

Commissioners Consider Throwing out Open Space Provisions

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDERED amending the open space provisions of the county's subdivision ordinance, but voted instead to throw out that section of the ordinance altogether.

Ron Smith, planning supervisor for the county, presented the commissioners with recommendations for amendments from the planning board addressing concerns that the current ordinance could stick the county with large amounts of unmaintained and un-improved tracts of property. Since its passage in 2001, the ordinance has only resulted in \$11,000 of revenue for the county and caused odd acres of land to be set aside that are often not properly maintained.

Michael Johnson, whose company is involved in three homeowner associations, spoke during the public hearing of problems the open space requirements present for homeowner associations and

homeowners. The open space requirements were intended to keep land available throughout the county for recreation, preservation and privacy purposes and to generally improve the appearance of a development. Commissioners will take up the issue again at their planning retreat in February.

In other business during the Dec. 2 meeting, Steve Johnson was re-elected as chairman of the commissioners; Godfrey Williams will be vice chairman.

Commissioners approved a request from the sheriff's department for an additional bailiff's position for the Iredell County Governmental Center South. They also approved a budget calendar for 2004-2005.

Mark Rawls of Mooresville was named to the Recreation Advisory Committee. Named to the Local Emergency Planning Committee were Michael Morrical from Davis Regional Medical Center, Rich Ellis from Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, Danny Rose from

Southern States Cooperative, Mike Bennett and Mark Shepherd from Thor-lo Mfg., Randy Winston from Kewaunee Scientific, Eric Henderson from the Troutman Police Department, Tony Johnson from the Statesville Police Department, John Crone from the Mooresville Police Department, Mauro Messina from Iredell Emergency Management, Steve Lane from the Iredell-Statesville Schools, Roger Hyatt from the Mooresville Graded Schools and June Gaither from Believer's Faith Christian Academy.

An announcement was made of terms ending for six members of the Board of Equalization & Review for 2004. All of these members are eligible for re-appointment, though at the time of the meeting it was not known whether they would accept another term. The board hears appeals of assessments for real and personal property, and motor vehicles.

Commissioners postponed action on one appointment to the

Personnel Advisory Board and two Community Advisory Committee. to the Adult Care Home



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LNHS Students Build Computers for Teachers for Christmas



LAKE NORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS David Bate, at left, and Harry Pence are among the network engineering students building computers for teachers for Christmas.

Apples used to be the way to express fondness for a teacher. Apples have given away to computers – but not necessarily Apple computers.

Students in Jeff James Network Engineering Class at Lake Norman High School are building computers for their teachers for Christmas.


In the next three weeks, all 19 students will have worked on the project to build 8-10 computers they are selling to their teachers at \$20 above the wholesale cost to build them.

The base computer, which sell for \$350, has a 1.8 mghz Athlon processor with 256 DDR RAM, a CD-ROM drive, floppy disc drive, 80 BG.7200 Ultra ATA hard drive, optical mouse, deluxe keyboard, three-piece speaker system and Windows XP Home software.

For \$100 more, the kids will add a CD burner/DVD player combo drive and a higher speed processor.

With their profits, the students will take a field trip to the Microsoft Offices in Charlotte.

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