

# CRIMEWATCH

## EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ April 29 — Oprah Novella Goode, 30, of Virginia Road, was arrested on one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug para-

phernalia and one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

■ April 29 — Cordell Long, 31, of Coke Avenue, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

■ April 28 — Victoria Brooks, 51, of North Granville Street, was charged

with one misdemeanor count of simple assault and two misdemeanor counts of communicating threats.

## INCIDENTS

■ April 29 — Hit and run on Court Street.

■ April 29 — Assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill or inflict serious injury.

■ April 27 — Assault on Paxton Lane.

■ April 27 — Breaking and entering on East Church Street.

## CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS

■ May 4 — Chauncey Holley, 34, of Virginia Road, was arrested on one mis-

demeanor count of possession of marijuana (one-half ounce).

■ April 30 — Larry Donell Lawrence, 65, of Haughton Road, was charged with one misdemeanor count of domestic criminal trespass.

■ April 18 — Crystal Danielle Rankins, 30, of Tyler Lane, was arrested

on one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, one misdemeanor count of simple assault, one misdemeanor count of assault with a deadly weapon, one misdemeanor count of breaking or entering and one misdemeanor count of injury to real property.

# Chowan Commission round-up: budget season

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Chowan County's proposed general fund budget includes a slight tax hike to pay for an increase in health insurance premiums and needed capital improvements.

Since it is budget season, Monday's commission meeting was one of many sessions that included planning and updates about the county's finances. Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the 2nd floor training room of the Chowan County Public Safety Center (305 West Freemason St. Edenton) The purpose of this meeting will be a budget work ses-

sion to review the proposed 2017-18 Budget.

The \$17,160 million proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-18 is about \$476,000 more than \$16,586 million general fund budget for fiscal year 2016-17.

County Manager Kevin Howard said a majority of the proposed budget increase is due to a 12.5 percent increase in health insurance and needed capital improvements. He said the proposed budget maintains operations at current levels, but does include additional funds for building maintenance needs and capital purchases such as vehicles and an ambulance. This budget includes a 3 cent tax increase.

In other matters affecting the county, the search is on for a new director of the non-profit Edenton-Chowan Economic Development Partnership. The partnership's former director, Larry Lombardi, began his new job as Currituck County's economic development director on May 1.

Partnership Chairman Jeffrey Sackrison said members of the partnership are assisting the day-to-day needs of the organization until someone is hired.

According to the job listing posted on the partnership's website, the organization "has an opening for a dynamic, innovative, and self-motivated professional to execute its activities. The

ideal candidate will have successful experience in various forms of economic promotion (workforce, community and industrial development), possess excellent public-relations, verbal and writing skills, grant-seeking knowledge, be computer literate including experience with financial systems and be able to educate interested parties in the development interests of Chowan County, the Town of Edenton and its private-sector Board."

Sackrison didn't provide a specific timeline as to when the partnership hopes to hire someone, only that the position will be filled when they have the right candidate. Sackrison said he is

optimistic someone will be hired because several candidates from various locations have applied for the job that is being advertised on various websites.

In other news, the county's maintenance director Terry Rose has been terminated effective May 4.

Rose was arrested after he allegedly fired between 30 and 40 rounds at another motorist and his passenger, hitting their pickup truck 15 times, during a vehicle chase April 19 in Camden County.

Rose was charged with felony assault with intent to kill, felony speeding to elude arrest, misdemeanor impersonating a law enforcement officer and misdemeanor

resisting, delaying and obstructing a law enforcement officer. Camden County District Court records show Rose's secured bond was reduced to \$150,000 after he appeared before Chief District Judge Edgar Barnes. A check with jail officials indicated he had posted bond.

In other news, Chowan Middle School students addressed the commissioners during Monday's meeting about their success at a regional competition. STEM Club members R.C. Bullock, Ethari Dale, Josh Twiddy, Ben Maier and Hannah Whistler along with their teacher Angie Strode recently placed 1st in a re-

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## WIND

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presstime Wednesday night.

Cook was among the Republican lawmakers who earlier this year called for the shutdown of the Amazon Wind Farm US East project over concerns it interfered with a U.S. Navy radar facility in Chesapeake, Virginia. The effort, which included a letter to incoming U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly, appears to have fizzled out after some House lawmakers walked back their opposition to the wind farm.

Though not speaking in

context of the moratorium, Cook said at the time that "taxpayer-subsidized wind projects that create few jobs for North Carolinians should not take priority over hundreds of thousands of jobs and tens of billions of dollars that we could jeopardize if we fail to stand up for our military."

Other local lawmakers oppose the moratorium, however, pointing out state and federal processes already protect the military's interests in developing wind projects.

"This provision is unnecessary and was not provided at the request of the military," state Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram, D-Northampton, said in an email.

The Department of Defense supports the state's

existing wind farm legislation, she said, claiming the DOD Siting Clearinghouse "only approves installations that have zero impact on military operations and base realignment and closure."

Smith-Ingram said she "adamantly" opposes the moratorium provision in the Senate budget, calling it "unconscionable" to risk "almost \$500 million of economic investments in rural eastern North Carolina" by halting wind projects.

Smith-Ingram represents Chowan County, where Apex Clean Energy has county approval to locate part of its \$400 million Timbermill wind farm. Notably, Perquimans County commissioners voted against awarding the Apex project

a conditional use permit for the part of the project proposed for Perquimans. Apex is contesting that decision in Superior Court.

State Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, also said he opposes the moratorium — as he did when it was proposed in a standalone bill. Senators may have put the moratorium into the budget — which must be approved to continue state services — to either force its passage or use it as a "bargaining chip," he suggested.

"It will again be a bone of contention," Steinburg said, adding that he will push to remove the provision from the budget and oppose the budget if it is not.

Steinburg also said that, if Gov. Roy Cooper vetoes

the budget over the provision, there may not be enough votes in the House to override his veto.

"This could be a real impediment to passing the budget," he said.

Steinburg also said that he considers wind projects a major benefit to struggling rural counties. They provide significant tax revenues while state lawmakers work to create long-term jobs there, he explained. He also noted that wind companies won't sit around waiting for a moratorium to expire, and other states will welcome their investments.

State Rep. Howard Hunter III, D-Hertford, also said in a brief email that he supports wind energy and opposes any moratorium on the industry.

Apex spokesman Don Giecek said his company also opposes the moratorium, calling it "clearly designed to kill wind projects."

"It jeopardizes hundreds of millions of dollars in investment in rural North Carolina and is an attack on personal property rights," he said.

Giecek said Apex is already paying local landowners to lease their properties and taking steps to develop its Timbermill project.

A spokesman for Avangrid Renewables, which developed the Amazon wind farm and is considering offshore wind development near Kitty Hawk, said the company is still reviewing the moratorium's language.

## JONES

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Comey's comments against Clinton that are being cited now in his termination.

Asked if he believes the president fired Comey to discourage the FBI's investigation of Trump associates' possible links to Russian officials accused of meddling in the U.S. election, Jones said he couldn't rule it out.

"It definitely is a possibility," Jones said, add-

ing that he's already supported legislation creating a bipartisan, independent commission — similar to the bipartisan commission that investigated the 9/11 attacks — to investigate Russian involvement in the U.S. election.

"The American people

have a right to know if the Russians were involved," Jones said, adding "this has gotten too political."

Jones also expressed his general concern that Trump "contradicts himself too often" on important issues. The country needs to be able to rely on the word of

its president, Jones said.

In one example, he said Trump has criticized U.S. involvement in Afghanistan but now is considering sending more troops there. Jones strongly opposes U.S. military involvement in the country as a waste of both lives and money.

## JOBS

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vices, the Edenton-Chowan Chamber and the Edenton-Chowan Partnership.

"There are a variety of

jobs from retail, to production, to maintenance, cottage cleaning, sales, technical and more," Dale said. "There will be something available for entry level workers and experienced workers, as well as college

graduates."

Why work and live in Chowan County?

"We believe that Chowan County is a great place to live and work," Dale said. "With its proximity to the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound, opportunities abound for many recreational choices that are not available to other communities. A low cost of living combined with the many assets we have to offer make Chowan County the perfect place to work and play."

Amen to that!

Among the many businesses attending are: Jimbo's Jumbos, Newport News Shipbuilding, Aflac, NSC Technologies, Pee-

bles, Mediacom, Hatteras Realty, Waff Contracting, Kellogg Building Supply, Smithfield, NC Dept of Public Safety, Corolla Classic Vacations, Regulator Marine, Hall Automotive, US Cellular, L3 Communications, Chowan County Sheriff's, Vidant Chowan Hospital, Pasquotank County Central Communication, Pasquotank Camden EMS Moneysworth Linen Service and many others.

Also attending will be the Dept of Social Services, NC Works, Northeast Workforce Development, Chowan Perquimans Smart Start and the NC Works Mobile Center.

## FEDERAL GRANT REVIEW

There will be a presentation in the Board of Education Building on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 10 a.m. for parents of home school students in need of Special Education Services. The presentation will address what services/materials would benefit parentally placed special education children. If interested in attending, or for questions, please contact Virginia Jones, Director of Exceptional Children's Programs at 252-482-4436.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Edenton-Chowan County Schools proposes for Federal funding for the 2017-2018 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of June 5-9 in the Board of Education, located at 406 West Queen St., Edenton, NC 27932. For questions, please contact Mrs. Virginia Jones, Director of Exceptional Children's Programs, at 252-482-4436 or email vjones@ecps.k12.nc.us .

## THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title III requires that each local education agency submit a Title III application in order to receive federal funds. The federal funds are used to provide instructional activities and services to help English Language Learners meet high standards. A public meeting will be held May 24 at the Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of sharing information with the public concerning the programs and give participants an opportunity to provide input for planning and implementation. In addition, The No Child Left Behind Title III application is open to public review and for comments on May 26th in the office of Virginia Jones located at Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education, 406 W. Queen St., Edenton, North Carolina.

## Notificación de Participación Pública del Acto 2001 "Que Ningún Niño Se quede Atrás"

El Acto de la Educación Primaria y Secundaria (ESEA) Título III requiere que todas las instituciones locales de educación hagan entrega de la solicitud denominada Título III para recibir fondos federales. Estos fondos se utilizan en la creación de actividades y servicios educativos, que tienen como objetivo principal, mejorar el rendimiento académico de los alumnos más desfavorecidos. El día 24 de Mayo del 2017 a las 4:00 p.m. se llevará a cabo una junta pública en las oficinas del Edenton-Chowan Board of Education con el propósito de informar a los asistentes sobre los programas y servicios que se ofrecen y al mismo tiempo solicitar su colaboración en la planeación e implementación de los mismos. De igual forma, la solicitud del Acto 2001 "Que ningún niño se quede atrás" estará a disposición del público para su revisión y comentarios del 26 de Mayo en la oficina de Virginia Jones localizada en las oficinas del Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education, ubicadas en 406 W. Queen St., Edenton, North Carolina.



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