

Most Incumbents To Face Challengers In Upcoming Elections

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Terry Barbee, commissioner.
Shallotte (mayor, two commissioners): incumbent Sarah L. Tripp, mayor; and Odell (Odie) Johnson, Carson H. (Pete) Durham, Elaine C. Wright, William E. (Bill) Allen and Sam Inman, aldermen. Incumbents Paul Wayne Reeves and Wilton Harrelson did not file for re-election.
Holden Beach (mayor, all five commissioners): incumbent Wally Ausley, mayor; Nash Greene, Larry Vogt, Roger Williams, James Shafor, Jeff Lee, Dwight Carroll, Donald Pollard, and incumbents Gay Atkins, Jim Fournier, David Sandifer and Sid Swarts, commissioner. Incumbent Gii Bass did not file for re-election.
Varnamtown (mayor, two aldermen): incumbent Judy L. Galloway, mayor; Chris Lancaster, Charles McDonald and incumbents George Ennis Swain and Ada McDonald, aldermen.
Bolivia (mayor, all four aldermen): incumbent Ina Mae Mintz, mayor; Lloyd Wayne Cox and incumbents Guy H. Wescott, Ella Jane Willetts Wescott, Sarah Knox and Alice Lesh.

Boiling Spring Lakes (mayor, two commissioners): Herbert C. Buntin and incumbent Steven (Mark) Stewart, mayor; Lacy W. Prince, Charles A. Buntin, John D. Ganey Jr., Charles A. Schneiders, Raymond W. Hicks and incumbent Tom Simmons, commissioner. Incumbent Billy E. Privette did not file.
Southport (mayor, two Ward I aldermen, one Ward II): incumbent Norman Holden, mayor; John D. Gorman II, Leonard H. Moore, Philo (Phil) Joyner, Ward II; and Paul Darrell Fisher and incumbents James (Jim) Brown and William H. Crowe, Ward I. Incumbent Harry W. Gore did not seek re-election.
Long Beach (mayor, three commissioners): Rupert Riley, Johnny Vereen and incumbent Joan Altman, mayor; Kevin M. Bell, Frances Talley Allen, Dan Windsor, David S. Drummond, Carlton (Gene) Frazier, Helen Cashwell, Doris Hertel, Timothy L. Jones, and incumbents Danny Leonard and Jeffrie D. Ensminger, commissioner. Incumbent James B. Sloop did not file for re-election.
Yaupon Beach (three commissioners): Linda Vereen,

Jackie Slockett and incumbents Hugh Zachary, William S. (Bill) Smith and Dorothy Kelly, commissioner. The board elects a mayor from its membership following the election.
Caswell Beach (two commissioners): Robert Charles Spake, Joseph F. O'Brien and incumbents William A. (Bill) Boyd Jr. and Robert M. (Bob) Terry, commissioner.
Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District (three seats): incumbents James W. (Bubba) Smith, Thomas W. Bowmer and Ginger Canady.
Dosher Board of Trustees (two trustees): Debra (Debby) Amos and incumbents Bill Kirby and C. William (Bill) Newnam.
Sandy Creek (mayor, two council members): incumbent Ernest Grainger and Franklin D. Squires, mayor; Milton (Mike) Garner, Robert Cowan, Earl Gurkin, Shirley McCoy, Robert B. Cruse, Charles Bailey, Daniel E. Canady and incumbents Donald C. Minnis and Carolyn A. Hamilton, council.
Belville (mayor, two commissioners): incumbent Kenneth D. Messer Sr., mayor; incumbents Eunice

Long and Betty J. Sutton, commissioner.
Leland (mayor, two council members): Franky Thomas and incumbent S.L. Doty, mayor; Jimmy Cooke, Donald T. Sellers, Fred P. Seltzer III and incumbents Sadie Richburg and Lucille Dresser Blake, council.
Leland Sanitary District (all five seats): Albert O. Mitchell, John Harvey, Joseph N. (Joe) Gainey and incumbents Elgie Jones, Edison Moore and Julius C. Adams. Catherine Clark and Patsy Elliott did not file for election.
Navassa (mayor, two council members): incumbent Louis "Bobby" Brown, mayor; Edward Williams, Ida White Dixon and incumbents Jimmy Lewis and Roosevelt (Bebop) Toomer, council.
Northwest (mayor, five commissioners): Jerry Munn, mayor; Sylvester Ballard, Elijah Perkins Jr., Charles (Chip) Carroll, Robert J. Munn, Linwood Ballard Jr., Jay Robinson and Elsie Jane Peterson.
 The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 2 elections is Oct. 11.

Industrialists Responding To EDC Study Cite Skills, Education Needs

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The study was commissioned to determine which industries have the greatest potential for locating in Brunswick County, allowing the EDC to focus its advertising and promotional efforts toward those firms. It examines national industrial growth trends and evaluates the county's advantages and limitations for attracting new manufacturers to the area.

Surveys of the county's "industrialists" and interviews with 40 business, government and industry leaders were used to help determine the county's strengths and weaknesses as a home for manufacturing firms.

More than half of those surveyed believe that the level of education in Brunswick County is "inadequate." Respondents cited a need for improvements in math, basic literacy

and technical training. The study notes that although the number of manual and service workers is adequate, "skilled labor is not available in any quantity." One official who responded to the survey said he found productivity among Brunswick County workers "lower than expected."

An "operations manager" was quoted as saying Brunswick County has "too many people on unemployment and social services" and that employers "cannot get them to work."

Although several of those surveyed "showed special interest in high-tech and blue-chip industries," some industrialists point out that "the area lacks the skilled labor and other resources to compete successfully for those industries," the study says.

Noting that much of the available labor force is "unskilled and limited in education," the study quotes another "official" who feels the county "must recruit industry that will employ these people so everyone will have a job."

On the positive side, the study cites the county's climate, its adequate water supply, access to seaports, proximity to a large metropolitan area and low crime rate as enticements for attracting new industry. A significant majority of the survey respondents also praised local police and fire protection, financial services, cultural activities, lifestyle and recreational opportunities.

Although the study is critical of the quality of Brunswick County's workforce, it cites the quantity of potential employees as an asset for

industrial recruitment. It notes that the area has "a large labor supply at competitive wage rates in an open-shop environment."

A full 100 percent of those surveyed said local electrical service was satisfactory, while nearly all described telephone service as "adequate or better." But only half were satisfied with the sewer service. Many criticized the county's transportation system, saying that shipping routes in and out of the county need to be updated and noting that "roads are regularly littered."

Monks said he found few surprises in the consultants' findings and admitted that the study could have been conducted in-house.

"I could have done it myself. But I don't think it would have had the validity of a study done by an unbiased, outside observer," he said. "I

wanted to know the negatives as well as the positives because we need to examine some of the negatives to determine whether they are real or merely perceived. Either way, we have to address them."

One suggestion that Monks did not expect was the inclusion of chemical manufacturers on the short list of target industries. He said past efforts to attract such firms have indicated that environmental restrictions make it difficult for large chemical plants to locate here.

"I was surprised that made the list," Monks said. "But the consultant explained that they were talking

about small to medium operations with little or no environmental impact."

Monks said he plans to address marketing efforts toward each of the eight priority industries one at a time. The owners, presidents and general managers of target firms in the Northeast will be sent a series of information packets about Brunswick County, describing what it has to offer as a location for industrial expansion.

Most of the companies to be contacted will be small to medium manufacturers with home offices in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, Monks said.

Proposed Smoking Regs Based On Wake Law

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Dr. Brad Kerr, chairman of the board's smoking committee, said the group is using a recently adopted Wake County smoking ordinance as a guide for drafting regulations for Brunswick County.

The committee was scheduled to meet tonight (Thursday) to consider what modifications might be necessary before presenting its recommended ordinance to the health board next month.

The Wake County law bans all smoking "in any enclosed area in which the public is permitted," including public areas within businesses, enclosed shopping malls, all public restrooms, pharmacies, health

care facilities and entertainment facilities.

If Brunswick County adopts a similar law, employers would have the right to make their entire workplace smoke-free, or they could designate areas for employees to smoke. These smoking areas would have to be either outside the building or in a room serviced by a separate ventilation system "so as to provide a smoke-free environment for non-smoking employees."

All employees would have to adopt a written smoking policy and clearly designate smoking areas in the building. Copies of the policy would have to be made available on request to any present or prospective employee.

The Wake County law being con-

sidered by the committee requires that non-smoking areas be set aside in all eating establishments with 30 or more seats. Initially, these areas would have to comprise at least a third of the seating capacity. After July 1, 1995, non-smoking areas would have to be expanded to half the seating area.

As of July 1, 1996, smoking will not be permitted in the dining areas of any Wake County restaurant. Restaurants with fewer than 30 seats would either have to designate their entire dining room smoking or non-smoking until July 1, 1996, when smoking would be banned throughout.

The proposed ordinance allows hotels to establish separate smoking areas in conference and meeting

rooms as long as they are served by a separate ventilation system.

Enforcement of the Wake County ordinance is to be implemented by the county health department. However, the law requires that the business owner or employer "make reasonable efforts to prevent smoking in non-smoking areas."

In order to adopt a local smoking ordinance before the Oct. 15 deadline, Kerr said the board might have to act without holding a public hearing. He said the law allows the health board to take such an action.

But board member Don Warren said he was troubled by the idea of adopting such a sweeping measure without public input.

"When was the last time this board passed an ordinance without a public hearing?" Warren asked. "I know it hasn't done so while I've been on the board."

In other business, the board authorized Health Director Michael Rhodes to apply for a \$100,000 grant under state's new "Smart Start" program for pre-school children.

The program is designed to establish "local partnerships" of parents, school administrators, governmental agencies, civic groups and local businesses aimed enhancing the pre-school education and development of children.

Twelve North Carolina counties will be selected to participate in the program's pilot project this year, with another eight added during the 1994-95 fiscal year. In subsequent years, the program will be put into place statewide, Rhodes said.

Judge Reduces Bond In Shoot-Out Case

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There he broke into a home, pointed the gun at the owner and demanded the keys to a car, police say. Instead, the homeowner fired a shot at Willoughby, who ran back to the taxi.

For the next several hours, police marksmen kept Willoughby's head in their rifle sights, as he fired scores of bullets out the windows, through the windshield and into the roof of the car.

Willoughby eventually surrendered and was apprehended with only a minor injury after tear-gas grenades were fired into the car. No law enforcement officers were hurt during the siege.

Shackled at the hands and feet, Willoughby shuffled into the courtroom Tuesday wearing an orange jail jumpsuit, crew-cut hair and wire-rimmed glasses. Appearing alert but somewhat frightened, he talked with McLamb and signed the papers agreeing to waive the probable cause hearing and proceed to superior court.

In arguing for her client's release on bond, McLamb said Willoughby suffers from a rare skin disease and requires regular physical therapy.

She said he had been injured in a jailhouse accident and had to be taken to the hospital.

"I'm concerned that there might be other accidents," she said.

Pointing to a short, middle-aged woman in the first row of audience seats, McLamb said she had known her client's mother, Jean Haley, for nearly five years and called her a respected member of the community.

Also present in the courtroom were the man and woman Willoughby is accused of kidnapping, the couple he allegedly tried to rob at gunpoint and several of the officers who say they were fired on by Willoughby during the standoff. All were summoned to testify during the hearing.

Before deciding on the bond reduction, Judge Wall asked McLamb if he could examine the sealed, confidential psychological report made by doctors at Dorothea Dix Hospital

regarding Willoughby's ability to stand trial.

"I would just as soon no one see that," McLamb said.

After Willoughby's arrest, investigators said he had been suffering from bouts of depression and had talked about committing suicide in the weeks leading up to the incident. Witnesses said that on several occasions during the standoff, Willoughby put the muzzle of the pistol into his mouth, his nose and his ear and threatened to pull the trigger.

After the hearing Tuesday, McLamb said she was "grateful" for the reduction in Willoughby's bond. She would not speculate about his chances for being released or about any plea negotiations with the district attorney.

Noting that her client already has spent two months in jail, McLamb said she hopes the case is resolved in early September.

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