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## Pamlico Commissioners Approve

### Industrial And Pollution Bonds

There are 56 county authorities in operation in North Carolina which may issue revenue bonds to finance industrial and pollution control projects for industry and public utilities. Pamlico County has joined the 23 other counties who are in the process of setting up such authorities. Craven County has one and Beaufort County is working on setting one up.

The county commissioners will appoint seven members to the authority and these members will be answerable to the county commissioners. Bruce Strickland of the Business Assistance Division of the Department of Commerce suggested that not all members be people actively involved in seeking industry, since the authority is involved only in helping to finance an industry located, or interested in locating, in Pamlico County. Mr. Strickland also recommended that the authority use the same attorney and the same bonding agency as the county employs. He also stated that when appointed, the authority members would hold an organizational meeting but would not be required to meet again until there is occasion to finance an industry.

Ross Boyer, county coordinator, said that this would be one more step the county can take to make it become attractive to a prospective agency. Local existing industries are able to make use of these low interest bonds as well, but the project requiring financing should be \$500,000 or more to make it worth while.

There are many checks and balances involved in the issuing of the industrial bonds. They must be approved by the Department of Commerce, the Local Government Commission and the Treasurer's Office, and it was noted by Mr. Strickland that the industries using this financing in North Carolina have all had excellent credit.

John Bond moved that Pamlico County appoint such an authority. Charles Alexander seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Strickland brought up another matter, the dredging of Gideon Creek at Pamlico. He said that he was hopeful that the U. S. Maritime Commission of the U. S. Department of Commerce would help with the funding, under a program to help low income areas and commercial fisheries. A request for such assistance was approved and Mr. Boyer and Mr. Strickland were asked to check on the form and substance of the application.

Holidays, for county employees, following the schedule used by the State of North Carolina, was approved. County employees will observe November 24 and 25 as the Thanksgiving holidays.

Bradford Rice was appointed of Minnesott Beach to fill a vacancy on the Coastal Area Management Board.

Ross Boyer reported on the progress of the users' survey for county-wide water. He said that an excellent job had been done in Hobucken and Olympia with 80% of those areas surveyed. Grantsboro, Kennells Beach and Mesic are all moving along well and more surveys need to be done in Reelsboro, Arapahoe, and Lowland. The sign-up fee for 567 users is in the bank and there are fees from about 150 more in the hands of the surveyors.

Answering a question of Commissioner Patsy Sadler concerning commercial rates, particularly for crab houses, Mr. Boyer stated that the FHA sets the rates and that the system is directed primarily towards helping rural home population. He said that there are many benefits for fish houses however, primarily in the use of treated water in ice machines.

A study reporting on the courthouses in the 100 North Carolina counties was received and shows that Pamlico County has adequate space and facilities except for parking area. The stairs need working on and more fire protection is suggested. There is \$8,000 in the budget to take care of these matters.

Charlie McCotter, director of the Pamlico County Health Department, had presented a bill to the commissioners from Jim Wooster for mosquito spraying. Mr. Wooster's bill was for \$11,024. Mr. McCotter had estimated that the cost would be \$6,135.60 based on 40c an acre. Mr. Wooster maintains that the 40c amount had not been agreed on and had charged half his regular rate of insecticide spraying which is \$1.65 an acre. Hubert Brothers and Luck Jones had sprayed 1,805 acres at 40c for a total of \$762.18. Mr. McCotter stated that there were three men in his office when he had discussed the 40c rate with Mr. Wooster. The commissioners approved paying Mr. Wooster at the 40c rate. They also instructed Mr. McCotter not to enter into any more contracts unless they are in writing. Mr. McCotter said that at the time he contracted with Mr. Wooster, everyone wanted the spraying done right away and he hadn't taken the time to get anything in writing.

The volunteer work undertaken by Mr. Wooster during the forest fire in September and search and rescue work for the rescue squad was noted. The commissioners approved the expenditure of up to \$50 for the county employees to enter a float representing the county in the Christmas parade on December 4.

Charles Price, county electrical inspector, requested an ordinance to allow the electrical inspection permit to be held up until a building meets all other county regulations. It was noted that an electrical permit cannot be issued unless a septic tank permit has been issued. County Attorney Hollowell believed that the commissioners had adopted a state ordinance that puts the issuance of permits under one department head. This will be checked.

Mrs. Helen S. Leary of #1 Township asked for tax relief on her double-wide trailer, personal and real property. She was referred to Leslie Robinson, tax collector.

Mr. McCotter announced that he would like to hire a replacement for Jack Gilgo, septic collector.

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POLICE CHIEF ORRIE TROUTNER, Aurora, gave the Town Council a look at the safe that was stolen from Aurora High School, October 30. The case was solved October 31st. Chief Troutner has been with the town of Aurora for almost 1 year and is retired from the United States Marine Corps.

## Aurora Council Discusses Medical Center Funding

The November 8th meeting of the Aurora Town Council was called to order by Mayor Grace Bonner with Town Attorney T. R. Thompson, Jr., Town Administrator Marvin Jennings, Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Lee Hollowell, and Councilmen Malcolm Rowe and Joe Galloway attending. Also at the meeting were Brian Benson, Director of the Planning and Community Development and Jake Hooks, superintendent of Public Works.

Mr. Benson gave a report on the procedure to be followed in order to apply for a grant from BOB. The council asked that he proceed with the pre-application. Mr. Benson then asked for the board to approve payments for the construction of the new Medical Center. The board approved the payments. The board then looked at a cost estimate for the extension of the sewer line to the Medical Center. This was tabled until the next meeting for more details.

Mr. Jake Hooks gave a report on the ditching in the town. It was reported that 867 hours has been cleaned or ditched 11,500 feet.

Under unfinished business, Mr. Jennings reported the new truck has been received and is now being painted. New Business included a budget adjustment for Medical Center funds. The County funds had not been added to the budget. Also, \$25,500.00 of Medical Funds were transferred from the general funds to the Community Development Funds, which is where they belonged.

Mr. T. R. Thompson had the contracts for the extension of the water and sewage system. These had been approved at a previous meeting and were signed by Mayor Bonner. The extension is to be paid for from bonds, a Grant from HUD, a Grant from FHA, and a loan from FHA. This is a combination for paving, water, and sewer projects.

## Neighbors Honor Hardy Family

Mrs. Sally "Mammie" Hardy of Oriental and family were honored Sunday, Oct. 30 with a pig-pickin' at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Broughton in Reelsboro. Hosts with the Broughtons were their daughters and sons-in-law, Joe and Deloris Whitford and Al and Sharon Broome, of Reelsboro and Johnny and Judy Berry of Washington.

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delicious dinner of barbecued pork and venison with all the trimmings. Games were played by the young while the adults "caught up on the news" of the families.

Those in attendance were the family: Dee and Sarah Jane Hardy and children Mel Thomas of Oriental and Nancy Blount of Arapahoe; Josh and Dot Hardy and daughter Kathy of Virginia Beach, Va.; Preston and Ardelia Hardy of Fayetteville; Ray and Mary Ellen Hardy Hinzman of Oriental, Don and Carol Hinzman Heath and daughter Angie of Stonewall, Jerry and Kay Sadler Gaskill and sons, Wayne and Clay, of Cedar Island,

Darrel and Helen Sadler and children, Beth and Darrel Ray of Morehead.

Also attending were Evelyn Miller and children, Ricky, Randy, and Debra of Bayboro, Jaimi Carawon of Lowland, Caroline Spencer of Florence, Henry, Golda, Broome and daughter, Pat of Reelsboro, Dorothy Stewart of Alliance, Mrs. Betty Briley of Stonewall, Jack and Deloris Rose of Atlantic, Dori Jo Whitford, Cindy and Kim Broome of Reelsboro and Janet Berry of Washington.

A good time was enjoyed by all with plans for this to be the beginning of an annual event.



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Cathy Buck

## Cathy Buck Is Pamlico's Morehead Nominee

Cathy Diane Buck, senior at Pamlico County High School, has been selected by the Pamlico County Morehead Scholarship Selection Committee as Pamlico County's nominee to compete in the District for a Morehead Scholarship.

A Morehead Scholarship is an honorary award accompanied by a grant of money to finance the recipient's undergraduate study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The

Morehead Award pays all college expenses for four years of study.

Morehead Awards are made on the basis of evidence of moral force of character and of capacities to lead and to take an interest in one's schoolmates, scholastic ability and extra-curricular attainments, and physical vigor.

Cathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buck of Alliance.



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Check it Out  
Help the PCNS  
Band play in  
New Orleans

"Strange Little Man"  
Aids PCHS Band  
Fund Drive

IF YOU HAVE SEEN A STRANGE LITTLE MAN standing on the top of a giant size mayonnaise jar near the cashout counter in your favorite neighborhood grocery store, you might be wondering who or what he is. He's friendly for sure and he won't even bite. He's just a reminder that your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and even dollars are still badly needed to complete the remaining \$2,000 goal to send our band to New Orleans. If you happen to meet this little guy, please be friendly to him. The Oriental Junior Woman's Club hopes he will help the worthwhile cause.