

The Warren Record

Volume 90 25¢ Per Copy Warrenton, County Of Warren, North Carolina Wednesday, April 8, 1987 Number 14



Eleven of the 20 charter members of the newly formed Littleton Jaycees were present for the presentation of the charter, banner and installation of officers Thursday evening at the Warrenton Lions Den. The charter members in attendance are pictured above, seated, left to right: Tim Blackburn, state director; Linda Blackburn,

treasurer; Clyde Johnston, president; Debbie Rightmeyer, secretary; Marcia Spragins; and Jimmy Crenshaw, management vice president. Standing, left to right: Craig Shearin, Donald Robertson, Tommy Rightmeyer, Janelle Robertson and Kenny Wilson. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Health Budget Increased By Vote Of 3-2

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
Staff Writer

Budget amendments increasing the Health Department total budget to \$665,214.28 were approved Monday morning by Warren County commissioners by a vote of three to two during their regular monthly meeting.

Although the request for three additional positions had been granted at the last meeting, approval of the budget request submitted last month by Health Department Director Dennis Retzlaff had been postponed until confirmation of the department's financial status with regard to the Home Health program could be received from County Finance Officer Susan W. Brown. Brown's report supported Retzlaff's assessment of the program. A total of \$99,698 was earned for a period of approximately five months (October through February), Brown noted. She estimated that actual program income for the current fiscal year would be \$230,000. "Compared to the current budget of \$123,944 (Home Health fees plus State Home Health funds) this amounts to a \$106,056 favorable variance, which more than supports Mr. Retzlaff's projected program income of \$665,214.28 as presented in his analysis," Brown concluded.

The additional funds will be used for equipment, maintenance and building, automobile expenses, educational supplies and personnel.

In other business, commissioners: —Approved with amendments a resolution for the establishment of a Warren County Fire Commission, effective July 1, 1987.

—Approved a contract with David M. Griffith and Associates, Ltd. of Raleigh for preparation of the 1986 Cost Allocation Plan to detail overhead costs and facilitate reimbursement.

—Received the tax collector's report showing total March tax collections of \$149,401.78, a three and one-half percent increase over collections at this point last year, and year-to-date interest income of \$105,972.11.

—Adopted Annexes F, G, I, K, U and W and received for information Annex J of the Warren County Disaster Relief and Assistance Plan.

Group Opposes Rezoning

The third of three public hearings held Monday morning at the Warren County Courthouse drew notable attendance as residents of S.R. 1203 near Kerr Lake in Nutbush Township voiced their opposition to the request for rezoning submitted earlier by a fellow neighbor.

Group spokesperson, Phil Daniel, read to Warren County commissioners a petition signed by 41 of the 48 residents of the dead end road zoned currently as Residential property. Letters from five other residents who were away and unable to sign the petition were acknowledged. "We want our quiet residential community to stay that way," he said.

The public hearing had been called to receive citizen input on

a request to rezone a one acre tract of land from Residential to Lakeside Business to allow the construction of a boat storage facility to house six or eight boats. Residents in opposition to the request feared that approval would result in increased noise and traffic.

John Worsley, S.R. 1203 homeowner since 1984, had concerns about the future if a precedent were set.

Zoning administrator Chester A. Forrester, III confirmed that property zoned as Lakeside Business could support activities other than boat storage facilities, among them commercial marinas, hotels, dance halls and arcades.

"We cannot support a change to benefit one individual to the

detriment of all other property owners," Worsley concluded.

County commissioners denied the request for rezoning during their regular monthly meeting held at the conclusion of the three public hearings.

No citizen input was received during the other two public hearings. Commissioners approved requests to rezone approximately 71.96 acres in River Township known as "Buck Springs Plantation Property" from Residential to Lakeside Group Camp District for use by the Buck Springs 4-H Camp and to revise the Warren County Flood Prevention Ordinance incorporating federal rule changes and new administrative procedures.

Area Crafters Plan Appearance At Local Armory

A number of area crafters are expected to take over the Warrenton National Guard Armory on Saturday for the Fourth Annual Crafts Fair which begins at 10 a.m.

Chairman Karen White encourages shoppers to use the opportunity to shop for Easter and Mother's Day gifts as well as to add to personal collections. A wide assortment of crafted items will be available, including wood, tinware, ceramics, ironworks, basketry, jewelry, stuffed animals, dolls, Christmas items and clothing.

The fair will continue until 4 p.m. Country ham biscuits will be available for sale at 7:30 a.m. and

(Continued on page 9)

New Subdivision Wins Approval Of Planning Board

Only three items were presented for consideration by the Warren County Planning Board at the regular meeting last Thursday, according to Mrs. Cathy Wilson, economic development director and secretary for the planning board.

The board gave preliminary approval for 156 lots at Macon's Landing subdivision on Lake Gaston. The property, which is owned by Nelson and Harris developers, contains the Nathaniel Macon homeplace and is located in River Township.

A hearing was given a variance request by Luther Stegall who is seeking permission to construct a shed on his Kerr Lake property in Kimball Heights subdivision. Specifications for the shed are in violation of the zoning ordinance which states that additional structures may not exceed 75 percent of the intended use of the property. A dwelling already exists on Stegall's lot.

The planning board recommended approval of the variance and referred the decision to the Board of Adjustments.

Sarah Jean Jordan's request for a one-acre lot on the Lindsey Hargrove property was tabled due to the lack of an easement to the lot. The board asked Ms. Jordan to try to make arrangements for an easement and then to return for a decision.

Traffic Violation Leads To Problems

A Warren County man, who jumped bail and fled to New York, has been returned to the county by members of the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

Anthony William Branch, 21, had been out on bail pending charges of forgery. He did not appear in court as scheduled last month and left the state.

As is the case with all felonies, Branch's name was entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIS), an information network of criminal activity in the United States.

When Branch was stopped by State Troopers in New York on a traffic violation, a routine search of NCIS revealed outstanding warrants in Warren County. New York officers informed the Warren County Sheriff's Department that Branch was being held for transport back to Warrenton.

Sgt. Lawrence Harrison and Deputy T. H. McCaffity returned this weekend bringing Branch back with them. He waived extradition and was returned to the Warren County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.

Clean-Up Week Plans Outlined

By MARY C. HARRIS
Staff Writer

Norlina's town board Monday night declared the week of April 20-25 as Clean-up Week and issued a plea for the town's residents to become active participants in the campaign to beautify their own and the town's property.

Mayor Bill Perry and Commissioner Walter Newman made plans to survey the town Tuesday morning and to list clean-up priorities for the town's staff as well as extra personnel made available through the court system's community service program.

The commissioners expressed hope that individual property owners would make an extra effort during the designated week to remove brush and limbs and

(Continued on page 9)

Clayton Is Re-Elected Democratic Party Head

Officers were elected at the Warren County Democratic Convention held Saturday, April 4, at the Warren County Court House.

T. T. Clayton, local attorney, was re-elected County Democratic Party Chairman. He was also elected as a member to the State Democratic Executive Committee. Other officers elected were Mrs. Emma Greer (first vice-chairman), W. Monroe Gardner (second vice-chairman), Michael Richardson (third vice-chairman), Mrs. Patsy T. Hargrove (secretary) and Mrs. Delores Hawkins (treasurer).

In other business, a resolution was presented by representatives of the Shocco precinct requesting

that a timely report be presented to citizens regarding monitoring of the disposal.

Frank Ballance, local attorney, gave an update on pending legislation. Items discussed were the environmental bill and location of disposal sites in North Carolina, the present prison situation as impacted by overcrowding, the Workers Compensation Act, the Comparative Insurance bill and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Mrs. Angie Elkins of Chapel Hill was guest speaker. The North Carolina aide to Senator Terry Sanford is one of four women who serve on the Democratic National Committee.



Mrs. Angie Elkins, N. C. Aide to Senator Terry Sanford, (standing, center) spoke to those attending the recent Warren County Democratic Convention held at the Warren County Court House. Shown also (seated, left to right) are: Mrs. Patsy T.

Hargrove, secretary; T. T. Clayton, County Democratic Party chairman; Mrs. Delores Hawkins, treasurer; and the Rev. Donald J. Wess, who gave the invocation for the event.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)



Emergency Management Coordinator Gary Robenolt, left, and Warren County Sheriff Theodore Williams inspect an abandoned well which was recently discovered in the Lickskillet community. The well, which has since been capped, was reported by a concerned citizen. Robenolt encourages property owners to seek out and cover the wells which are particularly dangerous to children, hunters and animals and which invite groundwater pollution. Robenolt explained that matter which is dumped into or which falls into the wells can easily get into the water table and cause contamination. He encourages the county's residents to be alert to the possibility of the wells, which are often difficult to detect due to brush or partial covering, when they are in unfamiliar territory and to report the discovery of abandoned wells to the health or sheriff's department or to the emergency management office.