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Kellogg Supply building catches fire

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The Kellogg Supply Company facility on West Queen Street in Edenton was damaged by fire Sunday morning.

The Edenton Fire Department was dispatched and arrived on scene at 8:25 a.m. Firefighters found the main building, located at 409 W. Queen St., engulfed in flames. The main building includes 6,200 square feet of

retail space, according to the company's website. There are also two acres of lumberyards and two 7,000-square-foot warehouse buildings that are part of the complex.

Edenton Fire Chief Craig Forlines said the main building was a total loss.

Firefighters from the Edenton Fire Department, Center Hill Crossroads Fire Department and Hertford Fire Department were able to

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Firefighters from the Edenton Fire Department battle a blaze at the Kellogg Supply Company on West Queen Street in Edenton Sunday morning. The Edenton Fire Department was dispatched and arrived on the scene at 8:25 a.m.

A NEW ROAD



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North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory and other government officials unveil the sign marking the future Interstate 87 in Edenton, Monday. The future interstate highway, which has not been added to the state's transportation project schedule, will connect Raleigh with Norfolk, Virginia.

McCrory celebrates Interstate 87 designation

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 Editor



Governor Pat McCrory speaks at the unveiling of the sign marking the future Interstate 87 in Edenton, Monday, October 24, 2016.

Gov. Pat McCrory said during the unveiling of a "future Interstate 87" sign Monday that the planned Interstate highway from Raleigh to Norfolk, Va., will create jobs in northeastern North Carolina by connecting the region to Raleigh and to the Hampton Roads area of Virginia.

McCrory said when he first started looking at the needs of this region he saw right away that better transportation connectors were needed to the Raleigh and Norfolk areas.

"One of our great weaknesses in this area was that we didn't have the connectivity between here and Raleigh and between here and Hampton Roads," Mc-

Crory said during an unveiling ceremony for the new signs that was held Monday afternoon at the Edenton waterfront.

The governor said the Interstate connector also will help grow Edenton's tourism economy.

"I don't want Edenton to be the best-kept secret in the United States of America, let alone North Carolina," McCrory said. Calling the town a premier tourism destination, the governor said I-87 would help people get here more quickly and easily, boosting everything from tourism to industrial development to real estate sales.

"I want to show off Edenton to the rest of the state and the rest of the nation because this is a great place to show off," McCrory said.

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Officials eye regs for cigs, alcohol

BY REGGIE PONDER
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Chowan County officials took the first step last week toward adopting ordinances that would ban alcoholic beverages on county property with limited exceptions and ban all tobacco products in county buildings and county-owned vehicles.

Both ordinances passed 6-1 at the Oct. 17 meeting of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

No one from the public spoke during public hearings on the proposed ordinances that were held during the meeting.

The motion by Commissioner Ellis Lawrence to adopt the tobacco ordinance as presented passed 6-1 with Commissioner John Mitchener voting against it.

Because the ordinance did not pass unanimously it requires a "second reading" in order to become law, meaning it must come before the board again at a future meeting and be approved by the board.

The second reading rule does not require that the second vote be unanimous.

A motion by Commissioner Keith Nixon to bring the tobacco ordinance back before the board at its next meeting passed with Mitchener voting against it.

Likewise, Lawrence's motion to adopt the alcohol ordinance passed 6-1 with Commissioner Emmett Winborne voting against it. The ordinance is expected to be back on the agenda of the commissioners' next meeting.

Mitchener voted against the proposed tobacco ordinance after arguing that the tobacco ban needed to cover

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Citizen calls for conditions on Timbermill project

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A county resident urged the Chowan County Board of Commissioners last week

to consider several specific conditions when it meets Nov. 4 to discuss the application for a conditional use permit for the proposed Timbermill Wind Project.

Bob Kirby, who also spoke briefly during hearings held on the CUP application in late September, addressed the board during the public comment period at the Oct. 17 meeting.

Charlottesville, Va.-based Apex Clean Energy Inc. has

proposed building a 300-megawatt wind energy facility in the Bear Swamp and Center Hill areas of Chowan and Perquimans counties.

Both counties require a CUP for such facilities.

The proposed Timbermill Wind Project would include 105 wind turbines, with 48

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of them planned for sites in Chowan.

Kirby noted that the "C" in CUP stands for "conditional" and told the commissioners it was their duty to place conditions on the permit that will benefit the citizens of Chowan County.

Specifically, he asked what remedy a county resi-

dent would have if sound levels generated by the turbines exceed the levels that are in the permit and that are projected by Apex. Kirby said the county should require Apex to provide calibrated sound meters to the sheriff's office and should authorize the sheriff to order a turbine turned off if it exceeds the allowable sound level.

In the same way, Kirby said, there should be an en-

forcement process in place for shadow flicker and all requirements of the ordinance.

In addition, the county needs to be sure it is fairly compensated, Kirby said. The way to do that is to use the payment-in-lieu-of-taxes - commonly known as PILOT - methodology to collect fair compensation, he said.

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