

# Budget

From A1 income would be drawn from court fines and forfeitures. There is also a budget of \$375,000 for capital outlay. "The overall reduction for the 2017-2018 budget would be approximately \$1,515,700. This is with information given by the state about average daily membership (ADM) and the reduction in force," said Dr. Hill. "How many terminations will there be?" asked Bertie County Commission Vice Chairman Ernestine Bazemore. "Currently there are 28 terminations for this school

year," replied Dr. Hill. "Will there be any next year? The public thinks the cuts came from the wrong departments and they should have come from central office," said Commissioner Tammy Lee. According to Dr. Hill, the school board is still working on the workforce reductions for the central office. Commissioner Ron Weston asked, "Will the approximate \$800,000 be paid off by the end of the year?" The \$800,000 being discussed is part of the negative fund balance from the current fiscal year. "Yes, it should be cor-

rected," said Bertie County Schools Finance Director Lisa Rabone. An itemized list for local funding expenditures included: \* \$350,000 for payments to charter school, \* 50,339 for office of the superintendent, \* \$73,000 for legal services, \* \$254,419 for the board of education, \* \$13,828 for human resources, \* \$75,000 for financial services, \* \$625,502 for maintenance, \* \$176,374 for transporta-

tion, \* \$145,000 for custodial operations, \* \$871,340 for utilities, \* \$110,082 for communication services, \* \$32,550 for e-rate, \* \$10,034 for regular curricular, \* \$8,000 for security support services, \* \$9,511 for media, \* \$107,216 for co-curricular, \* 32,803 for social work, and \* \$106,000 for regular instruction. There was no project details included for the capital outlay fund entry.

"We are trying to be transparent and giving everything," said Dr. Hill. "One meeting the board was looking at new activity buses. It would be nice to see line items for capital outlay funds," said Commissioner Stuart White. Commissioner White also inquired about Bertie County having to pay \$5,500 rent for the use of a building at the Bertie Early College High School for Bertie County Emergency Services. "Taxpayers' dollars have already paid for the building. I think this needs to be looked at again," added White.

# Trucks

From A1 which had previously been changed and adopted by the Windsor Planning Board. The guidelines allow food trucks to operate inside the business district, but not in residential or in office and industrial areas. Food trucks are allowed to operate from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. unless they are within 150 feet of residential property. If so, the allowable hours change to 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Commissioner David Overton said he wanted to make sure brick and mortar businesses in town were treated fairly with respect to a mobile competitor. "I'm not against food trucks," he stressed. Holland and Town Administrator Allen Castelloe said the town would charge rent if food trucks located on town property, but when they were on private property, the decision would

belong to the owner of that property. Commissioner Jon Powell then asked whether the new regulations would affect fundraisers for churches and other nonprofit organizations. Holland said the new zoning ordinance only covered self-powered vehicles, and Castelloe added it would be self-powered, for-profit vehicles. "It's good to have an answer, because that question will come up," Commissioner Amy Williford said. Holland also said the regulations would not have any affect on the vendors at any town-sanctioned events such as the Sage Festival. From there, the discussion centered around the advisability of allowing food trucks on public property. Holland said the food trucks would be allowed on public property, according to the ordinance, but with

a rental fee set by the town commissioners. "Initially, I was concerned about the businesses already here who pay taxes, water bills and electric bills and the possibility food trucks would take away business," Castelloe said. "I was originally opposed to it being on public property. If it is on private property, those property owners already pay taxes." Overton said he felt the same way, and was concerned about the advisability of allowing for-profit businesses to locate on public property. Williford said there were two ways to look at the situation. "A lot of food trucks have a strong social media presence," she said. "When they post where they will be, people follow them. It could bring people into town who may not normally come here."

Holland said the town would charge daily rental that would allow other taxpayers to feel the food trucks were paying their fair share. Castelloe added the town would look to see whether they could come up with a reasonable fee that would be in the same neighborhood as brick and mortar businesses pay daily. The figures discussed ranged from \$100 per day to \$200 per day. Mayor Pro-Tempore Cathy Wilson asked Castelloe for

his recommendation. He said he would suggest adopting the ordinance, but changing it to say they could locate on designated public property. The board agreed to do so, and designated the boardwalk area behind Speedway as the only approved location at the moment. Powell made the motion to approve the ordinance with Castelloe's recommended changes and Wilson offered a second. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

# Principals

From A1 In a later email, Fields-Bunch said the high school was currently under the direction of the two assistant princi-

pals - veteran administrators William Ledford and Tony Hoggard. Lee was suspended Friday, according to Fields-Bunch. Aulander is currently

being led by Curriculum and Instruction Director Dr. Linda Justus. Fields-Bunch said there is no return date set for either of the two principals.

# Grant

From A1 Lawrence Carter Jr. offered a second, and the motion passed without objection. In other business, the board: \* asked for an update on the street sweeper, which they were told runs each Thursday beginning in the business

district to allow it to be finished before businesses open; \* received an update on the deadline extension for properties which are eligible to seek buyout or elevation due to flooding concerns; \* heard an update on elevation of two previously-approved prop-

erties in town; \* approved a \$300 per month lease for the Farmer's Market with John Sherron; \* voted to give \$1,000 to Pound the Sound; and \* gave preliminary approval to closing King Street for the Sage Festival.

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