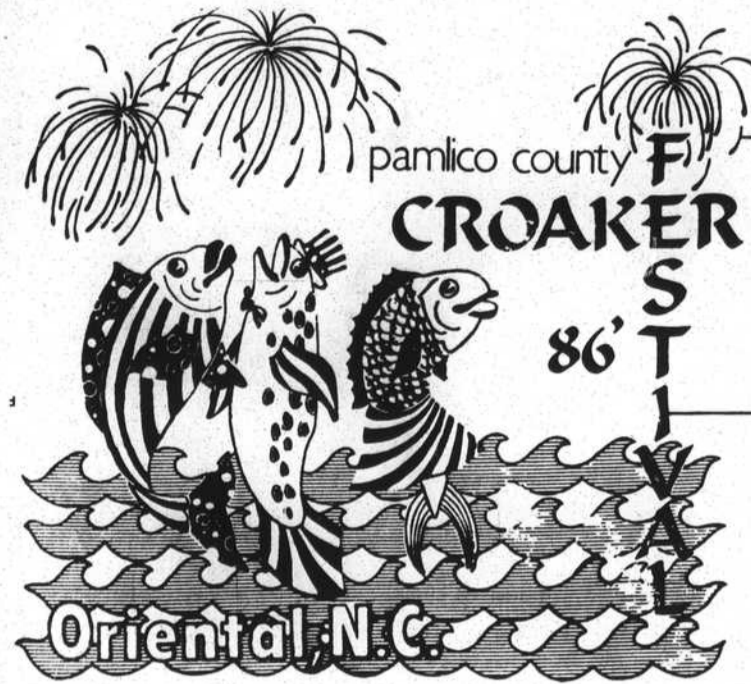


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Commissioners Say No To Increasing School Funds

Despite a letter from the superintendent of the Pamlico County schools requesting additional funds for the coming year, the county commissioners Monday night, June 30, held the school system's appropriation to the level approved when the budget ordinance was adopted.

The letter from superintendent George Brinson stated that the school system's budget and finance committee, which met on June 19, was "somewhat perplexed and disappointed that the school budget appropriations are reduced considerably while the County Budget ordinance shows significant increases. This is not to imply that increases in other departments are not needed and justified, but that the level of appropriations for educational purposes will seriously affect current programs and eliminate several vital capital improvements."

Brinson added that since no appropriations were made this fiscal year to the capital reserve account funded for the last two years "...it leads us to believe that funding for Capital Outlay is to a great extent dependent upon the availability of surplus funds. This leaves the provisions for capital improvements in a rather weak position and dependent upon whatever the state might provide to supplement."

The letter stated that with the amount appropriated by the commissioners to capital outlay the schools would be unable to fund a number of projects this year, including paving at Pamlico Junior High School and the purchase of a maintenance vehicle and activity

bus. In addition, eighty percent of the renovations scheduled for the old classroom "T" AT Pamlico County High School would have to be deleted.

Brinson said, in his letter, that these improvements can be deleted from the budget but that the \$87,198 difference between what was requested for current expense and what was approved could jeopardize instruction.

He presented reductions totaling \$30,000 that "would least affect our current programs."

The letter said that to go beyond the \$30,000 reduction "would require cutbacks in instructional

areas, eliminate \$100 supplemental pay to all certified personnel, instructional supplies, clerical assistance, custodial services, maintenance, plant operations, etc. We believe that further cuts in these areas will seriously affect our local effort toward educating our youth."

Brinson also noted that the local appropriation of \$50,000 in capital outlay monies will probably be needed for the gymnasium at Anderson School which, at the present time, is estimated to cost \$515,000, \$115,000 more that was available.

County manager Bill Rice

reminded the commissioners that any change in the board of education's budget would require a change in other budgets.

Commented commissioner Brad Rice, "Again we're faced with something similar to last year when the (school) board asked for a change in the designated funds." Since the board of education says they can't use the funds as designated, Rice said he suggested allowing the school board to budget the appropriated funds at their discretion. "It seems we get the blame on how the school

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Towns Adopt Budgets For New Year

Most of the towns in Pamlico County have now adopted budgets for the coming year. Mesic was scheduled to do so Monday night and the Bayboro board intends adopting their budget later this month, having passed a continuing resolution last month that will allow the town to operate beyond the July 1 deadline. The new fiscal year began July 1.

Stonewall estimates that \$11,953 will be spent this year with revenues totaling \$18,099.

Approximately \$6,621 in revenues will be carried over from the 1985-86 year from the general fund and revenue sharing accounts. Other sources are ad valorem taxes (10 cents per \$100 valuation), \$3,438; franchise tax, plates, \$28; intangibles tax, \$149;

\$4,095; sales and use tax, \$1,014; beer and wine tax, \$1,467; license and revenue sharing, \$1,286.

Trash pick-up is the single largest expense and, at \$3,600, accounts for thirty percent of the town's expenditures. Street lights will cost \$2,145; clerk's salary, \$1,884; office supplies, \$153; janitorial services for the town hall, \$450; utilities, \$383; audit, \$600; advertising, \$83; payment for the Triangle VFD truck, \$704; insurance, \$67; license plates, \$44; membership dues for the League of Municipalities, \$144; cost of election for the sewerage district, \$332; Triangle VFD, \$1,364.

The budget indicates that Stonewall has \$22,954 on hand in Powell Bill funds for street maintenance and repair.

Arapahoe's budget indicates that the town, one of two in the county that does not collect property taxes, will have \$15,080 in operating funds this year with \$7,407 in expenses.

Approximately \$8,000 will be carried over from 1985-86 and will be added to an estimated \$7,000 in state taxes (no breakdown was provided in the budget) and \$80 in donations from a hunting club for use of the town hall.

Street lights, at a cost of \$3,430, represent the town's largest expenditure. Arapahoe does not provide garbage collection.

Other expenses include: utilities, \$630; maintenance, \$300; salaries, \$720; advertising, \$60; donations to the Girl and Boy Scouts, \$80; entertainment, \$175; payment to the Pamlico County Board of Elections for services, \$204; membership fee, League of Municipalities, \$191; travel, \$100; audit, \$800; and insurance, \$350.

Revenue sharing is estimated to total \$5,224, including the last payment, which is due in October, of

\$454. From these funds, donations to the Arapahoe Volunteer Fire Department, \$500, and Pamlico County Rescue Squad, \$250, will be made.

The 1986-87 budget for Minnesott Beach was adopted just last week, on June 24, and calls for expenditures of \$125,812.

Most of revenues will come from two sources, ad valorem taxes, \$30,000, and general fund balance, \$58,840.

The town also anticipates receiving \$7,000 in sales tax revenues; \$800 from the beer and wine tax; \$1,245, intangibles tax; \$3,700, franchise tax; \$1,000 in fees for garbage collection outside the town limits; \$7,000 in interest income, \$8,911 in Powell Bill funds, and \$6,336 appropriated in surplus revenue sharing funds.

Major expenses are: professional services, \$2,000; salaries, \$12,795; insurance and bonds, \$1,600; donations, \$1,000; street lights, \$3,000; and sanitation, \$6,336.

The town budgeted \$25,011 in Powell Bill expenditures and \$5,800 to contingency leaving \$61,409 for the fund balance account.

Water sales are estimated to generate \$28,000 of the \$45,943 water works budget, with the remainder coming from meter installation (\$3,000), interest (\$1,057), miscellaneous (\$25), restricted portion of the half cent sales tax (\$2,150) and surplus (\$11,718).

Expenses will leave \$6,000 for the contingency fund and fund balance. Major expenditures include chemicals and supplies, \$4,700; maintenance and repairs, \$4,000; salaries, \$5,849; bond payment, \$12,750; capital outlay, \$6,750; and water tank maintenance, \$1,400.



A tall antenna marks the new Alliance head-end site now providing parts of Pamlico County with cable television.

Cable Television In Alliance, Bayboro, Stonewall And Aurora

Cable television has been available in Oriental since early 1984 and now residents of other areas of Pamlico County as well as Aurora can sign up this week for the service.

According to Janice Shorey of CMA Cablevision in Bayboro, "We're on the verge of turning it on up here." Equipment was moved from Oriental last week to the new head-end site behind Harrison Electronics in Alliance.

Shorey said that employees of CMA Cablevision, which is based in Hershey, Pennsylvania, will be going door to door in Alliance, Bayboro, Stonewall and Aurora. Residents along Highway 55 from Merritt to Stonewall can also sign up for the service. Aurora subscribers can call 1-800-331-3752 for information.

The installation of cable television services are scheduled to begin the week of July 7.

Break-In At Tavern Nets Over \$3,600

A break-in at the Flamingo Lounge at Cash Corner netted a reported \$3,644 in various items, according to a report filed Wednesday, June 25, with the Pamlico County Sheriff's Department.

The tavern's owner, William E.

Credle, told the sheriff's department that beer, cigarettes, food, stereo equipment and other miscellaneous items were removed.

Entry to the building was gained by knocking the back door off its hinges using a concrete block.

Two Accidents Last Week On NC 304

Two automobile accidents occurred last week, both on Highway 304.

On Tuesday, June 24, according to the highway patrol's report, Clarence Fennell Smith of Rt. 1 Bayboro, 38, driving a 1967 Ford truck was traveling east on Highway 304 when he ran off the right side of the road. He lost control of the vehicle after returning to the roadway and ran off the road to the left, struck a ditch and overturned.

Smith was transported to Craven County Hospital.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$700 and Smith was cited with driving left of center and no operator's license by Trooper T. J. Pittula.

On Friday, June 27, Charles Drewery Sawyer, 17, and Loretta Brothers, 16, both of Lowland, were reported injured in an accident that occurred about 7:30 pm. The report did not indicate if they were transported to the hospital.

According to the report, Sawyer, who was operating a 1984 Ford truck, said he was traveling west on Highway 304 when the driver in front of him stopped abruptly. Sawyer said he swerved to avoid hitting the other vehicle and ran off the road, hitting the ditch bank.

No citations were issued. The truck sustained an estimated \$3,000 in damages. Trooper G.R. Leggett investigated.