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Form BC 126
~~June 1954~~ #3767

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

W R K T 11-19-7
xW M O D 11-21-77
xW R K T (3-17-59)

(SEE CARD TWO FOR NAME)

Date first licensed 8-13-59

Call letters X W G H S

xBUCKS COUNTY RADIO NEWS, INC. (AL 5-16-68 EFF. 5-31-68)

Station location Cocoa Beach, Florida

x C. SWEET SMITH, JR.

xWRKT, INC. (AL 10-31-67 NOT CONSUMMATED

xC. SWEET SMITH, JR. (BAL 1-3-62 EFF:1-12-62)

Name of licensee xMEL WHEELER

Pluckebaum Rd., 1.5 mi. W. of State Rd. 503, Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Transmitter location X State Road 520, Cocoa Beach, Florida

Same as Transmitter (L#11-1-65)

x 425 W. ORANGE AVE COCOA BEACH, FLA. 2 [illegible]

32923

Main studio location STate Road 520, Cocoa Beach, Florida

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	To
BMP-8078	12-23-58	1300kc	500w	Day	2-23	8-23-59
	CP for a new standard broadcast station.					
BMP-8542 (1)	6-4-59	Mod. of CP(BMP-8078)For Change in Type Transmitter.				
BMP-8088	8-[illegible]-59	1300kc	500	Day	2-13	2-[illegible]-61
	Mod. to cover CP (BMP-8078 as mod.) for new standard broadcast station.					
BZ-4320 (1)	2-2-60	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of ant. power.				
	1-25-61	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.				
BR-3767	3-8-61	1300kc	500w	Day	3-8	2-1-64
BAL-4368 EFF:	1-3-62 1-12-62	Voluntary assignment of license to C. Sweet Smith, Jr.				
BZ-4673	6-22-62	1300kc	500w	Day	6-22	2-1-64
	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.					
BR-3767	1-31-64	Renewal of License			2-1	2-1-67
	1-29-64	COMMISSION DEFERRED ACTION ON RENEWAL PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.				
BP-15584	9-16-64	1300kc	1kw,5kw-DA-S	U	11-16	5-16-65
	CP to chg. hrs. of operation to Unlimited, inc. power to 1kw night and 5kw day, install DA-2, make changes in ground system, and install a new transmitter (Collins 21E) and change antenna-trans. loc. (Cond'l).					
BZ-5286	10-13-64	1300kc	500w	Day	10-13	2-1-67
	Authority to determine operating power by the direct measurement of antenna power.					
BP-16562	5-19-65	1300kc	1kw-DA-2	Night	7-19-	1-19-66
	CP to install new trans. (COLLINS 20-V-3) to be operated on 1300kc, 1kw-DA-2 as Nighttime Main transmitter. (2 Main Transmitters)					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

Call letters WRKT

Station location .....

ROBERT B. TAYLOR(AL gr 7/15/77 EFF: 8-1-77
xBucks County Radio News, Inc.(AL 6-23-71 EFF: 7-8-71)
Name of licenseexBUCKS COUNTY RADIO NEW, INC., DEBTOR IN POSSESSION(AL 2-19-71 EFF: 2-22-71)

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BL-10,967 BL-10,968	11-1-65	1300kc	1kw-5kw-	DA-2 U	11-1 2-1-67
		Lic to cover CPS (BP-16,562 & BP-15,584) To change hours of operation install new trans, chg in ant and gr sys, Cond			
BL-11,101 BL-10,968	11-19-65	1300kc	1kw-DA-2	Aux	11-19 2-1-67
		Lic to use main daytime trans Collins 21E) as an aux trans nighttime & COLLIN 20V-3 as an aux trans daytime, to be operated on 1300kc 1kw-DA for aux.			
BR-3767	1-20-67	Renewal of License (Aux.)			2-1 2-1-70
BR-3767	1-20-67	Renewal of License (Main)			2-1 2-1-70
BAL-6200 NOT CONSUMMATED LTR	10-31-67	Voluntary assignment of license. WRITTEN 1-26-68			
BAL-6322 EFF.	5-16-68 5-31-68	Vol. AL			
PSA	11-7-68		500w		
BZ-7264 (L)	8-27-69	Direct Meas. (2-Main)			
BZ-7265 (L)	8-27-69	Direct Meas. (2-Aux.)			
BAL-7218	2-19-71	VOL. AL	EFF: 2-22-71		
BAL-7318	6-23-71	VOL. AL	EFF: 7-8-71		
EBSA	5-22-72				
BR-3767 BZ-8284(L)	3-30-73	Renewal and Modification			2-1-76
BS-3767(L)	11-29-74	Mod of lic to chg ant sys (page 2)			
BR-3767(L)	7-16-76	Renewal of License			2-1-79
BAL-8997 EBSA	7/15/77 11-21-77	Vol AL Chg. call	EFF: 8-1-77		
BR781003UI (L)	4-16-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			2-1-82
EBSA	11-19-79	chg. call			

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AUG. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters X W R K T (3-17-59)
X W G H S
X New

Name MEL WHEELER
(PO: Box 431, Pensacola, Florida)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-8078 Rec'd Filed	2-24-58 2-26-58 2-26-58	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1300 kc Power: ~~½-kw~~ 500w Hours of operation: Daytime Trans. Location: State Road 520 Cocoa Beach, Florida Studio Location: State Road 520 Cocoa Beach, Florida Station Location: Cocoa Beach, Florida	This application was received and accepted as a mod. permit on Station WTYT. The permit for WTYT expired 4-30-58 This application now considered as cp for new station. WTYT Deleted 6-30-58.	
AMENDMENT R & F	11-28-58 12-4-58	Engr;: Emerson W. Browne AMENDED to decrease power to 500w and change type trans. (RCA BTA 500M)	GRANTED	12-23-58

RCA BTA 1MX
500M

FORM BC-121 #2
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRKT

Name MEL WHEELER

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-8542 Rec'd Filed	5-13-59 5-15-59 5-15-59	Modification of c.p. (BMP-8078 which authorized a new Standard Broadcast Station) to change type transmitter (Collins 550-A). Donald P. MacDonald, Atty.	GRANTED	6-4-59
BL-7538 R & F	6-10-59 6-12-59	License to cover c.p.(BMP-8078 as modified) for new standard broadcast station. MacDonald, Atty. from Smith & Pepper, Attys.	GRANTED	8-12-59
BZ-4320 R & F	6-7-60 6-10-60	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	GRANTED	8-2-60
BR-3767 Rec'd Filed	10-20-60 11-17-60 11-17-60	Renewal of license Smith & Pepper, Attys. (Donald P. MacDonald)	GRANTED	3-8-61

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRKT

Name C. SWEET SMITH, JR.
X MEL WHEELER
COCOA BEACH, FLA.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BAL-4368 Rec'd Filed	10-23-61 10-23-61 10-23-61	Voluntary assignment of license to C. Sweet Smith, Jr. Thomas W. Fletcher, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	1-3-62 1-12-62
BZ-4673 R. & F.	4-30-62 4-30-62	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Atty- SMITH & PEPPER	GRANTED	6-22-62
BP-15,584 Rec'd Filed Amend R&F	6-7-62 6-8-62 6-8-62 4-15-63 4-22-63	CP to chg. hrs. of operation from Daytime to Unlimited; inc. power from 500w day to 1kw night and 5kw day; install directional antenna (DA-2); install new trans.(Collins 21E); make changes in antenna system(add 2 towers); and make changes in ground system. Atty.-Smith & Pepper Engr.-Raymond E. Rohrer & Ass. AMENDED 4-22-63 to make change in DA system (inc.hgt)	GRANTED Cond'l re: Phase Mon., Field meas. equip., DA & complete non-DA proof. Pre-sunrise operation	9-16-64

SEE CARD # 4 FOR AMENDMENT

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM BC-121 #4
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.R.K.T.

Name K.C. SWEET SMITH, JR.
COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-15,584 Amend R&F	CONT'D 8-29-63 9-3-63	AMENDED 9-3-63 to make change in DA system (inc. hgt.) and make change in nighttime DA pattern	GRANTED	9-16-64
BR-3767 Rec'd Filed	12-12-63 12-18-63 12-18-63	Renewal of license. Robert W. Healy, Atty.	GRANTED	1-31-64
BP-15584 Amend R&F	CON'T 6-15-64 6-16-64	AMENDED to change antenna-trans. location from 425 W. Orange Ave., Cocoa Beach, Florida to Pluckebaum Road, 1.5 miles West of State Road 503, ~~[illegible]~~ Cocoa, ~~[illegible]~~, Florida and make change in DA system (array & dec. hgt.)	GRANTED (SEE CARD #3)	9-16-64
BZ-5268 Rec'd Filed	5-25-64 5-27-64	Authority to determine operating power by the direct measurement of antenna power. Tomas Fletcher, Esq.	GRANTED	10-13-64

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRKT

Name K.C. SWEET SMITH, JR.
Cocoa Beach, Florida

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-10,967 Rec'd RESUB & F	3-30-65 3-31-65 4-8-65	License to cover construction permit(BP-15584) which authorized change hours of operation; increase power; install DA-2; install new transmitter daytime; make changes in antenna system; make changes in ground system; ~~specify nighttime transmitter as Collins 20V-3. (2 Main Transmitters)~~ Atty- Thomas Fletcher	~~RETURNED-4-7-65 re: EXCESSIVE RADIATION~~ GRANTED issue with BL-10,968 Cond'l re: sunrise	11-1-65
BL- Rec'd	3-30-65 3-31-65	License to use Main daytime transmitter (Collins 21-E) as an Alternate Main Nighttime and to use Main nighttime transmitter (Collins 20V-3) as an Auxiliary daytime, to be operated on: 1300kc, 1kw. Atty- Thomas W. Fletcher	RETURNED- 4-7-65 RE: EXCESSIVE RADIATION	

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W.R.K.T.

Name C.SWEET SMITH,JR.
Cocoa Beach,Florida

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-16,562 R&F	4-29-65 5-3-65	Construction Permit to install new trans. (COLLINS 20V-3) to be operated on 1300kc, 1kw-DA-2 as NIGHTTIME MAIN TRANSMITTER. (2 Main Transmitters). Atty: Smith & Pepper	GRANTED	5-19-65
BL-10,968 RESUB. Filed	3-31-65 4-8-65 5-19-65	License to cover CP(BP-16,562) which auth. install new transmitter (COLLINS 20V-3) to be operated on 1300kc, 1kw-DA-2 as Nighttime Main Transmitter. (2 Main Transmitters) Atty - Smith & Pepper	GRANTED	11-1-65 issue with BL-10,967 Cond'l re: pre-sunrise
BL-11,101 R & F	8/23/65 8/26/65	License to use main daytime trans. (Collins 21E) as an aux. trans. nighttime to be operated on 1300kc 1kw-DA. for auxiliary purposes only. Attys: Smith & Pepper	GRANTED	11-19-65

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Aug. 1955

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

(1300kc)

Call Letters W R K T

Name X.C. SWEET SMITH, JR.
COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-3767 R&F	10-28-66 11-1-66	Renewal of Licnese (Main & Auxiliary) Attys - Smith & Pepper	GRANTED	1-20-67
BAL-6200 R & F (Form 316)	10-9-67 10-13-67	Voluntary assignment of license to WRKT, INC. Atty - T.W. Fletcher	GRANTED NOT CONSUMMATED LTR WRITTEN	10-31-67 1-26-68
BAL-6322 R & F Fee pd $75 - #414474 Pub.Notice filed 5-1-68	3-14-68 3-18-68	Voluntary assignment of license to BUCKS COUNTY RADIO NEWS, INC. (see over for amendments) Atty for assignor - T. Fletcher for assignee - Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED EFF.	5-16-68 5-31-68

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F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE:BAL-6322 - Cert. of auth db State of Fla., supplement to plan of financing (4-11-68)
Correction re Exh.B(plan of financing) - Filed 4-26-68

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1300kc

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRKT

Name BUCKS COUNTY RADIO NEWS, INC.
COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-7264 R & F DM	9/9/68 10/2/68 7/18/69	Direct Meas. (2-Main) Engr: E. Harold Munn, Coldwater, Mich. Atty: Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED	8-27-69
BZ-7265 R & F DM	9/9/68 10/2/68 7/18/69	Direct Meas. (Aux.) -2) Engr: E. Munn Atty: L. Colby	GRANTED	8-27-69
BR-3767 R & F #553631$135. $30. refunded PN PRESS	10-30-69 11-3-69 11-3-69 11-21-69 11-3-69 DEC 19 1969	Renewal of license (2-Main Trans. & 2-Aux.) Atty: Lauren A. Colby AMENDED 2-6-70 re: Programming AMENDED 3-23-70 re: balance sheet AMENDED 4-14-70 re: financial data; statement on programming (logs submitted) AMENDED 3-22-71 re: financial qualification; porgramming proposals reflected in pending BTC	GRANTED 2-26-73 issued with BZ-8284	

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D.C. (OVER)

BR-3767 SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FILED 11-3-72 as Amendment to pending renewal application.

AMENDED 2-8-73 re: programming

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September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1300kc

Name: Bucks County Radio News, Inc.
x BUCKS COUNTY RADIO NEWS INC., DEBTOR IN POSSESSION
xBUCKS COUNTY RADIO NEWS, INC.
Cocoa Beach, Florida

Call Letters: W R K T

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
BAL-7218 R&F #669782 $250 (316)	1-23-71 1-29-71 1-29-71	Vol. AL to Bucks County Radio News, Inc., Debtor in Possession. Cordon & Jacob, Attys.	GRANTED EFF:	2-19 71 2-22-71
~~BTC-6580~~ R & F FEE PD: $1000 #674019 CODE 047(also see WKPE-FM)	2-28-71 SEE BELOW 3-22-71	~~Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Edward H. Pitcairn and Christopher M. Young to Flagler Broadcasting Company, Inc.~~ Atty - Cordon & Jacob (SEE OVER)	GRANTED Req. grant fee$4,160.00 grant fee includes WKPE-FM also. COND'L re financial commitment (FILED 7-9-71) EFF:	6-23-71 7-8-71
Pub. notice filed 4-15-71 BAL-7318 R & F (Parts I & II of Form 314 filed)	5-10-71 5-24-71	AMENDED to chge requestto "Voluntary assignment of license to BUCKS COUNTY RADIO NEWS, INC." FILE # BAL-7318 assigned. LTR filed 7-21-71 - re financing(condition re grant)	Fee Paid:	7-13-71 063.W015832

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE: BTC-6538 - ATTY WAS CALLED 3-30-71 By-laws not sub.as stated; 316 nec. (re Exh. 2)
AMENDED 5-24-71 - By-Laws filed; financing(transferee) Parts I & II of Form 314 filed - APPLICATION CH ED TO REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE (per QSP)
RE: BAL-7318 - AMENDED 6-22-71financial data; supplemental programming data

Form BC-121
September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1300khz.

Call Letters WMOD
xWRKT

Name ROBERT B. TAYLOR
xBUCKS COUNTY RADIO NEWS, INC.
Cocoa Beach, Florida

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-8284 R & F DM PRESS	5-3-71 5-10-71 2-15-73 MAR 27 1973	Direct Measurement - Main, Auxiliary & Alternate Main Transmitters. Atty: Cordon and Jacob	GRANTED issued with renewal	3-30-73
BR-3767 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	9-24-75 9-30-75 " OCT 24 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & ALTERNATE and AUXILIARY TRANSMITTERS) AMENDED 11-14-75 re: balance sheet John B. Jacob, Atty. AMENDED 1-14-76 re: programming	Granted	7-16-76
BAL-8997 R & F FORM 314 (ALSO SEE FM) MAY 20 1977 PN filed	4-28-77 4-29-77 6/2/77	Voluntary assignment of license to ROBERT B. TAYLOR Atty - Cordon & Jacob AMENDED 7-5-77 - financial data; contract of sale AMENDED 7-11-77 - clarif. re financing & prog.	GRANTED EFF:	7/15/77 8-1-77

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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1300khz

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May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WRKT
~~W~~MOD

Name ROBERT B. TAYLOR
Cocoa Beach, FL

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR781003UCT PRESS	2 0 1978	Renewal of License (Main & Alt. Main-Aux.)	GRANTED	4-16-79
BAL800821HS FORM 314 PRESS PN FILED	SEP 1 9 1980	Voluntary AL to Triplett Broadcasting Co. of Florida, Inc. Atty: --	DISMISSED 5-20-81 per Sec. 73.3568(a)	
BAL810522GD Form 314 PRESS JUN 1 0 1981 Also see WRKT-FM PN filed 6-29-81		Vol AL to Guy Gannett Broadcasting Services d/b/a WRKT Radio Atty. for assignor - Robert B. Taylor Atty. for assignee - Alan C. Campbell		

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

BAL-800821HS AMENDED 11-21-80 re: WHOO RADIO, INC. pursuant to Sec. 73.3587 makes objection to assignee (Triplett B/cng Co. of Fl.) receiving the grant of Assignment of License of WRKT & WRKT - FM.

Amended 12-24-80 re: Sec. IV-A, Para. 17.

AMENDED 12-16-80 re: Program plan; financial quals.

AMENDED 2-2-81 re: Music format

PETITION TO DENY filed 2-3-81 by Vincent A. Pepper on behalf of Sound Stage Comm Inc

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME filed 2-19-81

OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed by Roy F. Perkins, Jr. on behalf of Triplett Broadcasting Company of Florida, Inc.

MOTION TO ACCEPT OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY filed 2-27-81 by Roy F. Perkins, Jr. on behalf of Triplett Broadcasting Company of Florida, Inc.

REPLY filed 3-4-81 by James L. Oyster for Sound Stage Communications, Inc.

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION TO DENY filed 2-11-81 by Eric L. Bernthal for WHOO Radio, Inc.

AMENDED 2-17-81 re: Response to object to Assignment Appl.

AMENDED 2-11-81 re: Fin. Data.

About the History Cards …

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.