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Commissioners give nod to NCSHP's VIPER tower

Planning board's amendment recommendation gains unanimous approval

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The Person Board of County Commissioners voted last night

to amend an ordinance concerning the placement of wireless communications towers in the county.

The amendment was made so that the North Carolina Highway

Patrol (NCSHP) could move forward with plans to erect a VIPER (Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders) communications tower on county-owned land off of Critcher-Wilkerson

Road. Commissioners voted on the matter after hearing from county attorney Ron Aycock that the planning board met and recommended that the amendment

apply only to towers on county-owned property, placed by the state.

The amendment, approved

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Students (l-r) Pierre, Damian, Madison and Ana practice their building skills during the first day at Earl Bradsher Preschool.

'Know you have small eyes watching you'

Students & some parents begin new school year at Earl Bradsher Preschool

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Earl Bradsher Preschool started off its school year Tuesday, and by all reports opening day went well for both students and the group of parents participating in the ACE (Adults and Children in Education)/GED program at the school.

Because the state's pre-kindergarten program is now under the Division of Child Development, the routine is

a little different at Earl Bradsher this year. In preparation for a required swipe-card system for parents, the school is having parents or guardians come into the school building to drop off and pick up students. Under the old system, parents would drop students off to waiting staff in front of the school building.

Now, students are to arrive between 8:15 a.m. and 9 a.m. and depart between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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Earl Bradsher Preschool student Jocelyn Brown peers into the fish tank as her aunt, Saleda Bolton, waits to take her home. Earl Bradsher opened for the new school year on Tuesday.

School board to consider driver education bids

Possible donation of former Helena school building to PCC also on agenda

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Driver's education bids and a new board policy concerning concussion and head injuries are on the action agenda for Thursday's meeting of the Person County Board of Education. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the board of education boardroom, located on the ground floor of the Person County Office Building at 304 S. Morgan St. in Roxboro.

The board voted to outsource the driver's education program in May, and the bidding process was closed in July.

The submitted bids were brought before the board during its August meeting, but the board requested that each bidder answer a uniform list of questions before it made a decision. The information has been submitted by the bidders as requested, and the board will take another look at the matter Thursday.

The new state-required policy up for approval on concussion and head injuries involves schools having venue-specific plans of action to handle cases where someone has sustained a head injury or is showing signs of a concussion.

Also during the meeting, Person County Schools Executive Director for Program Services Marionette Jeffers will present the 2011-12 Achieve3000 Reading Program contract to the board for approval.

In its third year of implementation at PCS, Achieve3000 is a web-based literacy program designed to improve reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary and writing skills. The program is being used to enhance regular classroom instruction in every PCS elementary school in second- through fifth-grades.

Finance Officer Julie Masten will present the 2011-12 budget resolution, and a financial report for July 1 through Aug. 31.

An informal request by the Person Board of County Commissioners to donate the old Helena school building to the county for use by Piedmont Community College will be up for discussion at Thursday's meeting.

A capital projects update and 10th day enrollment report are also on the discussion agenda.

Person High sophomore to erect Korean War memorial as part of Eagle Scout project

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"I want it to be the Remembered War."

Adam Moore, 16, a sophomore at Person High School, spoke those words recently while discussing his decision to erect a Korean War monument at the

Person County Courthouse as part of his Eagle Scout project.

The Korean War, Moore recently told the Person Board of County Commissioners, is often referred to as the Forgotten War. That, along with the fact that he has relatives who served in the Korean War, inspired Moore to erect the Korean War monument, which will be located on the lawn

of the Person County Courthouse, facing Abbitt Street. The location will be on the opposite side of the lawn from the county's World War II monument.

"I want [the Korean War veterans] to have something in Person County that recognizes them," Moore said.

Moore recently told the Roxboro Rotary Club that he was

seeking donations to cover the monument's approximately \$8,000 price tag.

The monument, Moore explained, will be eight inches thick, 36 inches wide, 60 inches tall and will have a base that is 18 inches wide, 48 inches long and eight inches thick. All edges of

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A similar Korean War memorial

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