

Chair

From A1
Commissioner White was the only commissioner to vote for Trent.

The vote for Commissioner Wesson as the new Vice Chairman passed in a vote of 4-1.

After the vote a five-minute recess was taken for the changing of the seats and nameplates.

"I would like to thank Commissioner Trent for his dedication to the county over the last few years as chair. He has put in a lot of hours. Thank you Commissioner Trent for your service," said Commissioner Lee.

"It has been a wonderful couple of years with Commissioner Trent and even with Chairman Wesson my first year on the board and what wonderful things have been done. I would also like to congratulate Chairman Bazemore," said Commissioner White. "It has been a wonderful time and I would like to thank everyone on this board for all the teamwork."

"I still think about commissioners Bazemore and Wesson taking the pictures to Washington D.C. to help the flood victims and I think about Commissioner Trent standing on top of the courthouse overseeing the project. It has been a lot of positive things to happen in the county," he added.

"I would like to thank past Chairman Trent for an outstanding job. It is not an easy job, I know. I think we had some very strong years in this board. I look forward to working with Chairman Bazemore and supporting her agenda," said Vice Chairman Wesson.

"I think we will continue to be an aggressive board. We have a lot of things on our plate. A lot of really good things are happening for this county and I think as long as we continue to work together, support each other and look for insight from the citizens things will keep moving. It is a team effort," Wesson added.

"I would like to thank Chairman Bazemore for stepping up. I appreciate it. It is a great transition and a great time for a transition," said former Chairman Trent.

"I would like to say my sincerest thanks to everyone attending today. I would like to thank my fellow commissioners for the honor to serve as chair. I look forward to working together and an exciting year serving as your chair. I will continue to work as well as we have done in the past," closed Chairman Bazemore.

The next Bertie County Commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting will held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18 in the Commissioners' Room at the Bertie County Government Building.

Aviation

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Richmond County: \$160,373 for apron reconstruction and hangar relocation;

Rockingham County/NC Shiloh: \$266,400 for apron rehabilitation;

Smith Reynolds (Winston-Salem): \$172,000 for land acquisition and obstruction clearing;

Statesville Regional: \$12,045 for taxiway lighting rehabilitation and guidance sign installation, new PAPs, runway-end identifier lights and windsocks;

The Division of Aviation is responsible for state airport and aviation system planning and development. It also provides funding to communities for constructing and improving airports throughout the state.

North Carolina has 72 publicly owned airports and nearly 300 privately owned airports, landing fields, and helipads. Ten airports have regularly scheduled commercial airline service, and two serve international destinations. There are more than 7,000 registered aircraft based in the state, and 14,000 registered pilots. Every year, more than 56 million passengers fly to and from North Carolina and 1.3 billion pounds of cargo pass through the state's airports annually.

Airports and aviation-related industries contribute \$31 billion to North Carolina's economy each year, according to a 2016 report. There are also 123,400 airport-related jobs in the state.



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One of the more popular parts of Christmas open house at Hope Plantation is the old fashioned biscuits, made on site.

Hope

lands.

Inside the foyer, former Historic Hope House President Joe Cooper greeted guests.

He welcomed the guests and gave a brief history of the house and property. Guests were asked to sign a guest registry.

The first floor rooms, which include the children's room, the girls' bedroom, the boys' bedroom and the Stones' master bedroom were decorated with live greenery and fresh fruit.

Abby Sutton could be found seated in the foyer behind a large spinning wheel, answering questions and explaining to guests the art of spinning.

Live Christmas music filled the house from the second floor. Nayland Collier played the saxophone and Mary Mardre played the piano while Kimberly Dunlop sang.

The library, dining



A spinning demonstration was held in Hope Plantation.

room, and upstairs foyer were also decorated in live greenery and fresh fruit.

Historic Hope House President Turner Bond Sutton explained to visitors inside the library that Stone studied medicine and law. Sutton also showed visitors Stone's writings on

the walls.

"Hope House went through a major restoration by a group of Bertie County Citizens and opened to the public in 1972," said Sutton.

Just steps away from Hope House, in the kitchen, biscuits were being made in an au-

thentic oven. It takes about two hours to heat the oven to 400 degrees using firewood. Biscuits will cook in the oven in about 15 minutes.

Guests could sample biscuits and honey butter.

The King-Bazemore House was also decorated in live greenery and fresh fruit.

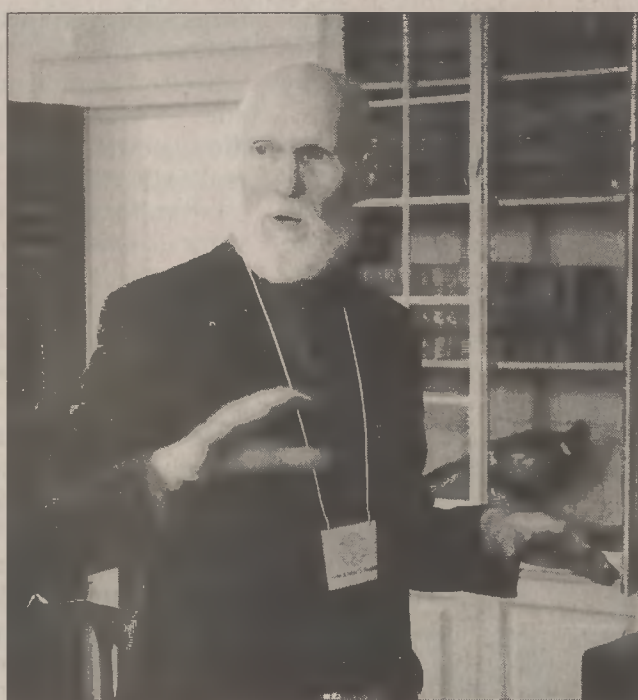
Each house had volunteers available to present a history of the rooms and answer any questions

After touring the houses, guests could go the Roanoke-Chowan Heritage Center for more live entertainment, including time period dancers in costume.

Hot apple cider and cookies were also served.

Guests could visit the walk-through exhibits and gift store.

Hope House is open for tours year-round. For more information, call 252-794-3140.



Those wishing to receive them could get information about each portion of the Hope Mansion and King-Bazemore House.





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