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School board accepts driver education bid

Person Driving Academy, a newly-formed local company, is choice of BOE

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The Person County Board of Education voted at its Thursday meeting to accept the bid from Person Driving Academy to run its driver's education program, which the board voted to out-

source in May.

The board discussed the submitted bids at last month's meeting, and after receiving more information from each of the final three bidders, decided to support the newly formed local company.

Board member Pecolia Beatty noted that two of the bidders did not indicate that they were going

to hire local people. Beatty said that as a Person County resident, she would be more in favor of keeping jobs within the county and supporting the local economy.

"I agree with Ms. Beatty," said board chairman Gordon Powell. "This is an opportunity to form a business right here in Person

County, with Person County people. I think it's an opportunity for us as a board to support the driver's ed personnel that have done a good job for a long, long [time], without any problems that I'm aware of."

Person County will fund the driver's education program through state allocated funds and

a \$45 fee assessed to students.

While Person Driving Academy was not the lowest bidder, estimating a cost of \$225 per student, the bidding process was non-competitive.

Since the bid was not competitive, Powell reasoned, and Person

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10th day enrollment numbers less for PCS this year

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The 10th day enrollment total for Person County Schools came in at 4,857 on Thursday, 170 students less than were enrolled on the same day last year.

Schools Supt. Dr. Larry W. Cartner presented the numbers to the Person County Board of Education at its meeting Thursday evening.

Cartner pointed out that two areas showing significantly low enrollment this year were the third grade class at Helena Elementary School, with 88 students, 30 less students than expected; and the second grade class at South Elementary, which had 25 students enrolled on the 10th day.

Cartner said he was not surprised to see the low number at South, since the school was placed under Title I School Improvement this year, giving parents the option to send their children to one of two other schools in the district (Oak Lane or Stories Creek). Before the school year started, two teachers were moved from South to

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PATRIOT DAY



WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Council to consider donating civil defense siren to museum

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When it meets in regular session next Tuesday night, Roxboro City Council will consider donating the city's old civil defense siren to the Person County Museum of History.

Interim City Manager Tommy Warren said Friday that the siren, which sat atop city hall for years during the Cold War, had not been in use since 1988. He said, as a child growing up in Roxboro, he remembered that the siren was tested every Saturday at noon, and kids out playing knew it was lunch time when they heard the siren.

The museum requested that the city donate the siren, which was removed from the city hall roof in 2005.

Warren said it had been in storage since it was taken down from the roof.

The control panels are still at city hall, he said, and would be donated to the museum as well, if council approves the move.

In other matters next week, council members will hear a request from Police Chief Todd Boycher that certain

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Donoho cycling the perimeter of the country to aid fight against cancer

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Flynn Donoho of Huntington Beach, Calif. stopped by *The Courier-Times* office Thursday to introduce himself and say hello as he makes his way around the United States for a cause using a bicycle as a his mode of transportation. Mapping a route that follows the perimeter of the country, the 52-year-old Donoho is cycling

to benefit the fight against cancer.

Donoho explained that he is riding for his sister-in-law who is a two-year cancer survivor, as well as other family members who have lost their fight against cancer.

With a goal of \$1,000, he said he has raised \$600 so far toward the fight against cancer.

Along with two United States flags, Donoho's bicycle sports a sign providing the Web site ad-

dress to visit and make a donation. To donate, folks may visit www.teamacs.acevents.org and click on "donate" at the top of the page and search on the name Flynn Donoho.

During the past seven months, Donoho said his adventure has led him to four different places where a Relay for Life event was being held and he was then able to participate and even speak at one of the events.

"Not questioning how," Donoho said he continues his journey each day "by putting my faith in the Lord."

Covering approximately 50 or 60 miles per day, and sometimes 70 miles if the hills aren't too steep, he said, Donoho started the ride by leaving Huntington Beach on Jan. 14.

He plans to continue his journey from Roxboro following a southern route and hopes to be in Key West by the Christmas holidays. From there he said he would continue along the Gulf Coast and then across the southern states to arrive back in California next spring.



Californian Flynn Donoho is cycling the perimeter of the United States to raise cancer awareness.

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