

CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ Aug. 23 - Jacqueline Renee Ford, 21, of East Peterson Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault.
 ■ Aug. 22 - Evelyn Yvonne Ford, 43, of East Peterson Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault.

■ Aug. 19 - Lisa Deloris Wilson, 43, of East Gale Street, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of assault and one misdemeanor count of communicating threats.
 ■ Aug. 17 - Octavion Tre'on Jones, 20, of Coke Avenue, was charged with one misdemeanor count of simple non-physical assault.

INCIDENTS

■ Aug. 25 - Injury to personal property on North Oakum Street.
 ■ Aug. 25 - Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on Coke Avenue.
 ■ Aug. 24 - Larceny at Colony Tire on North Broad Street.
 ■ Aug. 23 - Resisting arrest on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue.

■ Aug. 21 - Larceny on Hampton Drive.
 ■ Aug. 21 - Injury to real property on Bond Street.
 ■ Aug. 19 - Embezzlement at Dollar General on North Broad Street.
 ■ Aug. 17 - Firing into an occupied dwelling and injury to real property at Tyler Run 2.
CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ARRESTS

■ Aug. 24 - Stephen J. Grzanka, 17, of River Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of simple assault.
 ■ Aug. 23 - Andrienne Shana Pledger, 25, of Tyler Lane, was charged with one misdemeanor count of larceny.
 ■ Aug. 22 - Whitley Breanna Turner, 18, of Riverby

Farm Road, was charged with two misdemeanor counts of harassing phone call and one misdemeanor count of stalking.
 ■ Aug. 22 - Raleigh Percy Basnight Jr., 32, of Albenarle Street, was issued three orders of commitment for failure to pay child support.
INCIDENTS
 ■ None reported.

Perquimans hears seven witnesses for Apex project

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 The Perquimans Weekly

The debate over a wind power project in Perquimans and Chowan County will continue next month.

The Perquimans County Commission spent more than nine hours over two nights last week listening to testimony from the developer of the proposed project. That wasn't enough to hear all the witnesses for Apex Clean Energy, nor was it enough for the attorney for opponents of the project to present his witnesses.

Unlike a typical county commission hearing, the meetings last week were considered "quasi-judicial proceedings" and resembled more of a court trial than a county meeting. In all Apex presented seven witnesses over the two-day period.

The next hearings are planned for Sept. 20-21. Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath said a

third or four day might be added to that schedule, but that it hasn't been decided yet.

At issue is if the plan to erect 104 turbines, each upwards of 600-foot tall, meets with the county's zoning ordinance. Part of that requires the determination that the project will be in "harmony" with the area.

In opening arguments Wednesday Henry Campen, the lead attorney representing Apex listed off a number of the county standards and said the application "meets and beats" each standard. That included the setback of the turbines and shadow flicker.

Chad Essick, the attorney representing residents opposed to the project, set out his argument next.

He said his clients own 3,600 acres and "our folks are at ground zero" when it comes to impact from the project.

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...tance of the decision you'll be making," Essick told the commissioners. "This is not a referendum on clean energy."

On Thursday, John Hecklau was the first witness to testify. Hecklau is a principal with Environmental Design and Research, a firm based in New York State.

Hecklau was addressing issues that ultimately could play a part in the question if a wind power project fit into the "harmony" of Perquimans County.

He talked about the visual impact of the Apex project, and after two hours of testimony and cross-examination issues like the color of the sky and which trees drop their leaves was discussed.

Hecklau explained the

process that included reviews of GIS data, aerial photos and on-the-ground visits and photographs.

Trees and buildings mask some or all of anything standing behind them, even if it's a 600-foot tall wind turbine if it stood some distance away.

Hecklau said his group started off with 164 locations and picked 13 to study. There were several in the Bear Swamp area, at least one on Cedar Stretch Road, the "Five Mile Y" area of U.S. 17 and even the foot of Wingfield Street in the town of Hertford.

The review team was asked to rate the impact from zero (no impact) to four (strong impact). The Apex project ranged from scores of .2 to 3.2, with an

average of 2, or "average," he said.

An attorney for Apex asked Hecklau to comment if the project would be in harmony with Perquimans, and Essick, the attorney for those who oppose Apex, objected.

County Commission Chair Janice Cole agreed.

"I think the matter of harmony is for this board to decide," she said.

Under cross-examination Essick asked Hecklau if he'd ever dealt with turbines as tall as 600-foot, and Hecklau said no.

Essick then asked what time of year the photographs used to generate the study were taken. It was June.

"Did you evaluate which trees are deciduous," Essick asked.

Hecklau said no, but said even when leaves drop tree trunks and limbs block views of things behind them. He also defended basing the images on June.

"In my opinion, this is the worst case scenario because people would be

out and about and people can see the project," Hecklau said.

On cross examination Hecklau said his firm did not determine which trees in the photos might be harvested soon by Weyerhaeuser, a timber company that owns much of the land for the Apex project.

From there the cross-examination went to the color of the sky in the photographs included in a report. In some the sky at the horizon was white and the turbines blended in with the background. In some photos Essick presented the sky was blue and turbines tended to stand out.

Hecklau explained some of the difference had to do with the quality of the printer that produced each picture. That's why, he said, a compact disc of the original images was included with each of the packets that were given to Perquimans County Commissioners and staff. The quality of the images on the computer will be more accurate than those from a color printer, he said.

TOWN OF EDENTON

GARBAGE COLLECTION

LABOR DAY SCHEDULE 2016

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH	"HOLIDAY" NO COLLECTION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH	EASTSIDE SOLID WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH	RECYCLABLES WILL BE PICKED UP
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH	YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH	WESTSIDE SOLID WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP

HEALTH

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diabetes, cancer and heart disease.

The report indicates that the death rate from stroke in Chowan County has increased in both the short- and long-term, currently is higher than the statewide rate and is disproportionately fatal among males and blacks.

Likewise, the diabetes death rate in Chowan County has increased in the short-term and currently is higher than the statewide rate.

While the county mor-

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The incidence rates for total cancer, lung cancer and breast cancer have increased over the long-term and the mortality rate for lung cancer has increased over the long-term.

The current county mortality rate for heart disease is only slightly higher than the statewide rate but heart disease is disproportionately fatal among males and blacks.

Chowan has slightly fewer doctors and dentists for its population than is true statewide.

In 2012, Chowan County had 21.03 medical doctors per 10,000 population, lower than the statewide figure of 22.31. For dentists it was 4.07, compared with 4.51 statewide; and for pharmacists it was 2.02, compared with 10.06 statewide.

The 2012 information showed 14 primary care physicians in the county; six dentists and seven hygienists; and 160 nurses, including 11 nurse practitioners.

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Chowan's 2014 population was 14,572. Of that number, 6,931 were males and 7,641 were females.

The overall median age in Chowan is 46.1, compared with a statewide median age of 38.2.

Chowan currently is in a period of negative growth - losing population. The birth rate also is going down, as it is in the region and state as well.

The county's population is 64 percent white, 33 percent black and 3 percent Hispanic.

The trend in the county is toward fewer young people and more older people. Pfaender said it often says something about employment opportunities when a community has lower numbers of young adults.

The population over age 65 is 3,263 or 22 percent. By 2030 the population over 65 is projected to be 3,813 or 26 percent.

Pfaender noted the elderly population consumes health and human services at a higher level than the general population.

Poverty is a special concern among the county's older population.

In Chowan County, 19 percent of the over-65 population - nearly one-fifth - lives below the poverty level. And 27 percent of those over 65 live on an income between 100 percent and 199 percent of the poverty level.

The assessment also noted 31 percent of the county's resident over 65 have a disability.

In Chowan County, 12 percent of the population is made up of military veterans.

"These vets are part of this population that is aging," Pfaender said.

In 2014 the median household income in the county was \$37,154, which was \$9,539 below the state average. That same year the county's median family income was \$44,645, which was \$12,683 below the state average.

The county's unemployment rate in 2015 was 7.2 percent, higher than the regional rate of 6.6 percent and the statewide rate of 5.7 percent.

The county's overall poverty rate is 27.4 percent, compared with 17 percent statewide. The poverty rate for African Americans is at least double the rate for whites.

In Chowan County, 65 percent of the students in the local schools are identified as "needy," compared with 57 percent regionally and 53 percent statewide.

The percentage of Chowan County renters spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing is 61 percent, compared with 51 percent statewide. Among county residents with mortgages, 37 percent spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing, compared with 31 percent statewide.

The county has 408 grandparents living with their minor grandchildren. Of that number, 54 percent are financially responsible for raising their grandchildren. The percentage is 49 percent across the region and 48 percent statewide.

Of those grandparents responsible for taking care of their grandchildren, 72 percent are over the age of 60 and 76 percent are living below the poverty levels.

Enrollment in the local public schools has declined since the 2006-2007 school year.

There were 17 reported sexual assaults in the county in 2011-2012. That number spiked to 69 in 2013-2014.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO APPLICATION BY THE TOWN OF EDENTON FOR FUNDING UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that the Edenton Town Council will conduct a public hearing on September 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow, in the Council Chambers, 504 S. Broad Street, relative to the intention of the Town to apply for FY2016 CDBG funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act.

The Town of Edenton intends to submit two (2) applications for CDBG Infrastructure grants for upgrades to the Town's two (2) water treatment plants. One application is for the Freemason Water Treatment Plant and the other is for the Beaver Hill Water Treatment Plant. Each project will improve the quality of drinking water being supplied to the citizens of Edenton.

The following is a tentative list of proposed activities and an estimated budget. The final application will be reviewed at the public hearing.

1. Freemason Water treatment Plant Upgrades and Grant Administration Estimated Budget \$2,000,000
2. Beaver Hill Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Grant Administration Estimated Budget \$1,658,700

The proposed project would provide benefits to all of the citizens, a minimum of 51% of whom are low and moderate income individuals based on surveys being performed by the Town. No individuals will be displaced nor will any require temporary relocation assistance as a result of the proposed project.

Citizens will be given the opportunity to provide oral and written comment on the Town's past and proposed use of CDBG funds at the public hearing. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

If additional information is needed, please contact the Town of Edenton at 252-482-7352. Formal written complaints or comments concerning the application process that are submitted to the Town of Edenton prior to or following the public hearing will be responded to within ten working days by Town of Edenton. A copy of the completed project application will be available for public review after September 30, 2016, at the Edenton Town Hall.

Persons with disabilities or who otherwise need assistance should contact Anne-Marie Knighton, Town Manager, at 252-482-7352 or email anne-marie.knighton@edenton.nc.gov, (TDD # 800) 735-2962 or Relay North Carolina by 2:00 PM on September 13. Accommodations will be made for all who request assistance with participating in the public hearing.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Anne-Marie Knighton, at 252-482-7352, at the Edenton Town Hall for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Anne-Marie Knighton, al 252-482-7352 o en ayuntamiento (location), de alojamiento para esta solicitud.