey maps prepared for a previous owner, Canal Wood Corp., document that the roads now in use in the subdivision existed prior to 1975, though other roads or cartways are shown across the tracts in question.

Gore says Shingletree Acres should be considered as a unique case, not lumped with other subdivisions. He hopes new information that shows evidence of homes and roads in the area prior to development of the subdivision will be enough to sway state transportation officials to his way of thinking.

Over the past nine or 10 years Gore and other community residents have taken their arguments to churches, political organizations, county commissioners and state officials.

According to Gore, residents have also made efforts of their own to maintain the road, up until this latest incident.

'Trying Everything We Can'
 "We're trying everything we can to find a way for them to qualify," said Jim Cook, Division 3 Engineer for DOT, last week. "We've asked them to help us identify roads and show that there were people and houses there before then. So far they haven't."

"There have been roads in there, but we haven't been able to tie those roads to the roads that are in there now," he said. "We're trying to do that."

A 400-foot section of roadway in the subdivision is maintained and has been "upgraded a little" by DOT because it showed up on Canal Wood maps.

KING DAY OBSERVANCE AT BCC

Hawkins Urges Return To Non-Violent Approach In Dealing With Inequities

BY SUSAN USHER
 "Everything has changed, but nothing is different," Charlotte civil rights leader Reginald A. Hawkins told a full house at Brunswick Community College's Student Center Friday night as he reflected on the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

He urged a return to the nonviolent approach of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in dealing with modern-day inequities.

"All we were asking for was a piece of the pie," he said in a program punctuated with music by The Christian Sisters and BCC Visiting Artist Jon Thorton. "The right to vote, respect for human dignity, the respect due a child of God. If you deny the right for a person to become what God intended him to be, then you deny humanity."

Today's racism is the "worst racism ever," he asserted, because "now it is so subtle we can't identify it. Before we knew the enemy."

"We are a marked people. That is what Martin knew. That's why he was killed. That's what happens when you try to help the poor, black or white."

Saying he was there not to make the audience comfortable but to "up-

set you the way Dr. King did," Hawkins questioned the complacency of black and white, individuals and government.

"Dr. King would be turning in his grave to see us so comfortable and complacent with inequities," said Hawkins, who was shot at 13 times, jailed three times and saw his house bombed. In 1964 he was jailed as the head of a voters rights organization that managed to register 16,000 blacks in the Mecklenburg County area in six weeks. He was charged with registering five persons who could not read and write.

Hawkins urged a renewal of concern for fellow blacks, saying members of the black community once knew one another and worked for the betterment of all. "We need to get back to that," he said, citing black-on-black crime as an example of how blacks are hurting themselves. "We can't blame everything that happens to us on somebody else," he added. "We've forgotten from whence we came."

Hawkins urged turning to King's nonviolent approach in addressing current ills, including weaknesses in education. Hawkins said he'd like to see North Carolina follow the route



BCC TRUSTEES Jim Rabon and Lewis Stanley were the first to approach speaker Reginald Hawkins following the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday observance at Brunswick Community College Friday night. Longtime Cedar Grove NAACP leader Jesse Bryant is in the background.