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Election

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ed Carol Woodard and James D. Perry Jr., both of whom had been serving on the board. Democrats chose Glenwood F. Mitchell and James Lee as their nominees. Longtime Democratic board member Michael Freeman resigned earlier this year when he filed to run for Bertie County Commissioner.

The board began work by going over meeting schedules and election calendars, as well as providing the two new members with information about the duties of Elections Director Shelia Holloman and budgetary information.

Woodard, who was the chair of the meeting, said the board must set a date to hear a challenge to the residency of Adrian Bowen, a candidate for sheriff of Bertie County.

Vivian Clark and Chavuleta Jones-Sexton, both residents of



Members of the Bertie County Board of Elections conduct business Monday. Members include (from left) James Lee, James Perry, Carol Woodard and Glenwood F. Mitchell.

Bertie County, filed a challenge to Bowen's candidacy saying he does not reside in Bertie County.

Woodard said since there was no local board, or state board,

the petitioners had filed a court proceeding, but courts referred the matter back to the local elections board once it was seated.

"The state wants us to hear this matter as

soon as possible," Woodard said.

Board members asked about residency requirements and briefly discussed what information they needed. Holloman said she had

provided the members with copies of the applicable N.C. General Statutes.

They agreed unanimously to hear the complaint today (Wednesday), but due

to unforeseen conflicts, changed it to occur at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 17.

Once the business was completed, the board members officially took their oath of office and began the process of electing officers.

Woodard said the new state legislation calls for a Democrat to serve as chairman in even years, and a Republican in odd years. She said one of the two new members would have to serve as chairman.

Lee said he would defer to Mitchell, and he nominated the latter to serve. Mitchell said he would do it to the best of his ability. Woodard called for a vote and it was unanimous.

The board then chose Woodard to serve as Vice Chair of the board and Lee to hold the office of secretary.

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Arrests

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two counts of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and two counts of maintaining a vehicle to keep/store a controlled substance.

Weaver was confined to the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail under a \$50,000 secured bond.

Earlier, Justin Dunlow of 103 Perrytown Road in Colerain was charged with possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver cocaine, possession

with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, simple possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dunlow was confined to the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail under a \$70,000 secured bond.

"The Bertie County Sheriff's Office Narcotics and Gang Unit, along with the Down East Drug Task Force, are dedicated to our mission of getting violent offenders and drug dealers off the streets of Bertie County," Sheriff Holley said. "Our goal

is to be strategic, methodical and precise in our investigation of not only those who sell illegal dangerous drugs in Bertie County, but also of the distributors that may be in Northampton, Hertford and other areas."

Those with information about the sale of illegal drugs can call the Bertie County Sheriff's Office at 252-794-5330.

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Theft

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from him.

"Cpl. Ratzlaff approached the suspect and began questioning him, at which point he noticed several inconsistencies in his story," Lt. Jackson said.

The suspect - identified as Robert Shane Whitaker of 105 North Pearl St. in Williamston - was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. He was placed in the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail under a \$10,000 secured bond.

Whitaker will make his first appearance in

Bertie County District Court today (Wednesday).

"Cpl. Ratzlaff and Officer Mizelle did a good job on this case," Lt. Jackson said. "They went the extra mile by watching all the video footage and getting a good description of the suspect, as well as checking the surrounding area well and not giving up on the search. From the time this vehicle was reported stolen until the time it was recovered was less than two hours."

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Accident

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partment left the scene shortly before midnight.

Also responding were Bertie County EMS, the Bertie County Sheriff's Office and the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

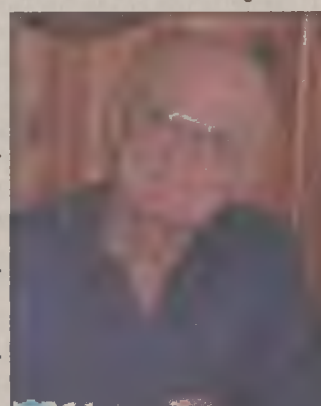
An accident report is pending from the NCHP.

According to Sary, there were no serious injuries reported.

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Leicester celebrates birthday

Melvin Leicester celebrated his 92nd birthday on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. He is the husband of the late Virgie Leicester, the father of Marcia Castellow and her husband Tom and the late Steve Leicester, the grandfather of Michelle Leicester and Teddy Bryant, Jr., and the great-grandfather of Kaitlyn and Logan Bryant.



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