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## Chowan Commission praises leaders for storm response

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Chowan County Commission offered praise to county leaders for the outstanding job they did planning and preparing for Hurricane Florence.

Before, during and after the storm, a trio of officials among others were busy thinking about the county's response to the storm

County Manager Kevin Howard, County Emergency Management Coordinator Cord Palmer and Clerk to the Commission Susanne Stallings.

"I'm very happy with how Chowan County responded," Commission Chairman Jeff Smith said as he recalled past storms effect on the area. "This is probably the most prepared that I have ever seen for a hurricane.

Makes you proud to be a citizen of Chowan County."

During Palmer's report, he said no one in Chowan County was killed or injured because of the storm. He said EMS crews will be assisting operations this week in Beaufort County that were hit hard by the storm. The State of Emergency ended Monday. For more about what Palmer discussed at the commission meeting, see

the Chowan Herald's Facebook page.

In other business, two public hearings scheduled for Monday were moved to Oct. 15 because the storm may have affected travel and planning.

One public hearing dealt with plans to consider an amendment to the county's zoning map for RiverSound subdivision so as to apply the correct zoning districts.

Many of these property owners live out of state, so their travel plans would have been affected by the storm.

The other public hearing was to consider an amendment to the zoning ordinance Flood Hazard Overlay requirements so as to meet federal and state standards associated with newly flood maps to be released in December. State officials asso-

ciated those plans have been busy with planning needs associated with the storm.

During the county manager's report, Howard said the storm didn't damage the Senior Center. Repairs needed after Hurricane Matthew remain ongoing.

In other news, the board approved plans to donate a surplus 2007 stretcher to the College of Albemarle's EMS program.

## Drinking water warning issued

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Town of Edenton sent out a letter warning people to be careful about drinking Edenton's water.

Dated Aug. 29, the letter said the town's water system is in violation of state law because the water contains elevated levels of trihalomethanes, which are considered as carcinogenic.

Trihalomethanes (THM) are formed as a by-product predominantly when chlorine is used to disinfect drinking water.

Written by Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton, the town's 2,107 water customers received the letter with their water bills in the mail this week.

"Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do and what we are doing to correct this situation," Knighton wrote.

The letter said there is no need to boil water or take other corrective actions. However, anyone with specific health concerns should consult a doctor. The letter said anyone with a severely compromised immune system, or who has an infant or is pregnant or elderly should seek advice from health care providers about drinking the water.

If this had been an emergency, people would have been notified within 24 hours by the Town.

"However, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of maximum contaminate levels over many years — the state defines as 70 years — may experience problems with their liver, kidneys or central nervous system and may have an increased risk



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Chowan County and Town of Edenton officials wait, watch and prepare for Hurricane Florence at the Emergency Operations Center inside the Public Safety Building.

## Florence's follies fade throughout area

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Hurricane Florence invaded eastern North Carolina with a fury last week to leave 17 people dead and thousands without electricity.

"Our hearts go out to the families of those who died in this storm," Governor Roy Cooper said.

The State of Emergency, Tropical Storm Warning and Storm Surge Warning no longer remain in effect for Chowan County and Edenton.

Duke Energy, Dominion and electric cooperatives reported that more than 700,000 homes were without power in North Caro-



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Town workers were on the front lines clearing debris in the aftermath left behind by Hurricane Florence.

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## 'Reaching out to the village' to help others

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

GiGi and Matt Charlebois, owners of the Edenton Coffee House, are organizing an effort to place donation boxes in local businesses where folks can drop off supplies for humans and pets alike as part of the Hurricane Florence relief effort.

The couple, who continued a tradition at the coffee house begun by original owners Glenn

and Anita Andersen of staying open during hurricanes to give folks a place to go to talk and enjoy hot beverages and food, are taking that a step further by collecting items to be sent to the areas of North Carolina hardest hit by Hurricane Florence.

The Tri-County Animal Shelter in Tyner, is also collecting pet-related items to help in the relief effort.

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## Commission candidates discuss future school projects

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Whoever wins the November general election for Chowan County Commission will need to contend with decisions to be made as to whether to build new schools or renovate existing buildings.

There are two contested races for county commissioner.

Larry McLaughlin, an unaffiliated candidate, is running against Commissioner John Mitchener, a Democrat, for District 2, Seat 2. Republican Bob Kirby

is running against Commission President Jeff Smith, a Democrat, for District 1, Seat 2 — whose answers were featured last edition.

The Chowan Herald asked the candidates for their thoughts about whether to build a new high school or repair/renovate the existing home of the Aces.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and the Chowan County Commission



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have formed a joint committee to discuss either building a new school(s) or renovating existing school(s). If the school district were to build a new high school, it would cost less than what renovations/repairs are forecast to cost.

The Joint Board of Chowan County Commissioners and Board of Education Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday in the 2nd

floor training room of the Chowan County Public Safety Center.

When McLaughlin was 27 years old, he served as a Selectman in Woodbury Ct. A two-year term. McLaughlin is a 24-year member of the Edenton-Chowan Kiwanis Club and a past president. He has been active in many civic activities ranging from his portrayal as James Iredell to organizing folks to pick up trash along Chowan County's many byways and highways. Other folks may know McLaughlin for his formidable skills as a carpenter.

McLaughlin wants to know what the true and total costs of such an undertaking would be.

"Not just dollars and cents, but what is the value of intangibles," he said. "How are they to be measured? A lot more discussion needs to take place before we decide."

McLaughlin said policy makers need to determine the ultimate costs as well as additional intangible costs.

"There is an economic impact in favor of keeping the school in town. School func-

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