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Motion To Select Mauney Dies

School Board 'Not Ready' To Make Appointment



PRISCILLA MAUNEY

The Kings Mountain Board of Education will accept applications through December 28 from persons living inside the city limits of Kings Mountain who wish to fill the remaining two years of the term of Kyle Smith.

Smith, who was elected Mayor of Kings Mountain in the October 4 election, announced at that time that he

would step down from the school board in December. Smith was sworn in as mayor Tuesday night, creating a vacancy on the school board.

After re-organization of the school board Monday night, at which time Bill McDaniel was re-elected chairman and Doyle Campbell vice-chairman, new member Billy King made a motion to ap-

point Priscilla Mauney to fill the vacancy. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Mauney ran a close third in the recent election, at which time King was elected and Campbell re-elected to four-year terms.

State law does not require a board to fill a vacancy with the next highest vote-getter, however, in the past that has

been the practice with the board of education. Board member Paul Hord Jr. was originally appointed to the board to fill the vacancy of Harold Lineberger, to whom Hord finished second in an election for an outside-city seat.

Board members McDaniel, Hord and Campbell said they were not ready to make an

appointment at this time, but all three favored Supt. Bob McRae's recommendation that the board advertise for the position. King cast the lone no vote.

King said Mrs. Mauney had shown her interest by running in the recent election, had shown her qualifications

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Facilities Proposals Approved

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night approved a long-range facility needs plan as required by the School Facilities Finance Act of 1987.

The plan calls for major improvements at all schools in the district, and a total cost of \$10,389,271. Construction projects would begin in 1990 and be completed in 1997.

Supt. Bob McRae pointed out that the figures which will be sent to Raleigh are estimates at today's prices and are not "cast in stone."

The proposed projects are ranked in priority, with the first priority being closing Central School to students. The first two phases of the plan, to be completed in 1990, would involve renovating the senior and junior high schools and closing Central as a school.

The first phase includes \$1,841,180 in renovations at the high school, which would allow ninth graders to be moved there. Additions would include 13 classrooms, an additional gymnasium to accommodate the additional students, an exceptional children's classroom, a vocational lab, storage areas and additional restrooms.

Renovations at the junior high, totaling \$1,815,387, would allow the sixth and seventh graders to be moved there and join eighth graders in a new middle school concept. Additions would include 12 classrooms, four science labs, music and exceptional children's rooms, and additional storage areas and restrooms.

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Kyle Smith Takes Over Mayor's Chair

Kyle F. Smith, 59, took the oath as Mayor of Kings Mountain Tuesday night, pledging to repay citizens who voted for him to "get up here and get the job done."

In a voice charged with emotion, Smith said that "following in the footsteps of John Henry Moss is no easy task but I am not going to fill his shoes. I wear a size 8½, so maybe I can make some footprints of my own." "I hope the trend of upward progress will continue through my administration but just in case you are worried, I am not going to be up here 22 years."

The Council Chambers at City Hall was standing-room-only as nearly 100 citizens

witnessed a new mayor being sworn in for the first time in 22 years and also three new members on the board of commissioners, (now called Council due to the change from city commissioner-mayor to city manager council form of government.) District 1 Councilman Al Moretz succeeds one term commissioner Irvin Allen, Jr. District 3 Commissioner Norma Bridges, who became the second woman council member and the only woman ever to be elected mayor pro tem, succeeds 14 year veteran Corbet Nicholson; and District 4 councilman

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Photo by Gary Stewart

SWORN INTO OFFICE - Local magistrate Jimmy Dickey administers the oath of office to new school board member Billy King as members of his family look on at Monday's board meeting at KMHS. Left to right are Dickey, Brian King, Billy King Sr., his wife Linda King, and Billy King Jr.

John Henry's Last Day Business As Usual

Tuesday was business as usual for Mayor John Henry Moss on his last day as the city's chief executive officer.

The Mayor spent most of the day in negotiations with postal officials in Greensboro and Philadelphia for sale to the city of government property, the old Post Office, for use as a law enforcement center. The city has had plans drawn up by architects

to refurbish the building as a law enforcement center.

Several conferences with city planners, citizens, and department heads were on his appointment book as well as planning for the swearing-in ceremonies for the new Smith Administration. The lobby of the Governmental Services Center, which was recently carpeted, was being readied for the ceremonies

which were also to be televised in the lobby where extra seats were being placed for the crowd which was expected to overflow the Council Chambers.

John Henry Moss became the city's first-time Mayor in 1965 and served 22 years, seven months and four days. He has served longer than any other Mayor in the city's history and is the last of the

city's full time Mayors. When he came to work, the Mayor's salary was \$6,000 a year and city commissioners were paid \$10 a month. He made his first budget of \$40,000 when he went on the job, covering two pages. The 1987-88 budget covered 60 plus pages and totals \$16.5 million. Cash on hand as of Tuesday was \$2.4 million, according to Treasurer Marvin

Chappell who said by month end there would be additionally \$55,000 from utilities franchise and \$200,000 in utility payments. "The city is in great financial shape", said Chappell, who also said that total fund equity balance as of June 1987 was \$20,146,77 with over \$2 million in unappropriated surplus.

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United Way Reaches Largest-Ever Goal

The largest campaign goal ever undertaken by Kings Mountain United Fund, \$110,000, was reached Monday.

Kings Mountain drive chairman Bill Davis and UF President Ted Kostek announced the red letter day for local volunteers.

"We are so grateful to everyone who made this drive successful. The success of the campaign is attributed to the hard work of many volunteers," they said.

Campaign workers will hold a victory celebration January 5 at the Holiday Inn



to recognize campaign contributors.

Added gifts this week from Kings Mountain industry put the campaign over the top, Davis said. Leaders in the campaign were Kings Mountain industrial plants who topped a record goal with Bernard Harvey as chair-

man. Also topping their goal was the advanced gifts division led by Suzie Howard.

Other divisions also added to the goal and they were commercial, Mike Huffman chairman; professional, Dr. Bill Beutel chairman;

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PLAQUE TO RETIRING MAYOR MOSS—Elaine and John Moss, left to right, and Mayor Kyle Smith and Mrs. Smith are all smiles as the new Mayor presents an appreciation plaque to outgoing Mayor John Henry Moss on Moss' retirement from public office after 22 years, seven months and four days.

KM Police: If You Deal In Drugs, We'll Get You

Twenty-one Kings Mountain area citizens were arrested Thursday night and early Friday morning in the continuation of "Operation Genesis: The New Beginning", an anti-drug campaign of the King Mountain Police Department.

Police Chief Warren Goforth estimated that the drug campaign, an undercover operation since August 21, has resulted in 169 drug charges against 35 individuals with 11 vehicles seized. Cocaine, marijuana, valium, and xanax were seized with a total street value of \$40,845. One suspect flushed cocaine down the commode in a bathroom as officers raided the house. The suspect and the drugs were seized.

Twelve people were charged with trafficking cocaine. Other drugs ranged from

marijuana, hashish, and xanax.

Taking part in the raids were Kings Mountain police, the Blue Ridge Narcotics Task Force, the State Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland County Sheriff's Department and Shelby Police Department.

Thirty officers were involv-

ed in buys and raids in the extensive undercover drug campaign, which is continuing.

Kings Mountain Police Department issues this warning: "If dealing or using illegal drugs in Kings Mountain, you are subject to be arrested."

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Paper To Publish Early

The Kings Mountain Herald will publish on Monday next week and the Christmas edition will include features, letters to Santa Claus, greetings from area merchants and local news. Deadline for all news and advertising copy is Friday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m.