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File For Reelection



FILES — John Beers has filed for reelection to a four-year term on the Hertford Town Council for the Nov. 8 election.

In the upcoming Nov. 8 election, two members of the Hertford Town Council are up for reelection. Both candidates have filed to be reelected to their Council positions which is a four-year term.

Last Friday, John Beers took the necessary steps to have his name included on the ballot. Beers has served on the Town Council, being continuously reelected since the mid 1950's. He is vice-president of J.C. Blanchard Co. of Hertford and also serves as Vice-Mayor for the Town of Hertford.

In a statement regarding his bid for reelection, Beers said, "I've always been interested in the community and its betterment. If reelected, I would try to continue to do my best to serve the people to the best of my ability as I have in the past."

Also up for reelection is T. Erie Haste Jr., president of Hertford Hardware & Supply Co. Haste filed for reelection to his council seat on Monday.

In a statement regarding his bid for reelection, Haste said, "There are many rules and regulations imposed on towns and local governments by state and federal government. Administering these rules and regulations has become a complex responsibility. Since I was elected to the Hertford Town Council four years ago, it has been a constant learning process to prepare myself and become knowledgeable enough to become qualified to pass judgment and offer assistance on these and other matters. There is still much to learn and changes are made daily. I look forward to the possibility of continuing as a member of the Council and preparing myself to meet these challenges." Haste is up for reelection for a second term in office.



FOR REELECTION — Mrs. Elizabeth Winslow, supervisor to the county Board of Election goes over the necessary forms with T. Erie Haste Jr. who has filed for reelection to his seat on the Hertford Town Council.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED — Members of the Executive Committee of the newly formed Northeastern Rural Health Development Association, Inc. were elected at the first meeting of the organization held recently. Serving on the committee are, from left to right: Ollin B. Sykes of Edenton, Robert E. Lee of Gatesville, T.B.H. Wood of Edenton, Mrs. Farn Voliva of Columbia and Lester Simpson of Hertford (Perquimans County). Not pictured is Cy Rich of Edenton.

New Health Care System:

Steps Are Being Taken

EDENTON — For more than 40,000 residents of the large, six-county area of northeastern North Carolina, access to a new and innovative health care delivery system may be just around the corner, according to a newly-organized group of local business, government and civic leaders who met in Hertford Sept. 12.

The name of the group is the Northeastern Rural Health Development Association, Inc. (NRHDA). It is a nonprofit corporation and is comprised of 18 representatives from Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties. "We're here tonight to give serious consideration to means whereby we can develop and improve the health care delivery system in the counties where we live and work," said T.B.H. Wood, Edenton farmer and businessman who was elected president of the group.

Following adoption of by-laws, election of officers, executive committee members, directors and professional advisory committee members, Wood introduced Dr. C. Clement Lucas, an Edenton physician, to discuss the proposed plan.

"Since moving here three years ago, I have become increasingly concerned with the health care needs of the people in this region of the state," said Lucas. "Several months ago, Edenton dentist Dr. Richard Hines and I began discussing ways in which we felt the present system of health care might best be improved. We believe the concept we will outline briefly tonight and hope-

fully in greater detail several weeks from now, is a very practical and workable one."

Lucas then explained that there were two parts to the plan. "First," he said, "Dr. Hines and I have already begun plans to construct a 25,000 square-foot, private clinic to be located near the Perquimans-Chowan county lines."

This will be a "fee-for-service" clinic, he noted and will be staffed by fulltime physicians, dentists, respiratory and physical therapists, a pharmacist, and health educators. He added that recruitment of professional personnel for the clinic is already underway and that he and Dr. Hines expect the facility to open within the next 8 to 12 months.

The second part of the plan outlined at the Sept. 12 meeting by Dr. Lucas directly involves the newly-formed Northeastern Rural Health Development Association, Inc.

"We propose that this organization (the NRHDA) consider opening at least two clinics, one in Tyrrell County and one somewhere in the northern Perquimans or Gates county area," he said. "These clinics would be operated by the NRHDA but would be linked via a complex computer hookup to the private clinic which Dr. Hines and I are building."

In turn, he noted, the professional staff at the private clinic could spend part of their time in service at the two clinics operated by the NRHDA.

"In effect what we are proposing," Lucas acknowledged, "is the merger of the private prac-

tice of medicine with a public body in developing a public trust for the delivery of health care."

There would be several advantages in such a merger, according to Lucas. By working together, the two public clinics and the large, privately-owned clinic can provide 24-hour professional medical service to persons in a wide geographic area who heretofore have had to travel as many as 40 miles to see a doctor.

The second primary advantage he pointed out, is the fact that recruitment of young, health care professionals would be enhanced by the availability of such a system.

During a discussion period, Lucas admitted that not all of the details of the program have been worked out as yet. And he told those present that he and Dr. Hines would like to meet again with them in several weeks and present a more concrete proposal.

In discussing the matter, one board member, Vincent Collura, an attorney from Gatesville, commented that for three years people in Gates County have been working to establish a rural health center and that they are just now beginning to make headway.

"I fully support and commend the initiative these two doctors have taken," he stated. "And, if we continue to work together this program can be a meaningful and viable part of our communities in less than a year or two."

The board later voted to ask Drs. Lucas and Hines to prepare a formal proposal and to seek federal, state and private funding grants

to help the two satellite clinics during their first three years of operation. It was also suggested and approved that contacts be made with the commissioners in the counties involved regarding funding.

NHDA Treasurer Ollin B. Sykes of Edenton pointed out that forms have been filed requesting the organization be given federal and state tax exemption status.

Serving on the NHDA Board of Directors are: T.B.H. Wood, Edenton; Robert E. Lee, Gatesville; Mrs. Fran Voliva, Columbia; Ollin B. Sykes, Edenton; R.L. Stevenson, Hertford; Terrance W. Boyle, Edenton; L.F. Amburn, Edenton; Bill Cox, Hertford; Lester Simpson, Hertford; George P. Cowper, Gatesville; Frank V. White Jr., Edenton; Cy Rich, Edenton; Walter Oakes, Columbia; Heber Alligood, Creswell; Mrs. George W. Long, Hertford; Webster Simons, Edenton; Vincent Collura, Gatesville; and Shadrach Booker, Corapeake.

Members of the NRHDA Professional Advisory Committee are: Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Edenton; Dr. Richard Hines, Edenton; Ila Gray White, Hertford; Charles Woodard, Hertford; Wood Farless, Merry Hill; Bill Burgess, Winton; H.B. Glover, Plymouth; Howard Campbell, Elizabeth City; Will Harper, Greenville; John Carlisle, Edenton; and Ms. Susan Keyes, Greenville.

Organizations and individuals wishing to assist in raising funds for the two publicly-owned and operated clinics can contact Ollin Sykes at his Edenton office.



OFFICERS REELECTED — Elections held at the Thursday night meeting of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission (ARPDC) resulted in the election of those pictured above, from left: R.S. Monds of Hertford, chairman; Lester Simpson of Perquimans County, secretary-treasurer; and Donald Bryan of Dare County, vice-chairman. (Photo courtesy of Pat McCleney, The Daily Advance)

ARPDC Board Meets:

Manpower Discussed And Officers Are Elected

The Manpower Program was again a topic of discussion when the Board of Directors of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission (ARPDC) met Thursday night in Elizabeth City.

It was pointed out that 100 to 110 Manpower Program participants are out of work. The employees were released as of Sept. 16 in order to get audits completed before the state takes over the program through a joint effort of the Employment Security Commission and the

Economic Improvement Council according to Floyd Spellman, Manpower Director for the ARPDC program.

The workers are now employed by different governmental units, in hospitals, at schools, in nursing homes, at nutritional sites for the elderly, and by the ARPDC.

At the Thursday night Board meeting, E.V. Wilkins of Roper asked how the contract with the state is progressing and if anyone from ARPDC had approved the new pilot pro-

gram which was approved at the last meeting.

Chairman R.S. Monds said, "I haven't seen a copy of the contract and don't know how they are expecting to fill the slots for employment." Wilkins said that he hopes "each governmental unit will get their fair share as they are having to pay a percentage of the worker's salary."

Bill Gardner of Edenton said, "ARPDC has given away all authority over the program and if we don't like the way it is proposed to be run, we don't have any

say so until time to renew the contract."

Robert Whitley, executive director of ARPDC, said that the employees being released are in no way guaranteed another job through the pilot program scheduled to begin on Oct. 1.

He said they "just have to wait and see what is happening" at this point.

Monds said that "ARPDC has been caught up before in three-day deadlines and that they really don't know half the time what they are having to approve until it is too late. He said this case is a good example of ARPDC's approving a project without having read the contract."

In other business, officers in the coming year were elected by the 12 of the 57 board members present. The current slate of officers was reelected.

Members then discussed a report on the HUD-701 Land Use and Housing Element proposed contract and the board voted to spend some \$8,000 to contract a planner to get the necessary work done by the February deadline.

An ARPDC committee will meet tonight, Sept. 22 at Soundview Restaurant at which time representatives from across the state are expected to attend to give input into a study of Balanced Growth and Economic Development. Whitley said, "The governor himself may even attend."

Hertford Project Is Submitted

The water-based recreational facility for the Town of Hertford is among the package of 13 North Carolina projects that Governor Jim Hunt has recommended to the Coastal Plains Regional Commission for funding in fiscal year 1978. The package would provide \$1,209,655 in CPEC funds for a variety of locally sponsored activities in the 45 state's Coastal Plains counties.

The proposal for Hertford is for \$47,500 to be used toward the \$173,000 water-based recreational facility.

The Coastal Plains grants will be used primarily as supplements to other grants being made by federal and state agencies. Total cost of the 13 projects, including local matching funds, is \$7.7 million.

The Central Plains Regional Commission is made up of

the governors of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Virginia, and Claud Anderson, the Federal Co-chairman. Each state's annual investment package goes to the full commission for final approval.

The largest grant recommended by Governor Hunt is for \$233,000 to Pamlico County for a \$4,230,000 county water project.

Other grants, in addition to Hertford's, include: Roper — \$100,000 toward a \$1,034,500 municipal sewer project; Turkey — \$66,175 toward a \$404,100 municipal water project; Beaufort County Technical Institute — \$94,580 toward a \$1,029,277 learning resources center; and Southport — \$50,000 for the renovation and berthing of the Frying Pan Lightship Museum.

Transportation Board Offers Speakers

RALEIGH — North Carolina Transportation Board Members Marc Basnight and T.G. Joyner recently announced the formation of a speaker bureau available to groups or clubs in the counties of Northampton, Hertford, Gates, Currituck, Camden, Pasquank, Perquimans,

Chowan, Bertie, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare and Hyde. Basnight and Joyner noted that the purpose of the speakers' bureau was to inform area residents about the upcoming \$300 million Highway Improvement Bond Issue to be voted on November 8, 1977.

The public is urged to contact the following by telephone to arrange for a presentation to their groups and clubs: Marc Basnight — 919-473-3474; T.G. Joyner — 919-536-3097; or Division Engineer: F.W. Adkins Jr. — 919-332-4021.

Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw said,

"We feel it is absolutely critical that the citizens of North Carolina understand the issues surrounding the Highway Improvement Bond Issue and its impact on the future for our State.

Bradshaw also served as Chairman of the Board of Transportation.



DONATION — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parsons, teaching parents for Heritage House in Elizabeth City, are shown accepting a donation from Ann Winslow, president of the Perquimans County Jaycees. The

home serves the Albemarle area working with young girls who have problems and uses close connection with the home environment. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newborn)