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## New Traffic Signal System Planned Solutions Offered In Highway Commission Study

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The Kings Mountain City Board met Monday night to discuss a marathon 28 item agenda which included action on the B & B Ranch vs. the city case and a report on traffic flow and signalization by Bob Jenkins of the state highway department.

In the B & B matter, a superior court jury last month awarded W. K. (Billy) Maoney and Buford Cline, owners of the property, a sum of \$175,000.

The B & B property is 247 acres of land at the Buffalo Water project site.

Attorney for the city, Jack White, told the board that he had "made a motion to set aside the verdict as contrary to evidence" but the motion had been denied by the trial judge. A notice of appeal has been entered in the case to the N. C. Court of Appeals. White went further to say that it would probably be "five months minimum" before the case is finally heard.

In asking for a motion for the city to continue appealing the case the Mayor said, "We have been working with the engineers on the project for some time and after these talks it is felt that the city should continue and finalize the project in due course."

It was pointed out that the city has possession of the land under eminent domain and the matter of monetary settlement is all that remains.

The city has also posted \$72,000 in the John Cline case which leaves only the Ambrose Cline property for the city to gain possession.

A motion by Norman King and seconded by Seymour Biddix to continue the appeal procedure was unanimously approved.

Bob Jenkins, division traffic engineer with the state highway commission presented a plan to the board concerning the proposed traffic flow and signalization system for the city.

According to the plan one signal will control the whole system along King Street. Provided the King Street traffic lights were not tripped by a side street auto, it would be possible for a vehicle to travel the entire length of King Street to hasten the flow of traffic and prevent mass traffic congestion.

Certain intersections would have the semi-actuated loop or "trip" that would activate when a car rolls over them. These are designed to keep major thoroughfares on a continuous flow until someone approached the intersection. Such devices would be set for York and Gold; King and Watterson; King and York; Cleveland and Piedmont and a few others.

The board voted to approve the principle of the idea but held back on final approval until parking, lane marking and other minor traffic details can be studied. It was hoped by members of the board that the details could be worked

out and work began on the project by Spring 1973.

In other board action it was voted to award a bid of \$6,656 to Worth Keeter of Charlotte for a rear loading refuse compaction unit and to award a bid of \$7,149.10 to Dalton International Sales for a truck cab and chassis for the compaction unit.

The board voted to send the following requests to the zoning board for their actions:

A rezoning request by Mrs. Ruby Hill to rezone property on Highway 74 from R-20 to GB.

Request by Ray W. Lutz to rezone property on Highway 74 from R-20 to GB.

Request by Hal Morris to rezone property on Highway 74 from R-20 to GB.

Request by A. C. Dugan to rezone property on Highway 161 north from LI to R-20.

Request by George Ruppe to rezone property of Ruppe Street from GB to HI.

Request by Phillips Development to rezone property in the northeastern section of Kings Mountain from R-20 to R-

6 on 9 acres and from R-20 to R-10 on 24,898 acres.

Other business included:  
Approval of a request from Mrs. S. O. Kirby to transfer a taxi franchise to William Orr.

To table for further study bids on an electric ledger accounting machine from NCR and Burroughs Corporation. Burroughs bid was \$19,500 and the NCR bid was \$23,873.64.

Approval of a proposal by Duke Power Company to furnish power at "delivery point #2" located south on York Road. 2500 kw is to be received at this point for a term of five years. It was termed as a "step to initiate a program of relief for delivery point #1."

Approval to advertise for bids for a tractor with ditchers attachment for the gas department.

Approval to enter into an agreement with Pitometer Associates for a water pressure and flow survey.

Approval to repair the 1923,500,000

gallon storage tank located on Piedmont Avenue.

Approval of a resolution requesting approval of application for state funds under the Clean Water Bond Act of 1971 for Project #NC 370353. This is purported to be used in the sewer improvement project.

Granting of advertising for public hearing on annexation request by Karl M. Jacobi and wife, Elise H. Jacobi.

Motions were approved to grant refunds to the following under the Homestead Exemption Act: John R. Pearson, John W. Foster, Sr., and Mrs. Bryte Ware.

A request for a six months leave of absence was granted Craig Parker, of the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Approval of a request by Carl Champion to use the City Stadium for a semi-pro football team under the same terms as his softball agreement with the city.

Table for further study a letter from Hal S. Plonk and Thomas Harper concerning street improvements in the Ashley Park Sub-division.

Approval of Christmas schedule and bonuses for city employees. Christmas Holidays will be observed 23-25 and New Years 30-1. Bonuses of one full week for everyone in the city's employ for one or more years was granted as well as a bonus of 1/12 for employees of the city for less than a year. The 1/12 figure is used for monthly computations.

Approval of a report given by W. S. Biddix, chairman of the insurance Committee. Bids for city insurance will most likely be studied the first part of 1973, according to the Mayor.

## City Receives \$63,248 In Revenue Sharing Funds

On Friday, December 8, the United States treasury department mailed state and local governments their first entitlement payments under the General Revenue Sharing Program. Cleveland County and its municipalities received a total of \$595,381. A breakdown of the money reads as follows:

Cleveland County (as separate unit) - \$375,540.  
Bolling Springs - \$26,948.  
Casar - \$1,669.  
Fallston - \$251.  
Grover - \$2,505.  
Kings Mountain - \$63,248.  
Lattimore - \$485.  
Lawndale - \$3,297.  
Polkville - \$784.  
Shelby - \$118,062.  
Waco - \$432.

These payments are for the six-month, retroactive period from January 1, 1972 through June 30, 1972.

These federal funds may be used for a variety of public purposes such as environmental protection, public transportation, safety, health, recreation, libraries and social services for the poor or aged.

The 10th Congressional District which includes Alexander, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston and Watauga counties received a total of \$3,721,551 of the revenue sharing money.

The first set of checks mailed to states represent a total of \$2.6 billion. Tax effort, population and per capita income

are factors in formulating the amounts each state will receive.

Mayor John Moss termed the city's \$63,248 share as "meaningful to the progress of Kings Mountain." No specific uses of the money were given but Moss did say "the money should go into the capital improvements of the various city departments." He went on further to explain that "the city has been operating on a tight budget and the revenue money should help to alleviate some of the burden." At present the city's share is in a special account for interest purposes.

Since the money covers the January to June 1972 period, another check should be forthcoming in January 1973. Thereafter, according to Moss the revenue sharing allotment will arrive each quarter. The sum of the quarterly check was not known to the Mayor.

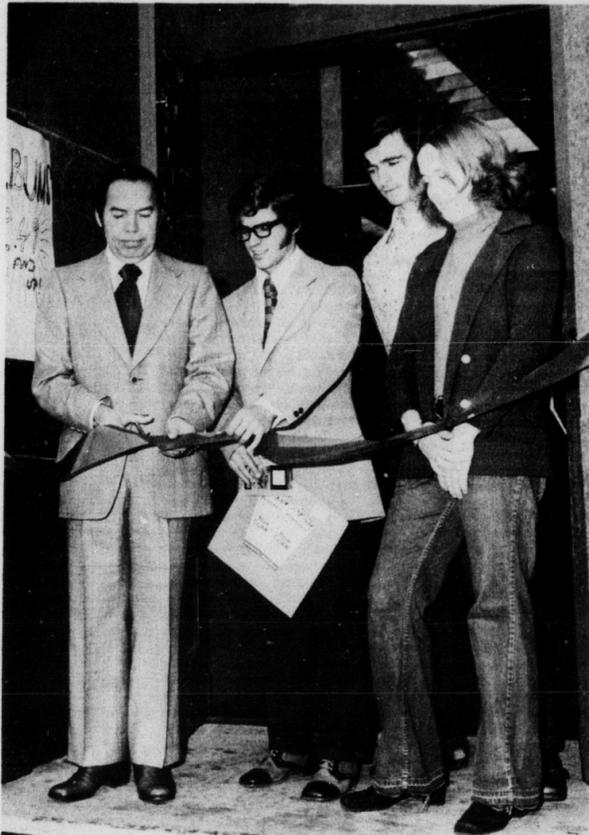
## School Bid High

According to Donald Jones, superintendent of the Kings Mountain School district, the local school board has the high bid in one of the Cansler property on West Mountain Street.

The school board entered a bid of \$8,000.

The resale bids were taken Friday at the courthouse in Shelby.

Tract I bid on by the school board is located at 508 West Mountain Street.



## Grand Opening!

The Music Bank, Kings Mountain's newest headquarters for records, tapes, and accessories, officially opened Saturday morning and the mayor was on hand to cut the ribbon. With him are Kenneth Standridge, Owner; Phil Lynch, Manager and Wanda Scruggs, Saleslady. The Music Bank is located in the old First National Bank Building on Battleground Ave. (Mirror Photo by Rodney Dodson)

## \$6000 Damages Result From Accidents

Nine accidents in the city over a one week period inflicted over \$6000 in damages and injured nine people.

Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Ptl. Keigh Laughter investigated an accident south from Waco Road toward Morris Street at the Modern Cleaners' building. In the report it was stated that James Arthur Toms of Gastonia was driving a truck owned by Wilson Transfer Company of Gastonia when the gas pedal stuck and the vehicle hit the Modern Cleaners. A.V. Martin is the owner of the cleaning business. Damage to the truck was \$150 and \$75 damage was done the building.

Sgt. Marcellis Hunter responded to a wreck call Tuesday at 11:40 a.m. involving a city truck. Hunter said that James Ricky Henson of 308 E. Parker Street was stopped on the hill on Bridges Street toward Cansler when the truck rolled backwards. Henson turned the wheels to avoid a collision and the truck ran up a bank and overturned. Damage to the city-owned vehicle was \$500.

Another accident involving a city truck occurred Wednesday at 11:55 a.m. on Gaston Street toward Parker Street. Driver of the truck, Edgar Harold Barber stated that he was preparing to start off when the truck rolled backwards and hit a parked car inflicting \$1000 damage to the car. The car was owned by Porter Odell Griggs of 903 E. 9th Street in Gastonia. Ptl. Jerry White reported no damage to the city truck.

Failure to yield was the charge against Edna Bess Roberts, 27, of Route 1, Kings Mountain in a Thursday accident. Ptl. Bynum Cook reported that Edna Roberts had stopped at West King and Cansler and then pulled out into the path of an auto driven by Phyllis McLean Dunn of Laurinburg, N. C. Damage to the Roberts car was \$150 and \$75 to the Dunn auto.

Ptl. Robert Hall was on the scene Saturday at 10:28 a.m. to investigate a wreck on S. Battleground between Falls Street and Grover. Hall said that Linda Montgomery Bowen of 106 Fulton Road was slowing to pull into a parking space when she was struck by a car driven by Billy Wade of 111 McGill Road. Wade was cited for failure to reduce speed. Damage to Wade's vehicle was \$100 and the Bowen auto suffered \$300 damage.

Lt. Johnny Belk and Ptl. Richard Reynolds reported a three car accident Sunday at 3:25 p.m. at the corner of Battleground and Mountain Street. The report stated that Oliver Preston Lewis, 63, of 309 W. Mountain Street was traveling east on Mountain to cross Battleground. A train was coming and the lights were flashing and he said he didn't know whether to stop or not. Johnnie Reed Caldwell of Route 2, Kings Mountain was traveling north on Battleground at the time and did not see either Lewis or the car driven by Evelyn Jones Bolin of Clover, South Carolina, who was traveling south on Battleground. The three cars collided on Battleground. Lewis' car was damaged \$300, Caldwell's vehicle

damaged \$400 and \$800 damage was done the Bolin car. Johnnie Caldwell and three of his passengers were taken to Kings Mountain Hospital. The passengers were listed as Diane Parker, 23; Kimberly Elaine Parker, 4; and Bill Edwin Parker, 6, all of 406 York Road.

Another three car wreck occurred Sunday at 8:03 p.m. at King and Gaston streets. Ptl. Richard Reynolds said that Garland Floyd Butler of Shelby was stopped at the intersection. Reginald Lafa Hunter of Bessemer City was traveling down the street when he struck the car in front of him driven by John Wyan Donaldson of Route 1, Kings Mountain. The Donaldson auto was knocked into the Butler car. Garland Butler and two passengers, Michelle Hearn and Joanna Stroup of Shelby were taken to Kings Mountain Hospital. The Hunter car suffered \$500 damage, \$300 damage was done the Donaldson car and Butler's auto was damaged \$100 worth.

Ptl. Preston Cherka investigated an accident Sunday night at 9:30 at the intersection of E. King and Battleground. He stated that Robert Gene Kimble of Charlotte was traveling east on King when he struck the rear of the auto driven by Charles Furman Sheppard of Shelby.

Sam Watins and Scott Rogers, passengers in the Kimble car were taken to the Kings Mountain Hospital. Damage to Sheppard's car was \$200 and \$400 was done the Kimble auto.

## Detour!

If you've noticed those detour signs along West King, then you've indirectly seen some progress on the Kings Mountain water pressure problem in the Gaston Street/Piedmont Street section.

N. Piedmont has been torn up to allow the city to replace valves on the oldest water line in the city. The new valves are replacing older and some damaged valves that have probably been causing water pressure problems to those citizens serviced by the antiquated line.

City engineers working with H & S contractors are endeavoring to replace the worn lines and valves that have served the city for many years.

Pitometer Associates are slated to aid the city in a future water pressure and flow survey.

Traffic is now detoured from 216 north across Cansler Street to U.S. 74 and from Battleground down to Cansler and north to Piedmont.



## Upside Down!

Ptl. Bob Hall looks on as wreckers from Shelby attempt to upright the 1966 truck which overturned Wednesday morning at 10:30 at Linwood and Craftsman Drive. Ptl. Keith Laughter filed the report which stated that Kay Michael Barkley, 58, of Route 2, Lincolnton was heading east on Linwood when he crossed the railroad tracks at Craftsman. Barkley told officers he pulled to the right to allow an oncoming vehicle more room and the back wheels went off the soft shoulder causing the truck to overturn into the ditch. The truck was owned by Banner Roller Mills of 319 Poplar Street in Lincolnton. Damage to the truck was listed at \$1000. The driver was not injured in the mishap. (Photo by Jay Ashley)



The Kings Mountain Jaycees have a tree for you, if you haven't put yours up already. The Jaycee Christmas Tree lot is located conveniently at the corner of Mountain and Battleground. Displaying a handsome evergreen are Jaycee Tom Jenkins, Chairman of the project, Fred Loop, salesman (center) and Gene Harris, Co-Chairman (right). (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)