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NORFOLK COUNTY WILL TAKE OVER CRADOCK UTILITIES

Mass. Meeting Gives Almost Unanimous Consent to Its Entry Into Town

BUDGET WILL CALL FOR FUND OF \$33,446

Estimated Expenses of Oper- ation for First Year, \$31,610

By September 1 Cradock is expected to come fully under the control of Norfolk County through the formation of a new Utilities Corporation, which is to be made up of members of the Board of Supervisors and other County officials.

The new corporation is to take over the schools and other utilities of the community, and also the government of the town. By this arrangement the schools are to be reopened again on September 18.

The approval of the County's entry into the community was given by an almost unanimous vote of a mass meeting held last night at the Cradock school house, and attended by very nearly 1,000 residents of the town.

The meeting was a sweeping ratification of the efforts of the Board of Supervisors in making possible the reopening of the schools and conducting the utilities during the coming year. Members of the Board who presented the plan of the County in taking over the affairs of the community were warmly applauded throughout the evening, and very little opposition to the plan was evinced during the course of the ses-

ion, which was one of the largest held during the past year. The number of women attended the meeting was larger than usual, indicating the interest which the possibility of the schools having to remain closed aroused.

Plans of County

The plan presented by members of the Board of Supervisors consists briefly of the following:

1.—The formation of a new Utilities Corporation to replace the one now in existence, which will take over the control of the utilities, with the consent of the United States Housing Corporation.

2.—The personnel of this new corporation is to consist of the Board of Supervisors, and possibly other County officials, such as the Commonwealth's Attorney and the County Treasurer. C. J. Duke, the treasurer, is to be treasurer of the corporation.

The adoption of a budget for the town as a basis for the collection of monthly levies graduated according to the size of the house, which is to operate in lieu of the taxes which would be assessed against the houses, were the deeds filed, as a means of paying the various expenses of the community.

The budget presented by Chairman Black, of the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors, was adopted together with the plan. It calls for the raising of \$33,446 in levies during the coming year, beginning October 1, with the payment of disbursements totaling \$31,610, which will pay for schools, collection of garbage, operation of the fire department, police protection, and other expenses.

Plan Is Outlined

Charles Old, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, presided at the meeting. Four members of the board were present, constituting a majority of the board, in addition to County Treasurer Duke and A. M. Carney, Commonwealth's Attorney. Mr. Carney explained the details of the plan, stating that it merits the hearty cooperation of the community and deserves the best efforts of the people. He explained how the collection of the levies would operate, and also pointed out that there would be no "double taxation" in cases where deeds would be filed, and certain properties were to become liable to regular taxation just as properties in other parts of the county. Ac-