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Selby G. Benton, center, former chairman of the Warren County Planning Board accepts an engraved plaque from County Manager Charles Worth, left, and O. L. "Butch" Meek, who was elected chairman of the Planning Board to suc-

ceed Benton. Benton, a real estate developer and former owner of a furniture company in Warrenton, served on the Planning Board from 1964 through 1987. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Kidnapping And Drug Charges To Be Heard

Five persons will stand trial next week in Warren County Superior Court on charges resulting from two major crimes, which occurred last fall near Littleton.

Four defendants will appear before Judge Henry W. Hight, Jr. of Henderson on charges associated with the \$3 million marijuana bust that occurred Sept. 29 of last year.

Robert Paul Drewyore and Kimberly K. Drewyore, both of Virginia Beach, Va.; Dean D. Foland of Naples, Fla.; and Matthew Edward Purdy of Marathon, Fla. were arrested in the bust that seized about 900 pounds of marijuana, \$52,000 in cash and numerous weapons.

Following arrest, the four suspects were confined in the Halifax County Jail under bonds of \$200,000 each.

Although arrested in Halifax County, the four defendants had rented a cottage in Warren County, where 250 pounds of marijuana, \$1,000 in cash, electronic scales, camouflage clothing, two AK-47 rifles, an M-1 carbine for a .357 calibre Magnum and a .44 calibre revolver were confiscated.

According to Warren County Deputy Theodore Williams, the street value for the marijuana found is about \$3 million.

Robert Drewyore, Foland and Purdy will face charges of trafficking marijuana and conspiracy to traffic marijuana.

Kimberly Drewyore will face one count of trafficking marijuana.

In a non-related case to be tried on the court docket, Ronald Edward Price of Roanoke Rapids will face charges of second-degree kidnapping and discharging a weapon on occupied property.

Price was arrested on Nov. 16 of last year after holding his estranged wife hostage four hours at Camp Willow Run near Littleton.

He was placed under \$30,000 bond and transferred to John Umstead Hospital at Butner for psychiatric evaluation.

Warren County Criminal Superior Court will begin Monday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. at the Warren County Courthouse.

Mrs. Copley Named Chairman Of Board

Mrs. Ann Copley of Warrenton was elected chairman of the Warren County Board of Health Monday night, succeeding County Commissioner George Shearin, who had served nine years on the board.

Mrs. Copley, in her second term on the board, is a registered nurse.

County Commissioner J. T. Fleming was elected vice chairman.

State statute requires that a county commissioner serve on the board, and Fleming replaced (Continued on page 14)

Two Incumbents Get Free Ride

The filing period for the November elections drew to a close Monday with two more hats thrown into the ring for seats on the Warren County Board of Commissioners and the non-partisan County Board of Education.

However, longtime County Commissioner William T. Skinner of District 5, and Richard Roddy, one-term incumbent from District 2 on the Board of Education, will face no opposition in the November election.

Arcola businessman Weldon C. "Chip" Capps, Jr. filed Monday for the District 5 seat on the Board of Education being vacated by Mrs. Cora Watson of Vaughan, who is not seeking reelection. Filing earlier for the seat was Mrs. Barbara Lynch Brayboy, a teacher at Hollister School in Halifax County.

A Warren County native and graduate of N.C. State University, Capps, 28, is co-owner and president of Arcola Logging Company.

He is married to the former Scott Pinnell, a nurse at Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount.

On Friday, Mrs. Patsy T. Hargrove, a Warren County native and legal secretary and office manager for Clayton and Clayton, P.A. filed for the District 1 seat on the Board of Commissioners. (See related story on Page 18). Mrs. Hargrove's filing assures a three-way race for the seat now held by one-term incumbent J. T. Fleming. Bruce H. Rose, Jr., a retired employee of the N.C. Department of Transportation, has also filed.

in compliance in the areas listed below:

—Multiple cell areas do not conform to the minimum bunks per cell requirement. Sheriff Williams explained that the spaces now occupied by cells in the building do not have sufficient footage. "This cannot be corrected in the current structure," he said, "and (there is) no way to correct it until we build a new jail."

—Ceilings have exposed pipe-work in most confinement areas. The sheriff explained that water lines in the building were now exposed. This too was viewed as impossible to correct without new construction. The sheriff also explained that the reason for the finding of non-compliance related to inmate safety and the prevention of hanging or other self-inflicted injury.

—Windows are non-secure type throughout. According to Sheriff

Williams, when the jailer walks around cells, there is insufficient space between the cells and the walls. "They could reach out and grab the jailer, if they wanted to," he observed. The installation of a solid screen would be the only temporary solution to the problem, the sheriff said.

—Several lights need protective covers. This shortcoming will be corrected soon, the sheriff said. Covers have been unavailable from the vendor of choice, but may be constructed by the contractor to whom the project has been assigned.

—Safety vestibules are required in cell areas of over-four capacity. The sheriff explained that there should be a two-level secured door system to ensure that inmates housed in the inner portion of the building were secure when other inmates were being taken through the exterior door for court-related or other

Work Session Is Scheduled

\$18.4 Million Required To Meet Capital Needs

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
News Editor

An \$18.4 million price tag has been placed on the capital needs of Warren County by the Warren County Board of Education and the Warren County Capital Development Committee, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners learned Monday morning in their regular monthly meeting.

The requests, in the form of a petition from the Warren County Board of Education and a letter from the Warren County Capital Development Committee, were received as information by the board of county commissioners, with no action being taken.

A work session, which is open to the public, is being scheduled, but a specific date and time were not available at press time. During that session, the board of county commissioners will assemble to study and analyze the reports.

A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date to receive input from citizens and to assess the county's response to whether bonds should be issued and in what amount. Warren County voters will make their wishes known when they go to the polls on May 3.

"Our needs are obviously severe," Chairman Eva Clayton lamented. "Some of them are due to years of neglect," she added.

Warren Satellite

To Open By Sept. 5

The Warren County satellite campus of Vance-Granville Community College is expected to be ready by Sept. 5 in time for fall quarter opening. Building Committee Chairman John T. Church has told VGCC trustees.

Church said that land is already being cleared for the 6,290-square-foot facility to be built off Ridgeway Street behind John Graham Middle School. The cost of the building construction is \$470,723.

Trustees were told that while actual construction has not begun, the electrical contractor has completed necessary electrical changes.

Church said the project-access road for the Warren satellite is about 80 percent complete. The Department of Transportation is making \$25,000 in funds available for this project.

"We've got to come to grips (with the state of things) and make some hard decisions," the chairman said. Chairman Clayton also noted that Warren County must determine its priorities and its ability to pay for what would be deemed necessary.

School needs in Warren County have been estimated at a maximum of \$11.4 million. This amount will fund the construction of a new middle school; additional classrooms, expanded athletic facilities and paved parking at Warren County High School; and various expansions at Mariam Boyd, Northside, South Warren and Vaughan Elementary schools.

The remaining \$7 million of the bond issue would fund the other needs of Warren County.

Warren County has been mandated to build a new jail. Inspection reports, the most recent of which is discussed elsewhere in this paper, have always cited shortcomings of the present facility, especially those filed in the last five years. According to the most recent report, the Warren County Jail was built in 1900.

Commissioner William Skinner was unable to specify with certainty when the newer back portion was added to the building, but he shared with the board the fact he had heard that a dungeon (Continued on page 7)

As Lawmen Look On

Building Entered, Vehicle Is Stolen

An 18-year-old Henderson man has been charged with breaking into a Warrenton business and stealing a vehicle while a town policewoman and a sheriff's deputy watched every move.

George David Langley of Virginia Avenue in Henderson was charged with stealing a Honda 4X4 four-wheeler from Carolina Chain Saw early Tuesday morning after he allegedly broke into the business showroom after forcing open a window and pushing through a paneled wall.

Langley was taken into custody by Policewoman Sara Solorz and Deputy Richard Coleman after the vehicle he is charged with stealing stalled after he drove it through the front door of the chain saw business and headed up Hall Street onto East Franklin Street.

Officer Solorz said the four-wheeler stalled in front of Ideal Florist after chain saw gas had been put into the gas tank.

The officers said Langley was under surveillance from the time he allegedly cut a screen on a side window and entered the building which formerly housed Randy Currin Chevrolet on East Macon Street.

Officer Solorz said law enforcement officers, acting on an anonymous tip, watched as the suspect reportedly broke a lock

on the front door and drove off into the night.

He was arrested two blocks away and charged with breaking and entering and larceny. He was jailed after a \$5,000 bond was set by Magistrate Ulysses Ross.

Flames Destroy

Pulpwood Truck

Near Elberon

A pulpwood truck was destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin early Thursday afternoon on Sulphur Springs Church Road, according to Dean Andrews, chief of the Afton-Elberon Rural Volunteer Fire Department.

The truck belonged to William Pulley.

Two men and a pumper extinguished the blaze.

The department also responded to a car and grass fire Saturday on S.R. 1129 at the home of Walter Royster, Jr.

The fire apparently began while the car was being worked on and spread to the grass.

Damage to the auto was minimal, Andrews reported.

Ten men and one pumper responded.

Following Inspection In January

New Warren Jail Only Solution For Meeting Deficiencies, Board Told

By THURLETTA M. BROWN
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A plan for corrective action and delineation of the time frames proposed for resolution of problems have been requested from Warren County Sheriff Theodore R. Williams by the Division of Facility Services of the N. C. Department of Human Resources.

The request came in the form of a letter received by the sheriff from Area Jail Consultant Donnie D. Byrd following a Jan. 5 inspection of the Warren County Jail. Sheriff Williams shared the contents of the letter and the accompanying report with the Warren County Board of County Commissioners in their monthly meeting held Monday at the courthouse.

The Warren County Jail was viewed in compliance with 58 of the items evaluated in the site visit. The facility was viewed not

might impact security) and non-secure windows.

—No showers are available in the downstairs area. Sheriff Williams noted that this was the first appearance of that shortcoming on the inspection reports.

Following the report on the condition of the jail, Sheriff Williams requested that the board approve the expansion of the inmate holding area in the courtroom. An allocation of up to \$500 was made for this purpose. Sheriff Williams made the board aware of his need for cleaning service in the jail and in his office. These areas are not a part of the contract awarded to Palmer's Cleaning Service for county buildings. The board agreed to study the matter.

In other business, the board:

—Received a report on county mapping from Connie Wester of the state Natural Resources

Department, and agreed to award a maximum of \$6,000 to Floyd Brown Associates, Inc. The funds will be added to \$10,000 received from the state, savings in survey costs to be found by NRCD and an original commitment by commissioners to the project of \$10,000 for aerial photography and land survey work.

—Gave the county manager authority to pay an outstanding bill of \$8,176.78 owed to an area plumbing and heating contractor. A portion of the bill covered work completed in 1981. The board also asked that contractors, who do not already do so, be instructed to bill on a regular basis.

—Scheduled for March 16 at 6:30 p.m. a public hearing on revisions of subdivision regulations.

—Tabled a request for permission to discharge fireworks.

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