

State to Condemn Land in Carteret

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The state turned to condemnation proceedings Thursday to acquire two more tracts of Carteret County land for the proposed Cape Lookout National Seashore.

Gov. Bob Scott and the Council of State authorized the Department of Administration to exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire acreage it has been unable to get through negotiations with the owners:

Owners of the land are:

— James R. Edmundson and his wife, Wilmoth, for 18 acres near Horsepen Creek, Core Banks.

— Laverne Harner, for 4.5 acres in Portsmouth Township.

Approved at the meeting was payment of \$1,750 to Made Nelson for the deed to two acres of vacant land in Cedar Island Township for inclusion in the national seashore.

Ports Authority

The State Ports Authority was granted prior approval to acquire a 73.25-acre tract in Brunswick County for possible future use. The U. S. General Services Administration has offered to sell the tract to the ports authority for \$13,000 the appraisal value established by the federal government.

The tract is located on

Eagle Island across Brunswick River from the main body of ports authority property at Wilmington. The federal government has been using it to house a mothball fleet of old Navy vessels.

The governor and Council of State also approved a \$338,350 deed to acquire 6.3 acres from the Winston-Salem-Forsyth County School board for the N. C. School of the Arts.

The property has been leased by the N. C. School of the Arts Foundation, Inc., for several years and contains the school's academic buildings and gymnasium. It is on the site of the former James A. Gray High School.

During the tenure of the lease, the foundation has spent approximately \$400,000 to adapt the former high school buildings to arts school use. Legislation enacted by the 1969 General Assembly authorized the purchase of the property by the state.

