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Third graders at Windsor Elementary School listen to a presentation about how to be safe while using the internet.

Safety

tance of having a safe side adult, which is an adult you know and trust.

"A safe side adult can be your parent, grandparent, teacher or principal," added Byrum.

The group also talked about how never to let anyone inside your safe side circle, and students demonstrated what to do if someone did try to enter it.

Some tips given to the students about stranger danger were:

- From A1
- * Keep a safe side adult close. If you can't see them, then they can't see you;
 - * Never open the door without your safe side adult;
 - * Stop and think, don't fall for tricks;
 - * Never talk to people you do not know unless your safe side adult is with you;
 - * Don't let anyone inside your safe side circle, run from danger;
 - * Know your three safe side adults; and
 - * Never go anywhere, with

anyone, unless you asked your safe side adult first.

In the media center, students learned about the dangers of the internet and safety tips.

The students watched a video about how to stay safe while surfing the web.

Students learned not to give out personal information to anyone online.

Windsor Elementary School used school bus safety to incorporate other safety lessons for the students.

Board seeks input on relief grant

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KELFORD - The Bertie County Commissioners held a second public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting Monday night in Kelford.

The public hearing was for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster-Relief (CDBG-DR) grant for Bertie County. The grant comes from federal funding to assist with state and local disaster relief for Hurricane Matthew.

Chris Hilbert, from Holland Consulting, was available to facilitate the hearing and provide updates on several pending projects for the county.

According to Hilbert, funds for the grant, if and when received will be used as a last resort for properties damaged during last year's flooding that do not qualify for other programs.

"I would like to give an update on some of the projects currently taking place. The town of Windsor will be receiving \$6 million for acquisitions and elevations," said Hilbert.

There are 45 properties that have been selected for use of the funding. 34 of those properties are for acquisitions and 11 of those are for elevation.

"Some of the properties on the list were left out because of lack of funding, but some still may be done," he added.

Bertie County also received \$1 million in September to use for some of the properties not assisted by the \$6 million. The maximum spent on each property would be \$50,000.

The CDBG-DR program will look at houses not in the initial 45 and replace homes in the worst condition or houses needing rehabilitation.

The total of the CDBG grant will be \$777,500. It includes \$325,000 for rehabilitations, \$325,000 for reconstruction, \$90,000 for the community and \$37,500 for administrative costs.

"Part of these funds will be used to replace houses in the worst conditions that were not on the initial list," said Hilbert.

"Are the houses being selected in the flood plain?" asked Commissioner Tammy Lee.

"The properties may or may not be in the flood plain," replied Hilbert.

"This program is helpful for the houses that fell through the cracks with the mitigation program," he added.

The houses selected for the mitigation program were selected through a process measuring the height of the floodwaters in the property.

To be selected for the CDBG grant program, the individuals must also meet certain eligibility requirements including income level.

"The \$90,000 from the grant will go toward helping with the library lease for three years," said Hilbert.

"I have had some citizens come to me who did qualify after Hurricane Floyd but who do not qualify this time due to having a business in his or her home," said Commissioner Ronald Wesson.

"The state is going through the applications with a fine tooth comb because there are more applicants and less money," Hilbert added.

Hilbert requested a resolution to approve the signatures on the documents for the grant.

Commissioner Lee offered a motion to the resolution and Commissioner Stuart White gave a second. It was approved unanimously.

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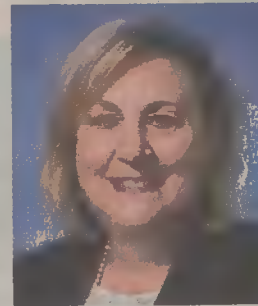
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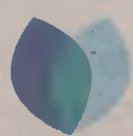
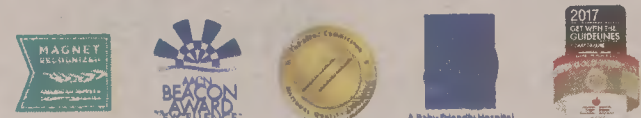


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