

COUNTY

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When Chairman Cecil Dickson didn't immediately call for discussion and take a vote on the question, Vanhoy asked the county attorney to instruct the chairman on proper procedure and Crawley then made a substitute motion which Gilbert said was out of order because another motion was on the floor. Dickson said several citizens had signed up to speak on the issue and should be given that chance before the vote was taken.

Dickson started to comment but Gilbert told him to "shut up" and "cease and desist and call for the question" and Dickson refused and Gilbert walked out of the room. Vanhoy demanded that Dickson "go by the rule book" and Dickson called Vanhoy out of order. Vanhoy said the chairman was out of order.

County Attorney Julian Wray attempted to settle the debate between commissioners on the complex motions and finally said it was up to the chairman to decide if some motions were germane to the subject at hand.

Dickson started recognizing individuals who wanted to speak and Vanhoy left the room followed by Gilbert. Both returned momentarily.

Bobby Maner, representing the Kings Mountain Rotary Club, said that the 45 members of the Rotary Club endorsed by resolution its support for the R. G. Plonk property on US 74 West of Kings Mountain as the best site for the proposed park.

Chuck Hoyle and David Haas, Bethware Community residents, spoke in opposition to the Kings Mountain site, citing that industries result in noise and disruption of a quiet neighborhood.

"I want to stand up against big industry because I don't want to be run out or bought out by more industry coming into our area," said Hoyle.

Haas said he moved from Gastonia to Bethware to "get some peace and quiet" and strongly opposed another industry coming into the area.

"You would not want an industry in your backyard with increased traffic, noise and pollution," he told the board.

Two other citizens, including former Shelby Mayor Les Roark, said they were concerned that the county wanted to spend tax dollars for a site preferring that the park be developed by private enterprise.

Lem Carpenter said the current tax structure in the county keeps industry out. "Support the industries that are here instead of spending big money to bring new ones in," he said.

Roark also suggested that the

board resolve its differences on the site through the political process because the public issue had eroded the board's public confidence.

The properties being considered for the park are:

A 235 acre site located near Kings Mountain and owned by the R. G. Plonk Sr. heirs. The selling price is \$5400 per acre.

329 acres on Southern Road near Shelby owned by Shelby Loan & Mortgage Co., E. B. Hamilton, President, \$6000 per acre.

220 acres near Boiling Springs owned by C. E. Hamrick Jr. and H. Gene Washburn, \$5750 per acre.

Owners of the Kings Mountain and Shelby sites have offered commissioners a \$1 a month option on each piece of property for the next 120 days. The board took no action on the offer, saying it would give the public a chance to offer input at the October 15 meeting.

But Vanhoy said some decision could be forthcoming because the board had several meetings planned before they go out of office.

"There will probably be a few secret meetings and you boys can get a vote by November," he said to Dickson.

But Dickson said the board may not make any firm decisions before election day. He said if the board accepts the options on the property the options would run from October 15-February 28.

"That's way past the November elections," he said in response to Vanhoy's charge.

David Pond, engineer for W. K. Dickson Company of Charlotte, assisted by engineer Alex Berkeley, presented an engineering evaluation of the three properties which included the cost of providing water and sewer for the locations. The study was based on water flow data and availability and sanitary sewer service based on location of pumping stations. He said the Whitaker property in Boiling Springs does not have adequate water flow in event of fire.

Gilbert insisted several times during the meeting that the issue was not Kings Mountain-Shelby or East versus West but questioned Pond for at least 30 minutes on how he came up with his analysis. Commissioner Mary Accor of Kings Mountain, who said she favors the Plonk site as the best piece of property for the Park, asked if Pond had been told that the board was considering the KM site as its first priority. Accor said she had never been against the Plonk site but that she wanted the people to have a say on the issue before the board took action.

Pond said the Whitaker site could cost in excess of \$1.8 mil-

lion to develop because a wastewater treatment plant would require upgrading and the assessed fire flow of water could not reach the 1400 gallons per minute requirement.

Comparing the user rates for water and sewer, Kings Mountain's outside water rate is \$10.45 plus \$1.40 per 1,000 gallons and its sewer rate is \$1.50 plus \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons. Shelby's outside rate for water is \$8.58 plus \$2.32 per 1000 gallons and up to 15,000 gallons and its sewer rate is \$8.58 plus \$2.45 per 1,000 gallons.

Pond said the cost of developing the site runs from \$500,000 to over \$1 million. The figures: Shelby Loan property, \$553,000; Kings Mountain, \$596,000; and Whitaker farm, \$1,856,000.

A monthly water/sewer bill to a customer using 10,000 gallons of water at the Plonk site would run \$972 while a customer at the Shelby site would pay \$1,280 and at the Boiling Springs site would pay \$3,760. The annual water/sewer bill for customers using 275,000 gallons of water at the three sites would be: \$316,944, Kings Mountain; \$414,132, Shelby; and \$1,240,296, Boiling Springs. For 100,000 gallons of water/sewer, the costs would run: \$115,344 at Kings Mountain; \$150,792 at Shelby; and \$451,032 at Boiling Springs.

During the interchange between Gilbert and Pond, Gilbert asked Pond to take an oath that the figures were correct. Pond said he didn't object to taking an oath on the Bible but he was not making recommendations, only giving the facts. Pond said that hydraulic conditions had to be looked at carefully and not just the size of pipe. Gilbert questioned the use of 16 inch pipe at Shelby compared to 12 inch pipe at Kings Mountain and asked if the engineers checked existing industries on how much water they used before they made the comparison charts.

Pond said fire flow conditions and water service were critical criteria and must be determining factors.

Pond said he didn't need to defend his evaluation because W. K. Dickson had been in business since 1929 and served 50 municipalities in the area. "What you see on these charts is unbiased and to the point. I call it like I see it."

Saints Alive forming at Macedonia Church

A new Saints Alive group for adults 55 and older is forming at Macedonia Baptist Church and the first meeting is Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the church.

Those attending are invited to take a covered dish for luncheon.

Mike and Nan Nicholson are leaders of the group.



CLASS OF '53 REUNION - Pictured are members of the Class of 1953 of Kings Mountain High School at a recent reunion. Front row, from left, Coach Shu Carlton, Shirley Falls Austin, Joann Hill Holland and Shirley Bumgardner Valentine; second row, Jim Kimmel, Sonny McDaniel, Juanita Pearson Jackson, Pat Henderson Tart, Jerry King, Linda Baity Bennett, Louise Gladden Fisher, Frances Sisk Barnette, Dean Smith, Gene Stone and Thurman Burns; third row, Gertie Jenkins Wright, Bill Briggs, Joe Roberts, Janelle Medlin Eng, Joan Thomasson, Nancy Hardin Fowler and Vernon Tate; fourth row, Elizabeth Camp Anthony, Mary Roper Pearson, Shirley Houser Allen, Maxine Eubanks Rhea, Connie Bennett Ledford, Maxine Jackson, Cornelia Ware Kimmel, Doug Gladden and Gene Ellis; and fifth row, Bob Hullender, Pete Morrow, Ken Davis and Tim Gladden.

Alex and Friends' at Gaston College October 12

Gaston College's 16th annual presentation of "Alex and Friends" will take place Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Myers Center Auditorium.

"Alex & Friends" is a fun variety show starring Alex Hegenbart, director of the music program at the college.

Gaston College faculty and staff also participate, providing a program of song, dance, and all kinds of music, ranging from folk songs to Broadway tunes.

Also featured is the mountain music of Joe Shannon, known as the Appalachian Music Man,

playing the hammered dulcimer. He has recorded a number of CD's and has written a book, "Tennis Shoe Love."

Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to benefit the Gaston College Student Scholarship Fund.

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