

CRIMEWATCH

Edenton Police

ARRESTS

• Feb. 12 — Christina Gail Keeter, 31, of Poplar Neck Road, received a citation for driving while impaired and reckless driving.

• Feb. 9 — Jesse Alexander Wood, 18, of Badham Road, was arrested on 8 felony counts of breaking and entering (motor vehicle), 2 felony counts of larceny from a motor vehicle, and 6 counts of misdemeanor larceny from a motor vehicle.

• Feb. 8 — Charlie Day, 18, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, was arrested on 2 misdemeanor counts of parole and probation violations.

• Feb. 6 — Montana Parnell Harrell, 35, of Hertford, was issued a citation for possession of a concealed weapon.

• Feb. 5 — Cruise Anthony Riddick, 27, of Hertford, was

arrested on 4 felony counts of possession with intent to sell or distribute a Schedule II controlled substance; 4 felony counts of possession with intent to sell or distribute a Schedule II controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a public park, and 5 felony counts of selling/delivering a Schedule II controlled substance.

• Feb. 5 — Mariya Gail Norman, 23, of John Hill Lane, was issued a citation for speeding and driving while license revoked.

• Feb. 4 — McCoy Bowers, 56, of Medical Arts Drive, was arrested on 2 counts of failure to appear.

• Jan. 30 — Frank Sylvester Winston Jr., 54, of East Church Street, was arrested for larceny.

• Jan. 29 — Kendrick LaShawn Gaylord, 35, of Burnt Mill Road, was issued a citation for possession of less than 1/2 ounce of a

Schedule VI controlled substance.

• Jan. 29 — Javonte Jamal Sutton, 20, of Filbert's Creek Drive, was issued a citation for possession of less than 1/2 ounce of a Schedule VI controlled substance and use of drug paraphernalia.

• Jan. 29 — Frank Sylvester Winston Jr., 54, of East Church Street, was arrested for larceny (shoplifting).

• Jan. 28 — Steven Alexander Page, 34, of Valentine Avenue, was arrested for failure to comply, larceny of car battery and injury to personal property.

• Jan. 28 — Reginald Hamilton Roberts, 21, of Blade Street, was arrested for trespassing and resisting arrest.

• Jan. 28 — Kevin Lloyd Sawyer, 27, of Sunbury, was arrested for driving while license revoked and a stop sign violation.

• Jan. 27 — Nykera Ti-

raane Blount, 19, of Vance Lane, was arrested on 6 counts of felony embezzlement.

• Jan. 24 — Ebony Janet Phelps, 28, of East Gale Street, was issued a citation for failure to stop at the scene of an accident and failure to report an accident.

• Jan. 23 — Javonte Jamal Sutton, 19, of Filbert's Creek Drive, was served a criminal summons for failure to pay loud music fine.

• Jan. 23 — Tomica Michelle Moore, 37, of Paxton Lane, was served a criminal summons for failure to pay loud music fine.

North Broad Street.

• Feb. 8 — Breaking and entering and larceny from a motor vehicle and attempted breaking and entering and larceny from a motor vehicle.

• Feb. 8 — Breaking and entering and larceny from a motor vehicle on Morris Circle.

• Feb. 3 — Obtaining money by false pretense on Filbert's Creek Drive.

• Jan. 31 — Obtaining property by false pretense at Kristy's Place.

• Jan. 30 — Hit and run on Johnston Street.

• Jan. 28 — Simple possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and carry a concealed weapon.

• Jan. 28 — Injury to personal property at Tyler Run 1.

• Jan. 28 — Counterfeiting on Virginia Road.

• Jan. 27 — Breaking and entering and larceny on West Gale Street.

• Jan. 26 — Larceny at Walgreen's on North Broad Street.

Chowan Sheriff

ARRESTS

• Feb. 8 — Kenyatta De-shane Stevenson, 27, of Happy Honie Road, was arrested for civil contempt and loud music.

• Feb. 8 — Wade Clifton Britt, 42, of Wingfield Road, was arrested on a charge of failure to pay child support.

• Feb. 8 — Thomas Allen Dail Sr., 29, of Merry Hill, was charged with 7 counts of larceny.

• Feb. 3 — Windi Alease Conner Parker, 42, of Yeopim Trail, was arrested for failure to appear.

INCIDENTS

• None reported.

Council casts wary eye to solar plan

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

A letter of intent prepared for a proposed solar farm lease agreement at the Northeast Regional Airport in Edenton failed to receive authorization from the Town Council during its Feb. 10 monthly meeting.

Mayor Roland Vaughan echoed the sentiment of several council members that at this point they had more questions they felt needed to be addressed.

"This is the third one (solar farm project) that's approached us and we don't have one yet," the mayor said. "I think we need to get our ducks in a row."

A Feb. 5 memo from Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton to Joel Olsen, founder of 02 Energies, and shared with the council, outlines concerns relating to the proposed letter of intent identified by town attorney Hood Ellis.

Among the concerns

identified is the fact that 02 Energies would be executing the letter of intent as the "lessee" but would not in fact be the ultimate lessee.

"There needs to be a provision for the Town to have prior approval of ultimate lease before the lease is assigned," Knighton wrote.

Another concern was to make sure operations at the airport would be protected.

"We want to be sure that we condition everything on the operation of the airport such that no part of the solar farm installation or operation can interfere with that whether in the form of an existing law or regulation or in the form of a prospective regulation," she said in her memo.

The memo also hits several other key points including potential default on the lease agreement and a non-refundable option included in the proposed letter of intent.

Knighton told Olsen that with regard to rent a non-

refundable payment of \$5,000 that would be credited to lease rent was an important consideration for the town council.

The site lease proposal for the solar project states that the lessee would make a one-time refundable payment of \$5,000, a down payment, to the lessor following execution of a binding lease. The lessee would then have six months — an examination period — to carry out a due diligence investigation of the leased premises.

At the end of that time, according to the site lease proposal, the lessee would have six months to complete its due diligence investigation of the leased premises. At the conclusion of that time period, the lessee would have the option to be refunded the down payment if it decides not to go ahead with the project.

"If lessee decides to continue moving forward with the project, the down pay-

ment would become non-refundable, but apply to the rent payment," according to the site lease proposal.

According to the proposed site lease, the lessee would begin paying the lessor \$1,000 per month to maintain control of the premises. The term of the lease would be for 30 years starting on the commercial operation date, the date when the system is mechanically complete and operating according to the proposed agreement.

Should the commercial operation date not be achieved by June 30, 2017, the lessor would have the option to end the definitive lease.

Councilmen Bob Quinn and Steve Skinner said they had reservations about when the rent should actually become due. They said they felt any prospective tenant should begin paying rent when papers were signed, not when the tenant actually moved in.

No Chowan presence at national conference

■ Budget constraints cited in decision

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners is opting not to send a local delegate to a federal legislative conference later this month sponsored by the National Association of Counties.

At the board's Feb. 2 meeting, Commissioner John Mitchener requested travel funds to attend the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. He said he would like an allocation of \$800 or so from the county and would pay the rest of the cost himself. Mitchener has estimated the total cost of attendance at roughly \$2,500.

Mitchener said he would bring back information from the conference to the rest of the board.

Susanne Stallings, clerk to the board, reported that there was \$1,331 left in the commissioners' travel fund. About \$250 is needed for an upcoming ethics webinar, she said.

Commissioner Keith Nixon said the board did not budget for anyone to attend the NACO conference. Nixon also said he wasn't sure there would be much benefit for the county in having a representative at this gathering.

The commissioners' first priority in conferences of this type should be the state meetings, Nixon said.

Mitchener said his idea that attending the national conference would be beneficial was based mainly

on a national meeting of pharmacists he had attended while he was still in the pharmacy business. He said he learned a lot from networking with the other pharmacists at that meeting.

Mitchener said this week that he had decided not to attend the conference since he fellow commissioners would not set aside a small amount from the travel budget to help with the cost.

Mitchener said there might be some cases in which elected officials attend a conference and "goof off," which he said obviously is a waste of taxpayers' money.

But he said he attended conferences when he served on the school board and found "the sky's the limit in terms of what you can learn."

He said his plan had been to attend sessions and learn as much as he could.

"To me it makes sense," Mitchener said. "If I were going, I would go up there to work and not to play. And I would listen to the experiences of other commissioners and learn as much as possible and bring it home and share it with the other commissioners."

But he said he had reached the conclusion that he wasn't going to take all the money out of his own pocket to fund the trip.

In neighboring Perquimans County, there is not a written policy on board member travel but the board generally has sent a representative to state — but not national — meetings, according to Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath.

Meeting on scam info slated at Legion Feb. 26

From staff reports

The public is being invited to the American Legion on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. to hear Barbara Bennett from the North Carolina Secretary of State's office.

She will be giving a presentation about scams.

After her presentation, there will be a question-

and-answer session.

This is a topic that many in the community face on a day-to-day basis either by phone, mail or email.

Recently, the police and town officials have put out information about scams that are affecting people locally.

Please don't miss out on this informative meeting.

Scholarship nominations sought

From staff reports

Nominations are being sought for a \$750 scholarship being offered by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association through March 15.

The scholarship is available to North Carolina residents pursuing a college degree (associate's or bachelor's) in business or a business-related field of study.

Applicants must be enrolled to attend classes at a college during the 2015-2016 school year.

The scholarship is

awarded annually to honor the work and dedication of Edith Herter and Frances O'Neal, co-leaders in forming the NCEAPA in 1973.

Qualified applicants interested in applying for this scholarship can obtain an application packet from the financial aid office at their local community college.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, Chowan County Center, at 482-6585, or by visiting the center at 730 N. Granville Street in Edenton.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be advised that the Town of Edenton is now accepting bids to mow the grass at the Northeastern Regional Airport. Contract will be for cutting approximately 225 acres using airport equipment or contractor can bid using their equipment. For details contact Bud Powell at 482-4415. All bids must be submitted by 3/16/15.

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