

# South Brunswick Water And Sewer Authority Moving Rapidly On Project

BY SUSAN USHER

Eying a critical July deadline, the South Brunswick Water & Sewer Authority acted Monday night to ensure that work begun by two towns on a planned regional sewer system continues without interruption under new leadership.

The authority, a quasi-governmental agency created by the towns of Sunset Beach and Calabash and expected to include Brunswick County as a member in the near future, plans to build a \$35 million sewer system to serve a large section of southwestern Brunswick County.

Authority directors elected officers, hired an attorney, named their consulting engineers as interim staff, and took steps toward obtaining funding for the project from a variety of sources.

The authority expects to reimburse itself and the two towns from those funds for expenses they have incurred upfront during the project's planning, design and construction, and "certain related matters" not specified. Those costs are not expected to exceed \$8 million, according to the resolution adopted Monday.

George Knott of Sunset Beach is the Authority's first chairman and Hank Mattutat of Calabash vice chairman. Russell Price of Calabash will serve as secretary-treasurer.

The authority also:  
 ■ authorized Knott to apply on the authority's behalf to 1) the state Local Government Commission for approval of issuance of sewer system revenue bonds and 2) the state Division of Environmental Management for low-interest loans from the State Revolving Loan Fund and the State Clean Water Bond Fund.  
 ■ adopted a resolution expressing its intent to

adopt a system of impact fees (including pre-paid developer impact fees) and user rates and charges sufficient to provide debt-service coverage to allow an "investment grade" rating for the authority's sewer system revenue bond issue. It will be up to the Nationsbank bond underwriters to determine the level of coverage needed.

■ authorized consulting engineers Piedmont Olsen Hensley, for up to six weeks while a master agreement or contract is being finalized: 1) to act as interim executive director and staff of the authority and 2) to proceed with design work already authorized by the participating towns, with compensation to be stipulated in the agreement;

■ hired Henry G. Foy of Southport as legal counsel for the authority at a fee of \$100 per hour plus reasonable expenses for one year, with the possibility of extension. He is to begin drafting bylaws for the authority.

■ had Mayors George Anderson of Calabash and Mason Barber of Sunset Beach administer the oath of office to their town's appointees to the authority. One Sunset Beach seat is vacant following the resignation of MaryNell Eaddy. She has offered to continue as an informal "advisor" to the town because of her previous experience with the Little River Water and Sewer Authority.

■ set the second Thursday of each month as its regular meeting date, except that in May it will meet May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Maples Clubhouse.

■ named Bub Scrantom, Sunset Beach, and Mattutat to the engineering and finance committee, which is to investigate short-term funding of the authority.

■ designated Nationsbank Capital Markets Inc. as its placement agent/underwriter and Brown &

Wood as its bond counsel in connection with the issuance of sewer system revenue bonds.

Directors heard from the engineering consultants on the status of the 201 Facilities Plan review and plant and collection system design.

They also discussed a request by the Sunset Beach Taxpayers Association for an Environmental Impact Statement for the project, a move which Sunset Beach Mayor Mason Barber says he sees as an effort to delay the project, and which he says could cause its cost to increase dramatically.

## Bilingual Student Wins Fiction Contest

A bilingual student from Leland Middle School has one first place and a \$100 cash prize in a short story competition sponsored by the Richard A. Bove Memorial Poets and Writers Festival of New York.

Maria Aguillon, a fifth grade student, submitted a short folk tale called "The Slick Rabbit and the Coyote," said Joseph Butler, director of Migrant Education/Parent Involvement.

Heberto Smith, bilingual assistant in the northern attendance district, said Maria knew no English when she and her family moved to Leland in 1992.

"She's a hard worker and very smart," he said. "I push her."

Maria is the daughter of Lazaro and Victoria Aguillon.

Maria and her family were recognized by Butler at the April 18 meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Education.

## Cousin's Quick Action Saves Teen Having Allergic Reaction

BY LYNN CARLSON

A 15-year-old Sunset Beach girl's brush with death was cut short last week by the quick action of a visiting 10-year-old cousin.

Kelley Cochran, who has chronic asthma and a severe allergy to eggs, made what could have been a fatal mistake last Thursday when she reached into her refrigerator and

grabbed the wrong jar of mayonnaise—the kind made with eggs.

"After I ate just a couple of bites, I was unconscious," she said. "I had turned blue, and my nails were black."

Her cousin Brandi Mitchell, visiting from Moncure, had seen Kelley have asthma attacks before, but had

never seen anyone undergoing a severe and potentially deadly allergic reaction. Nevertheless, she managed to give Kelley a shot from the hypo-dermic that Kelley keeps close by.

"She had never given anyone a shot before, and I had never showed her how to do it," Kelley said. "She just instinctively knew."

Within 15 minutes, Kelley said, she was "perfectly normal" again, except for feeling very tired. "My doctor said I probably wouldn't have made it until an ambulance

could have gotten here," she said.

Kelley is a homebound student because her respiratory problems are too severe for her to be exposed to the allergens in school buildings. Her doctors have identified 42 allergies so far, she said.

Her allergy to eggs is so severe "that I'm not even supposed to be in the room where they're being cooked." That's why she keeps a syringe full of medicine with her at all times.

Kelley's parents are Jim and Sara Cochran of Sunset Beach.

## Agency Wants Public Input

Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear is seeking public input on its annual priorities.

The program currently recognizes the following areas of law as program priorities: civil rights, consumer, domestic violence, economic development, employment, government benefits, limited advocacy for distressed small farmers, and housing. Lawyers also advise the elderly and draft wills for eligible clients.

Legal Services President C.R. Ward said, "If you have any com-

ments about our priorities or desire them to be changed, send me a letter indicating the changes you would like for us to make. It would be helpful if you state your age and county of residence."

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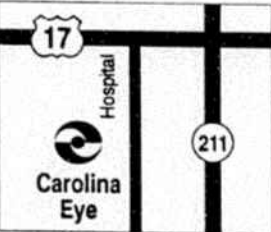
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Colonel North was ridiculed by some in the press as well as the politicians. Bob Schieffer on CBS talked about Ollie, "putting the best possible spin on things like patriotism and that sort of thing." What a hideous specter! A specter that obviously haunted Mr. Schieffer. John Chancellor likened the first days of the hearing to the theater and called Colonel North's Marine uniform, with the many battle ribbons, Silver and Bronze Stars and Purple Hearts a "costume." Colonel North had more than earned the right to wear his Marine uniform with honor. In the end all the charges were dropped or overturned as Colonel North had said they would be from the beginning.

Now Colonel North is a candidate for the U.S. Senate in Virginia and as the Marine recruitment advertisement talks about, "a few good men" we need a heck of a lot of good people in our government. Ollie needs all the help he can get. Some of the same groups that villainized him before are working hard to defeat his run for the senate because he is an outsider. We need strong people who love this great country of ours, people who know what America stands for and will work to keep it strong and free.

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