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Principal

ministrators of that school system. The also suit contends that Cox made the statements intentionally and maliciously causing Henderson to be ridiculed, hated and disgraced in his community and that the allegations "impeached his reputation in his profession of school administrator."

The statements, Henderson claims in the answer, caused him to experience diminuition in his professional reputation. a loss of confidence, anxiety and emotional and mental distress.

Henderson is suing for \$100,000. Cox has 20 days to respond.

Cox originally sued Henderson, the Beaufort County Board of Education and the superintendent of the Beaufort County Schools claiming that his privilege of freedom of speech had been violated. He alleges that his transfer from Chocowinity High School to Aurora High School at the beginning of the 1984-85 school year was the result of his making statements against Henderson's administration of Chocowinity during board of education meetings.

Boat

share of taxes (to support PTC), more than our share because our homes, regardless of how much they cost us to build them, won't sell for as much as ones in Bayboro, Oriental...."

He suggested that the commissioners consider placing a dumpster near the Island. Because of the distance to the landfill in Silverhill, he said, people were using the roadsides.

'Caroon also addressed the septic tank issue, saying he understood that there would be no more permits issued in Lowland. "There's not a septic tank in Lowland...that's given any trouble," he commented. The regulations devalue property and hinder development, Caroon commented. "Lowland has really had the short end of the stick," he reiterated.

Referring again to the lack of adequate water pressure for his business, Caroon said, "The water situation is crippling me. If it was Bayboro that needed the water, would you be able to find the funds?"

Commissioner Patsy Sadler informed Caroon that an elevated water tank was to be placed on the Island and that it should increase water pressure.

Commission chairman Brad Rice told Caroon he appreciated his concern and that the board was working to solve the water and septic tank problems.

Bob Leal, representing a group

retail was used as the base figure and equipment was considered to be in "fair" condition. He added that he did not say he wouldn't work with Quay but that he could only discuss specific boats. "Overall, the Buck pricing guide is the best on the market," he commented.

Leal said he still thought it unfair to assess a tax on what amounted to the broker's fees and that telephone calls he had received indicated that Pamlico County valued boats higher than most other counties.

Rice said that the board would continue to study the situation but could make no promises that valuations would be lowered.

Tom Harrell of Carolina Benchmark, the county's engineering firm, presented several proposals to the board regarding the elevated water tank, informing them that the weight limitations of the Hobucken bridge would not hinder the project. The county has sold \$253,000 in bonds to finance the project. No action was taken.

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Rice commented that he felt that the board had been misled regarding the amount of money

Aurora

the county would need to contribute to the project, that he had believed it to be only \$10,000 to

\$11,000.

The board will continue with the project.

County manager Bill Rice informed the board that presentations would be made Wednesday

night, December 19, by the two applicants who are interested in building a nursing home in Pamilico County. The first presentation will be made at 7 pm with the second following at 8:20. On Thursday, the commissioners will hold a special meeting to discuss the applicants. Bill Rice told that board that the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency (ECHSA) suggests that the commissioners recommend an applicant. ECHSA will hear the proposals on January 9 in Craven County.





of boat owners who appeared before the board six weeks ago, told the commissioners that he had understood that the board had instructed Bert Quay, a yacht broker who was a member of the group, and Randy Beeman, tax supervisor, to "get together and negotiate an equitable tax." Leal said he was told Beeman had indicated to Quay that he was satisfied with the valuations as determined by use of the Buck guide.

Rice said his understanding was that Beeman would look at individual boats but that, overall, the board was satisfied with the valuations.

Leal contended that the prices reflected in the Buck guide include a 10 percent broker's fee and that boat owners should not be taxed on money they would not realize from the sale of the boat.

Commissioner Louise Muse asked Leal, "What if you sold the boat yourself?"

Leal replied that it was not often done.

County attorney Bernard Hollowell pointed out that no deduction was made for the sales commission on cars and Muse added that property taxes on a house are not lowered by the amount a real estate agent would charge for selling it.

Beeman explained that the pricing guide took condition, equipment, and region into account when setting prices, that the low

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