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## Council vote on car charging station Dec. 9

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

Town council at its work session Monday night forwarded to the full council a proposal to establish an electric car charging station in Edenton.

A vote on the plan could come as soon as the council's Dec. 9 meeting.

The proposal, funded by a grant to six communities for a pilot program through the N.C. Solar Center Clean Fuel Advanced Technology Project, would require the town

to provide space downtown for electric cars to recharge at no cost to them.

ElectriCities was awarded \$59,892 to defray the cost of the stations.

The charging station costs \$3,250. The grant pays 80 percent - \$2,600 - and the

town is responsible for the remaining \$650.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton recommended to the council that the town keep track of use by the electric cars over a six-month period and report back to the council how much the

service was costing during the pilot program.

She estimated the cost at \$35 per month. Town Utilities Director Glenn Andersen said he believed on average an electric car owner would only use the station for two to three hours. Only a car

that had almost entirely lost its charge would need the maximum of eight hours, he said. The estimated cost for that length of time would be \$3.41, he said.

Council members Bob See ELECTRIC CARS, 2A

## ELECTED OFFICIALS EYE PUBLIC OPINION, DATA ON WIND ENERGY

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Editor

County commissioners from Chowan and Perquimans counties who attended a session on wind energy in Edenton Saturday said they would consider both their own research and public opinion when making decisions about the proposed Timbermill wind energy facility on the Chowan-Perquimans county line.

Although Saturday's event at First Presbyterian Church was billed as an objective presentation on wind energy, principal local organizers were self-avowed opponents of wind energy. In addition, the main presenter, John Droz Jr. of Morehead City, is a wind energy skeptic who also is well known for his skepticism toward - and opposition to - the state's renewable energy portfolio standards.

Dennis Robison, a member of the host church and one of the leaders of the Chowan Edenton Environmental Group, explained as he welcomed people to the session Saturday that the church previously had hosted a wind energy presentation by representatives of the company working on the proposed Timbermill project, so when Peter Lolkema asked about having a session featuring information



Perquimans County Commissioner Matt Peeler answers a question during a wind energy discussion Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Edenton.

STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

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## Goodman named Advance publisher

■ Eure new managing editor, Montgomery is news editor

From staff reports

Mike Goodman has assumed the position of publisher and executive editor of The Daily Advance, Chowan Herald and The Perquimans Weekly, John K. Cooke Jr., president of Cooke Communications North Carolina LLC, announced Friday.



GOODMAN

"Mike has excelled as interim publisher since Ann Hoffman retired last fall," Cooke said in making the announcement.

Goodman has served in the interim publisher's role since October 2013, when Hoffman left the newspaper. He's been with The Daily Advance for 36 years, starting as a copy editor and reporter in 1978, then working as news editor in 1979 before taking the managing editor's seat in 1981.

Before joining The Daily Advance, Goodman worked in news, sports and photography for newspapers in Mount Airy and Franklin, Va.

He is a native of Franklin and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"I've enjoyed and look forward to continuing the strong relationship I have with the outstanding managers and employees at The Daily Advance who are dedicated to producing newspapers that serve area residents and businesses," Goodman said.

"I credit my long tenure at The Advance to my connection to the area's residents, many of whom have become my neighbors, friends, advisers and, on occasion, caring critics. I rely on all of these relationships and our

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## Local officials mull wind energy rules

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Editor

Perquimans County Commissioner Matt Peeler and Chowan County Commissioner Alex Kehayes both indicated Saturday they plan to take a close look at the wind energy ordinance adopted by Carteret County.

John Droz Jr. of Morehead City,

who was instrumental in the development of the Carteret County wind energy ordinance, was the principal presenter at a wind energy event held Saturday morning at First Presbyterian Church in Edenton.

Droz is a vocal wind energy skeptic and also a leading skeptic - and opponent - of the state's renewable energy portfolio stan-

dards.

While the Carteret ordinance does not ban wind energy facilities, it apparently had the practical effect of preventing a proposed large-scale wind energy facility from being constructed after the company determined it was not feasible to comply with the requirements of the ordinance.

"This is not an anti-wind law,"

Droz said of the Carteret ordinance during Saturday's session. "This is a pro-protection law."

Droz said an adequate wind energy ordinance should protect citizens, local businesses and the environment.

Such an ordinance should include, he said, a property value

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## Leadership change at hospital continues focus on community health

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Editor

The leadership transition at Vidant Chowan Hospital is part of a reorganization within the Vidant system aimed at continuing the recent emphasis on outpatient services and community health, according to local hospital officials.

As part of the reorganiza-

tion, Vidant Chowan Hospital President Jeffrey Sackrisson has been named president of Vidant's Northern Division and Southern Division, while Vidant Chowan Vice President of Operations Jeff Dial has been named president of Vidant Chowan and Vidant Bertie hospitals.

March 1 is the official date of the transition. But Sackrisson said Dial already is involved in a lot of decision-making, and in January Sackrisson will begin "in earnest" to turn administration of Vidant Chowan Hospital and Vidant Bertie Hospital over to Dial.

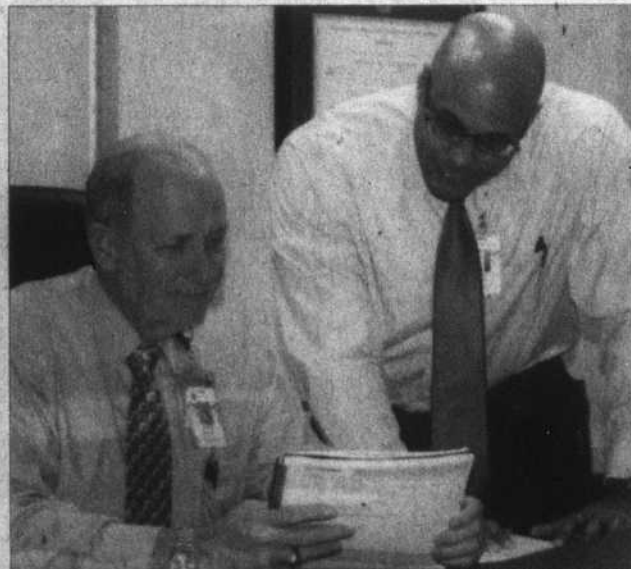
"A lot of things he already

has been involved in," Sackrisson said. Sackrisson explained that while he will be maintaining an office in Greenville, his main base of operations will be at Vidant Chowan Hospital.

The Northern Division encompasses Vidant Chowan, Vidant Bertie Hospital, Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital and the Outer Banks Hospital. The Southern Division consists of Vidant Duplin Hospital.

Vidant also has a Central Division, consisting of Vidant Medical Center in Greenville,

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Vidant Chowan Hospital President Jeffrey Sackrisson (left) and Vice President of Operations Jeff Dial already work closely together in the administration of Vidant Chowan and Vidant Bertie hospitals. Effective March 1, Sackrisson will be president of Vidant's Northern Division and Southern Division, and Dial will become president of Vidant Chowan Hospital and Vidant Bertie Hospital.



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