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Joe Galloway Resigns From Aurora Town Board

The Aurora Town Board, meeting in a delayed session, accepted the resignation of council member Joe Galloway and approved a contract offer to Rehabilitation Associates of Durham, N. C. to finish supervision of the Community Housing rehabilitation project. The need for new supervision developed from the resignation of Charles Rivenbark, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist for the town of Aurora.

Council member Joe Galloway submitted his resignation to the board citing business pressures that made it impossible for him to devote the time needed to town business. Mr. Galloway was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board and was serving his second elected term when he resigned. The board was advised by Mayor Bonner to give thought to appointing a replacement but no official action was taken. The Aurora Town Board now consists of Mayor Bonner and Councilmen Rowe, Hollowell and Paul.

Bruce Berhinger, Administrator of Community Development for the town of Aurora advised the board that due to the resignation of Charles Rivenbark, housing rehabilitation activity was slowing due to a lack of supervision and that HUD had recommended the town contact Wayne Hobgood of Rehabilitation Associates in Durham. Mr. Hobgood, according to Berhinger, had visited the project in Aurora and felt he could complete the project in 90 days. The board, after discussing Mr. Hobgood's proposal, approved a contractual offer to Rehabilitation Associates whereby they would be paid \$10,000 to complete supervision of the project regardless of the amount of time involved. Rehabilitation Associates had estimated the project could be completed in 90 days at a supervision fee of \$3,200.00 per month. However, the monthly fee, according to their contract, was to continue if the project passed the 90 day mark.

In other CD action, Berhinger informed the board that the proposal for the town marina had been submitted to the

Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and that the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development had requested additional information. The additional information, according to Berhinger, had been compiled and the amended application would be submitted within the next few days.

The progress of Section 8 housing was discussed and the board was informed that an option had been secured on the Broome acreage and that the contractor had requested a letter of support from the board be sent to HUD. The board approved submitting a general letter of approval.

Marvin Jennings, Town Manager, requested and was given permission, to hold a public hearing on September 4th concerning assessments for paving of John Drive and 7th Street.

Also, Jennings advised the board that certain requirements concerning non-partisan municipal elections had to be met. He informed the board that the voter registration deadline was October 8th and that the filing period for candidates was from 12 noon September 14th to 12 noon October 5th and that the election would take place on November 6th. The board felt that notification of these dates in The Pamlico News and a notice on the bulletin board in the Town Hall would be adequate notification of the election requirements.

The board also agreed to: Review regulatory and warning road sign needs in accordance with the Governor's Safety program. It is anticipated that it will cost \$1,000 to bring the signs into compliance and the cost will be on a 50-50 basis. Available Powell funds should pay the town's share.

Study a proposal to up-date street signs at a cost of approximately \$680.00.

Investigate a quotation of \$1,300 to sandblast and repaint the town water retention tank and tower.



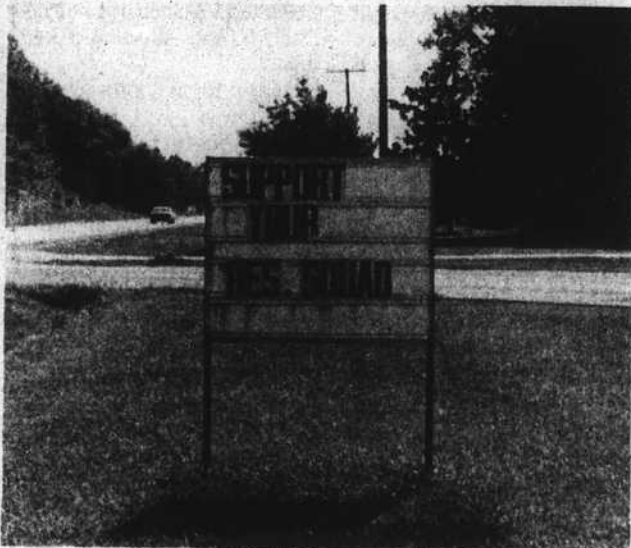
Joe Galloway

A study be made by Councilman Paul and Manager Jennings to determine if the town should replace the town patrol car by state bid or direct purchase.

Transferring museum funds and 201 facility funds from the CD account to the general fund to improve accounting accuracy.



Sign in the window at Bayboro Pharmacy.



Sign in front of Lee's TV & Western Auto.



Sign at Pamlico Furniture Store.

Local Businesses Give Promotional Help

Ambulance Fund Passes \$5,000.00

The Pamlico County Rescue Squad could borrow from a popular advertising theme to describe its present fund raising drive and safely say "We've come a long way baby"—but, they would have to add "Baby, we still have a long way to go".

On Monday, August 13th (10 days into the drive) the squad had officially collected \$5,172.06 of the \$18,650.00 needed to purchase and equip the new ambulance to state certification requirements. According to Dalton Hardison, Captain of the Rescue Squad, the fund has collected more money but that it had not been deposited and could not be credited to the official tally. As a result, several steps have been taken to keep the momentum of the drive alive and to make sure the people of Pamlico County know where it stands and what must be done.

Many local businesses have devoted their outdoor advertising space to the Rescue Squad by using their billboards to encourage support for the ambulance fund drive. Not only does this type of promotion serve to remind the Pamlico County resident of the need for the ambulance, it helps explain to the weekend visitor a county-wide need and point out a way they can help a county they enjoy visiting.

Several of the businesses have devised their own special promotions to help the Rescue Squad. Jerry Casey (Casey's Corner) has devoted billboard space to the drive and to announce that cokes are now selling for 15¢ each. Jerry, when someone buys a coke, suggests that they give the savings to the Rescue Squad's ambulance fund.

Milton Brinson (Brinson's Supermarket) altered both of his signs so that east and west traffic passing his business could only read a message suggesting that everyone help the County Rescue Squad.

Dallas Taylor, President of the Pamlico County Chamber of Commerce, informed the

Rescue Squad that the business contact campaign had been organized and that the business drive would be started this week under the supervision of Dallas Taylor and Shirley Cross.

In order to maintain maximum publicity for the drive and the need for the

new ambulance, Town 'N' Country Supermarket in Oriental, Gatlin Oil Company in Bayboro and Perry McCotter Realty in Alliance and Aurora placed an advertisement in The Pamlico News encouraging everyone in the county to support and give to the ambulance fund.

Dalton Hardison explained these activities in behalf of the drive by pointing out that the Rescue Squad doesn't

want a new ambulance but that the county needs a new ambulance and that it can only be purchased by contributions. Also, Mr. Hardison stated that the Rescue

Squad members know the people in the county will help the Squad get its new ambulance but, at the same time, hope that volunteered contributions will enable the Squad to devote its time to

rescue service and training instead of raising money to buy needed equipment.



Sign at Casey's Corner.

Beaufort Commissioners Get Up-date On CD Block Grants

Dale Holland, of Talbert and Cox, was present at the August 7 meeting of the Beaufort County Commissioners to describe and answer any question pertaining to the HUD Community Development Block Grants.

Three areas of Beaufort County have received the CD Block Grants. They are Aurora, Washington, and Belhaven. Holland said that the firm of Talbert and Cox is a private engineering and planning consulting firm which has become involved with application and administration of the CD funds. The Block grant funds, according to Holland, are designed primarily to help and improve low to moderate income neighborhoods. Housing rehabilitation, one of the some 25 eligible programs, is the most widely used. The housing rehabilitation directs itself at the elimination of structural problems, sewage disposal, proper insulation, etc. Holland said that by way of the block grant funds, houses

are preserved for housing stock.

Holland told the commissioners that each house in the target area is inspected and a work sheet prepared on it. When the sub-standard house is complete, it should be an asset to the occupant and the community.

If a house cannot be rehabilitated, it is demolished. The occupants of the house, if they own it, are given up to \$15,000 for relocation. If the house is being rented, the occupant is given up to \$4,000 to relocate. The Community Development Block Grant program is a 100% grant with no local match required. The firm is on a contingency fee basis. The firm writes the application to HUD for the community. If funded, the firm will administer the program for a pre-specified amount which is included in the application. If the application is not approved by HUD for funding, the community is not responsible to pay. Holland said that normally, the administration amount of the grant is 6-8%.

Holland said that the most that a community could receive under the single

purpose program was \$500,000. A community could receive as much as \$1,000,000

The Oriental Town Board met on August 7 and heard a progress report on the sewer study from Tyndall Lewis and Charles Joyner of McDavid and Associates out of Farmville. The sewer study is roughly 75% complete and the representatives appeared to discuss some of the alternatives regarding collection and treatment.

Charles Joyner told the board that there are two alternatives to transport sewage to the treatment site. The first method is by gravity flow. The problem with gravity flow in the area of Oriental is that the area is so low that there would have to be several lift stations which

would pump the sewage to another area.

The second alternative, and the one which seemed to be the most feasible is the low pressure system. This method is 92 1/2% funded. Tyndall told the board that the low pressure system is a relatively new system but one which is being used more in coastal areas because of the flatness of the land. The low pressure system uses more pumps than the gravity system, or the conventional system, but it should be less expensive for the user.

Lewis estimated that rates for a gravity system in an area such as Oriental, would be \$10-15 per month. Lewis

in funds in the comprehensive program.

There was a bit of discrepancy as to how much money the board should pay

for travel, as a matter of fact, a vote was taken three times. The first time, Commissioner Frank Bonner moved that the county pay 19¢ per mile. Bonner felt that the State, which is paying 19¢, is usually looked upon as being a happy medium. When the vote was taken, Bonner and Boyd voted for; Moore and Dilday voted against. Bonner then moved that the county pay

18¢. The vote—Bonner and Boyd for; Moore and Dilday against. The motion then went down to 17¢ per mile. The vote, which passed—Bonner, Moore and Dilday for; Boyd against.

Lewis told the board that cover crops, such as fescue can be grown and harvested on the land used for spray application. The mechanical aspect of treatment requires only electricity and an operator. The lagoons would be isolated by a 500 foot buffer zone all around them, from the nearest inhabitant. The cost of the entire sewer system was very roughly estimated to be in the million dollar range. The collection system will cost roughly \$350,000. The representatives told the board that at the next meeting of the Oriental Town Board, it was hoped that more accurate figures could be provided.

By the time the lagoon water is sprayed on to the land, many natural and biological processes have occurred toward purifying the sewage. This is one of the reasons that the lagoons require very little maintenance. The site for the treatment phase has to be well drained and as high as can be found in the area and preferably within 1 1/2 miles from town. There will be 60 acres needed for this phase of the sewage system.

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Oriental Board Hears Sewer Report