

Board Leadership Will Be Unchanged

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Expressing a vote of confidence and satisfaction in performance during the past year, Warren County Commissioners Monday morning reelected unanimously for another term those persons who had served in positions of authority.

Mrs. Eva Clayton and George Shearin were reelected chairperson and vice chairperson respectively for the board of county commissioners.

The following appointments were also made: Mrs. Linda T. Jones as clerk to the board of commissioners, Mrs. Loria Dunston as acting clerk to the board in the absence of Mrs. Jones, Charles T. Johnson, Jr. as county attorney, Mrs. Susan W. Brown as county tax collector/finance officer, and Audrey A. Ayscue, Gladys A. Banks, Cecile J. Renn and Peggy C. Stevenson as deputy tax collectors.

The depositories for Warren County funds were retained: Branch Banking & Trust Co. of Warrenton, Peoples Bank & Trust Co. of Norlina, Cardinal Savings & Loan Corp. of Warrenton, First Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Warrenton and N.C. Cash Management of Charlotte.

Authorization to honor facsimile, rather than active, original, signatures of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, the county finance officer and the clerk to the board was also given.

The board received a report from Warren County design engineer with Raleigh-based Wilbur Smith Associates, before giving approval to the second-highest bid of \$293,739 submitted by Jacksonville-based Faulkner and Son Construction Co. for utility improvements in the Quick City area. According to Minnix, the contract was not awarded to Phelps and White Construction Co., the lowest bidder at \$266,678.45, when it was learned that Phelps was not licensed to perform water and sewer line construction projects in the state.

A report on the Warren County housing study conducted by St. Augustine's College in Raleigh was received from Ms. Sandra Seets-Carmichael, project director, and Horus Alkebu-Lan. Ms. Seets-Carmichael indicated the report was based on 1980 census data and was representative of what the institution "was trying to do."

According to Alkebu-Lan, the age of the data posed problems for Warren County that were common to other local governments, but it would be useful in formulating proposals for the coming year.

Alkebu-Lan explained that using data from the 1980 Census, Warren County ranks "second worst" in the state in quality of housing. Gates County ranks first. Other demographic and statistical facts were also shared in advance of the full report that will be forwarded to the board in the next three or four weeks.

"This confirms what we had suspected," Chairman Eva Clayton said. "The housing conditions here are very, very poor."

In other business, the board: —Approved turning over delinquent taxes, according to state statute, to the county attorney.

—Granted tax releases totaling \$1,347.24.

—Denied a request from Mrs. Ann Fleming for release from a late-listing tax penalty.

—Approved for submission a membership roster, and a CBA application for certification and a \$250 administrative service grant for the Warren County task force on delinquency prevention.

—Approved a contribution not to exceed \$2,000 to the Roanoke River Basin Association for further work in the fight against the Virginia Beach, Va. pipeline in Lake Gaston.

—Approved the use of county-owned land, without the expenditure of county funds, for the development of a walking trail at the Warren County Human Services complex.

—Approved for the 1988-89 budget year a matching grant of \$2,775 for the Warren County emergency management service to be used for equipment.

—Appointed Charlie Ball and re-appointed James Wilson and Dennis Harris to the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments' Aging Advisory Council.

—Set for Jan. 4 at 9:15 a.m., following cancellation of the previously scheduled date of Nov. 30, a public hearing on the submission of an application by the Economic Development Commission for a Community Development Block Grant.

—Approved the 1988 holiday schedule for county employees to be consistent with the state schedule.

—Directed the county manager to investigate the reasons for the removal of signs for Soul City from I-85.

—Deferred until budget time a request to have the county assume responsibility for a fire radio repeater.

—Postponed until its January meeting the selection of bond counsel.

—Postponed until its January meeting a request from the board of elections for four new voting machines.



Preparing to climb aboard a chartered bus for a trip to Raleigh Thursday afternoon for a reception sponsored by the N.C. Museum of History Associates were, left to right, Mrs. Peggy Allen, Cal White, Ms. Carolyn Price, Mrs. Helen R. Franklin, Miss Sherrie White, Mrs. Anna Thompson, Mrs. Nellie Gardner, Mrs. Margie Watson, Thomas E. Watson, Mrs. Nell Padgett, Mrs. Grace Miles, Mrs. Annette Daniel, Mrs. Patricia Scott and J. Howard Daniel.

Already aboard the bus were Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Holt, Mr. and Mrs. T. Scott Gardner, Mrs. Shirley L. Hawks, Mrs. Mary Louise Limer, Mrs. Mildred Steed, Mrs. Selma Perkinson, Samuel F. Padgett, W. Monroe Gardner, Mrs. Ida D. Davis, Mrs. Marie D. Martin, Mrs. Margaret Sipe, Mrs. Pattie M. Brauer and Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Vernon. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Jury Drawn, But Gambling Charges Dismissed

Judge Edwin S. Preston, Jr. of Raleigh this week has presided over Warren County Criminal Superior Court. A jury had been drawn for two cases against defendant James Rogers Gupton for four charges relating to illegal gambling, but the jurors were dismissed following dismissal by Judge Preston of the four charges against Gupton. Three other charges against Gupton, which had involved possession of and maintenance of a dwelling for the sale of controlled substances, were dismissed by the district attorney.

The grand jury found true bills of indictment on the following cases, which will be scheduled for a later court date:

—Robert Paul Drewyore on charge of trafficking marijuana and conspiracy to traffic marijuana;

—Kimberly Kay Drewmore on charge of trafficking marijuana;

—Matthew Edwin Purdy on charges of trafficking marijuana and conspiracy to traffic marijuana; and

—Dean D. Foland on charges of trafficking marijuana and conspiracy to traffic marijuana.

A jury was drawn for the trial of Cynthia Dunston, Katherine Dunston and Robert Clark, who will be tried today (Wednesday) for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and inflict serious injury.

The following cases were disposed of in the court sessions held on Monday and Tuesday:

Bernard Bell: charges of aiding and abetting assault with a deadly weapon and aiding and abetting discharge of a firearm were dismissed by the district attorney.

William D. Bottoms: defendant called and failed on charge of obtaining property under false pretense; arrest order issued; \$5,000 cash bond set.

Eddie Lee Wilson: defendant found guilty of trespassing without a license; sentenced to 30 days in Warren County Jail; sentence suspended for two years on condition that he pay court costs by Jan. 10, 1988, stay away from Willis Fleming and stay off his premises.

Alvin Crosson: charges of breaking and entering a motor vehicle and larceny were dismissed; defendant plead guilty to charge of possession of stolen goods; sentenced to two years in the N.C. Department of Correction. Sentence was suspended on condition that he comply with requirements of unsupervised probation, pay court costs, attorney fees, \$340 in restitution, behave himself, and not violate any laws in the state.

Eddie Alston: defendant plead guilty to charge of assault on a female; sentenced to 12 months in the N.C. Department of Correction; sentence suspended for three years under the condition that he remain on supervised probation for three years; pay court costs; behave himself; violate no state or federal laws; submit to a mental health facility for alcohol abuse; and agree to follow through with treatment programs, including, but not limited to inpatient commitment. No fine was levied.

Wanda Hendricks Bonefant: defendant was remanded back to district court judgment for immediate compliance with sen-

tence for speeding 47 in a 35 mile zone and driving while impaired.

Roy Lee Bobbit: the charge of driving while license was revoked was dismissed; defendant plead guilty to charge of driving while impaired and was sentenced to 90 days in the Warren County Jail. Sentence was suspended for 90 days on the condition that he remain on unsupervised probation for 90 days; pay by Feb. 8, 1988 a \$125 fine and court costs; perform 48 hours of community service and pay the \$50 fee; attend Alcohol Driving Education School; not violate any state laws; surrender his driver's license; and not drive until allowed by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Eugene McCray Powell: the charge of driving left of center was dismissed; defendant plead guilty to driving while impaired and was sentenced to 18 months in the Department of Correction and ordered to surrender his driver's license and not operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed. Immediate work release was recommended.

Lawson Toney Jones: defendant plead guilty to charge of driving while impaired; prayer for judgement given on charge of careless and reckless driving, to be continued to next session of superior court on Feb. 8.

Odell Harrison: defendant plead guilty to charges of transporting alcohol, resisting arrest and obstructing an officer, and driving with no operator's license, and was sentenced to six months in the Department of Corrections. Sentence suspended for two years on the condition that he pay by Dec. 22 court costs and a \$100 fine, violate no state or federal laws, and not operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed.

Vera Richardson Bender: defendant plead guilty to charge of operating a motor vehicle with no insurance and was sentenced to 30 days in Warren County Jail; sentence suspended for 12 months on the condition that she pay by Feb. 8, 1988 court costs and \$196 in restitution to Mary Long, behave herself, and violate no state laws during the suspended sentence.

Larry Dean Tally: prayer for judgement granted on charges of driving while license revoked and driving while impaired; case continued until Feb. 8, 1988.

Lorenzo Darnell Ball: defendant called and failed on a charge of allowing an intoxicated person to drive; arrest order issued; \$500 cash bond set.

Gene Archie Grooms: ordered remanded to district court; found in compliance with sentence for driving while license revoked, driving while impaired and violation of court order.

George Burton: defendant called and failed on charge of violation of court order; arrest order issued and \$1,000 cash bond set.

Ronnie Anthony Mills: defendant called and failed on two charges of violation of court order; arrest order issued and \$500 cash bond set.

Andre Vernard Walton: defendant has paid \$425 of \$882.18 in costs and was ordered to pay remaining \$457 by the next term of court.

Steven Haislip: defendant found guilty of probation violation, and was sentenced to five weekends in Warren County Jail to begin Dec. 11 before 6 p.m. and end Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m., with remaining four weekends thereafter; probation was continued.

Michael Vick: defendant found guilty of probation violation and was sentenced to one week in

Warren County Jail to begin Thursday.

Victor M. Clark: defendant called and failed on charge of violation of court order; arrest order issued and \$500 cash bond set.

Michael Lenord Ellis: charge of probation violation continued until next court session on Feb. 8.

Esteen Hymon: defendant was found in compliance with probation requirements.

Robert Richardson: no action taken on charge of assault with a deadly weapon; case to be reviewed by grand jury on Feb. 8.

Mrs. Banzet Has Part In Concert

Ann Howard Banzet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Banzet, III of Warrenton, will perform in a Christmas concert presented by the Salem Academy Glee Club Saturday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. in Hanes Auditorium of the Salem Fine Arts Center in Winston-Salem.

The glee club, under the direction of Jean Burroughs, will perform works by Gregg Smith, John Rutter, Michael Haydn and arrangements of traditional Christmas music. The student singers will enter the auditorium in a candlelight procession wearing long, blue dresses. The concert is free and open to the public.

Dog May Have Bothered One Warren Co. Burglar

Five reports of petty crime—two involving alleged theft and three with only mischievous damage—have claimed the investigative time of Warren County Sheriff's personnel.

Two of the incidents were reported on Friday, Dec. 4.

Kenneth Ray Watson reported that his Rt. 3, Warrenton, residence had been entered by persons, who had ransacked the home. The persons are believed to have gained entry by breaking a window located in the kitchen. No property has been reported missing.

Chief Deputy Bobby D. Bolton is the investigating officer.

Also on Friday, Nick Williams, Jr. of Rt. 2, Warrenton, reported that he had found his front door forcibly opened upon returning to his residence. According to the report, no items are believed to have been taken "thanks to the dog that was inside."

Sgt. Lawrence Harrison is the investigating officer.

Joseph Jones, Jr. of Rt. 3, Warrenton, reported a case of larceny at his Perrytown residence on Saturday. Reported missing from a bedroom in the home were a yellow gold watch, valued at \$300, and a brown leather jacket, valued at \$125.

Deputy J. M. Alston is the investigating officer.

Two incidents of damage to vehicles parked at Club 43 were reported early on Sunday morning.

Ms. Kathleen Sellers Lee of Raleigh at 2:30 a.m. reported her purse stolen from the 1987 red Ford Escort she had driven to Club 43.

According to report, the thief is believed to have removed the purse following entry through the right-front window of the vehicle.

Deputy Percell Williams is the investigating officer.

A short while later at 3:50 a.m., Ms. Jeanette Hargrove Bullock of Wise reported a similar crime. According to the report, the right-front window of Ms. Bullock's 1978 Plymouth had been broken by persons who gained entry while the vehicle was parked at the night spot located on N.C. 43 at Liberia.

Deputy Percell Williams is the investigating officer.



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