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ICY CONDITIONS CLOSE SCHOOLS, DELAY MEETINGS

From staff reports

Snow and sleet resulted in postponement of county meetings and cancellation of school on Tuesday.

Also, customers across Edenton and Chowan County were without power early Tuesday morning, with some still without power as of late morning.

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners will meet today (Wednesday) at 5:30 p.m. to conduct the meeting that was postponed from Monday night due to concerns about weather conditions.

The Chowan Planning Board meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday night has been rescheduled to Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Edenton-Chowan Schools were closed Tuesday because of weather and road conditions.

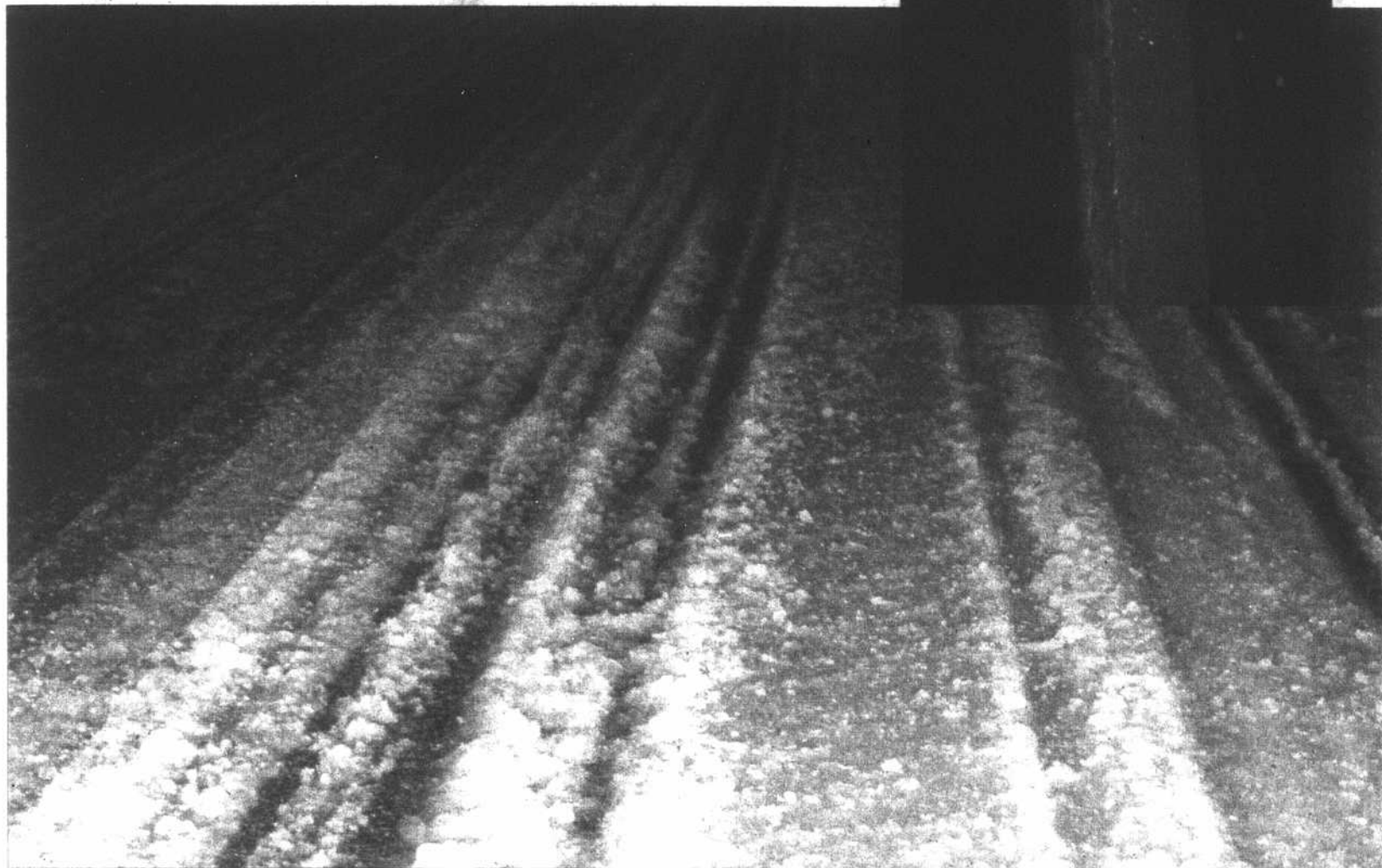
Chowan County offices also were closed Tuesday.

Chowan Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin said people needed to stay off the roads during the icy conditions. He said most people seemed to be heeding that advice.

Goodwin said he had not heard of any accidents on rural roads in the county Tuesday morning.

The Town of Edenton put out a mix of salt and sand on town streets behind the precipitation, according to Public Works Director John Norris.

The N.C. Department of



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This icy slush is typical of how Edenton's streets looked early Tuesday. Icicles (inset) form on a street lamp on South Broad Street early Tuesday.

Transportation put a brine solution on state-maintained roads.

DOT reported that crews were working in shifts around the clock to clear roads and make sure that they are safe for motorists.

Crews have made sure

that equipment, including plows and salt spreaders are ready, and that chainsaws are in proper working order for use in the event of any falling trees due to ice. In areas of the division where precipitation falls as sleet or freezing rain and cannot be

plowed, crews will spread salt, as well as sand in some areas.

The department has developed a comprehensive website including videos and information on the department's preparation and response to severe weather.

NCDOT reminds drivers that if they don't have to go out, it will be safer to stay home until roadway conditions improve. NCDOT offers the following safety tips for driving in winter weather:

Clear windows and mir-

rors of ice before driving;

Reduce speed and leave plenty of room between you and other vehicles in case either vehicle goes into a skid;

Plan for significant addi-

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Options for space at office building eyed

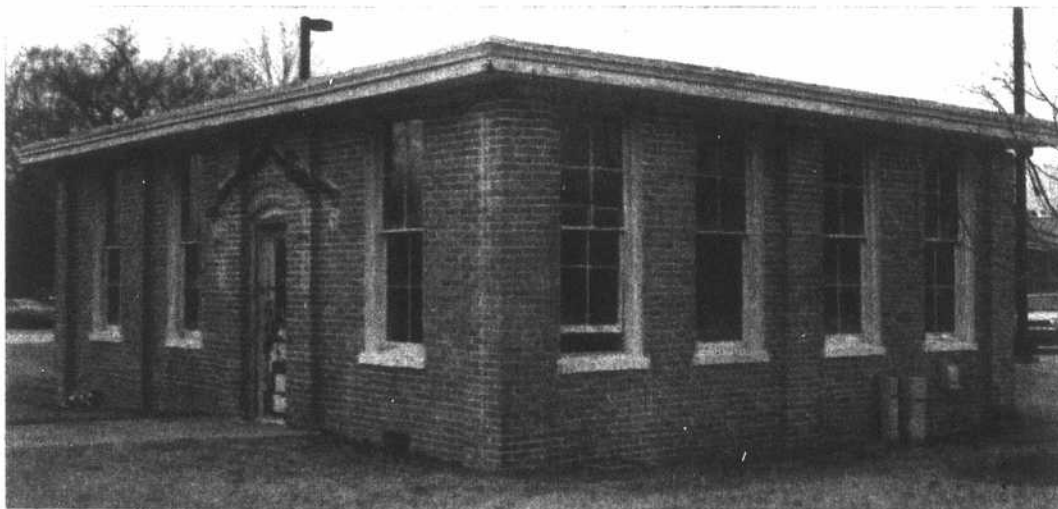
BY REGGIE PONDER

Editor

Chowan County officials have begun the discussion of options for using space at the Public Safety Building after the Edenton Police Department leaves the site next spring.

The town expects to break ground on a new police station this summer. When the police leave the Public Safety Building for the new station, the departure will free up some 3,600 square feet at the county's building on Freemason Street and also will leave the county without a \$160,000 revenue

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STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

This structure known as the Shepard Building stands on the campus of the Public Safety Building. County officials have plans to use this building in some way as office space.

Smith-Ingram's session Thursday

Northampton senator will meet with public 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Public Safety Building

From staff reports

Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram will hold a listening session in Edenton Thursday.

Smith-Ingram, D-Northampton, will hold the session from 6-7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building on Freemason Street.

Smith-Ingram is an ordained minister, and a former materials engineer and high school math and science teacher.

The former member of the Northampton County Board of Education represents the 3rd District in the N.C. Senate. The district includes the counties of Bertie, Chowan, Edgecombe, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Tyrrell and Washington.

SMITH-INGRAM

Smith-Ingram is a member of the Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee, Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education, Judiciary II Committee, Redistricting Committee, Transportation Committee, and Workforce and Economic Development Committee.

Smith-Ingram is a sponsor of a bill this session to restore the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program.

She also is a sponsor of the Value Student Learning Act, which would change the school performance report card formula to place greater emphasis on growth. The bill would change the formula from the current ratio of 80 percent achievement, 20 percent growth, to a new system of 60 percent growth, 40 percent achievement.

Smith-Ingram was unopposed in the November General Election.

In the May 2014 Democratic Primary, Smith-Ingram won with 48 percent of the vote. She defeated incumbent Clark Jenkins of Edgecombe County and the Rev. Alan Mizelle, a Baptist Minister from Bertie County.

Smith-Ingram holds a bachelor's degree from N.C. A&T State University and a master's degree from Howard University Divinity School.

Hodges leaving COA

BY REBECCA BUNCH

Staff Writer

Amanda Hodges, interim dean of the College of the Albemarle's Chowan County campus, has resigned.

She was named to the position last August to replace Lynn Hurdle-Winslow, who moved into another position at the college.

Her resignation becomes effective Feb. 27. She will start a new job as vice president of Student Services at James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville on

March 2.

Prior to being named interim dean, Hodges had served as assistant dean of Student Success and Enrollment Management at the local campus.

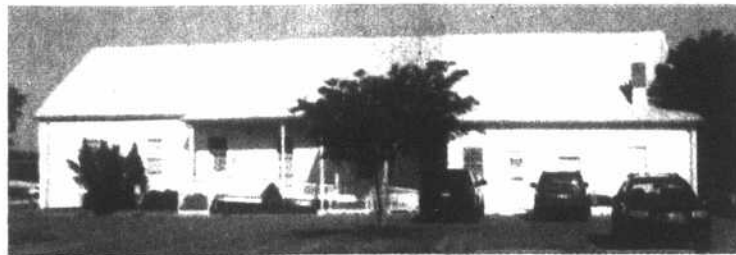
C O A President Kandi Deitemeyer said Hodges "has been an asset" to the college during her time there.

"It has been our privilege to watch her develop and grow as a professional, even earning her doctorate while working at the college," Deitemeyer said. "She is truly dedicated to student suc-



HODGES

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CHOWAN HERALD FILE PHOTO

Town officials are looking at possible future uses for the former Northeast Commission Building on the downtown Edenton waterfront. Destination Downtown Edenton Executive Director Jennifer Harriss discussed some possibilities with town council members during their Feb. 10 monthly meeting.

Broad net cast for former NE Commission Building

BY REBECCA BUNCH

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The town council voted unanimously at its Feb. 10 monthly meeting to adopt a proposed marketing plan for the site that formerly housed the Northeast

Commission's offices.

Destination Downtown Edenton Executive Director Jennifer Harriss unveiled the plan for the potential sale and redevelopment of the waterfront build-

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Friday, February 27, 2015

COCKTAILS 6PM DINNER BUFFET 7:15PM

CHOWAN COUNTY

Leon Nixon's Catering



Door Prizes, Gun Auction, Prints, Decoys and More!

Ducks Unlimited Banquet

Tickets: \$60 available at door includes buffet & membership.

Shrimp, Oysters, Roast Pork Loin, Scallops