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Commissioners exercise eminent domain

Board will force sale of property as part of Tall Glass of Water Project

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WINDSOR – The Bertie County Commissioners have served notice they intend to use their powers of eminent domain.

At the Jan. 7 meeting of

the board, the commissioners unanimously adopted a motion to secure a 10.35-acre tract on the Albemarle Sound as part of its “Tall Glass of Water” Project.

Bertie County initially tried to purchase the property, which is described as

a “beach path” in 2016, according to a press release. The attempt failed.

At the same time, the commissioners sought grant funding from the N.C. Division of Coastal Management to cover the costs of land acquisition and improving the

beach path access.

The 10.35-acre tract contains freshwater forested wetlands and an estimated 56 percent cleared area. It is approximately 140 feet of waterfront and is accessible by a recorded 60-foot easement from Bal-Gra Road.

During the work toward purchasing the property, it was discovered there were two sets of deed restrictions – one in 1998 and the other in 2015 – which were deemed in conflict with one

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One caught, one at large

Alleged murderer remains on the lam

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Caught:

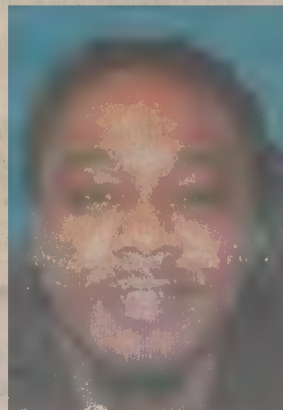
One of two suspects wanted in the Jan. 6 murder of Rayshon Carter has been apprehended.

Bertie County Sheriff John Holley confirmed the suspect wanted as an accessory after the fact was taken into custody by the Franklin (Va.) Police Department.

The suspect was Tywan Jonshea' Outlaw, AKA “Too-da-loo,” 28, who was served warrants for Accessory After the Fact of murder.

Carter was shot to death at a birthday party held at the Midway Community Building. Officers were called and found him shot multiple times. Carter was transported to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, but succumbed to his

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Tywan Jonshea' Outlaw

Wanted:



Jashawn De'Andre Brown



MICHELLE LEICESTER / Bertie Ledger-Advance

First place, Katie Carter (center), winner of the Good Shepherd Food Pantry logo, contest holds the logo she created. To the left of her is the director of the Good Shepherd Food Pantry, Debbie Freeman. To the right of Carter is the third place winner, LaShonda Winston, holding the logo that she created.

Food pantry gets new logo

MICHELLE LEICESTER
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WINDSOR - The Good Shepherd Food Pantry is starting off the year with a new logo.

The Bertie County Arts Council collaborated with the food pantry to host a logo

contest for the their first logo.

The winners were announced on Dec. 11 at the Bertie County Arts Council's Christmas bazaar. The first place winner, Katie Carter, received a \$200 gift card as well as her artwork being selected

as the new logo.

Oniah Brown came in second place with a \$100 gift card, and LaShonda Winston came in third place with a \$50 gift card.

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry of Bertie

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Town adopts flood plan

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WINDSOR – The Windsor Board of Commissioners laid out a three-point plan to deal with flooding.

At the board's regular monthly meeting last week, Windsor Mayor Jim Hoggard suggested moving forward with three broad points of consideration as the town begins to tackle the flooding issues.

The mayor said town officials now have a study from a hydrologist and other information giving the town options to control flooding.

The three points approved by the town board include upstream improvements, offering properties for flooded businesses and retrofitting or waterproofing downtown businesses.

The mayor said he had discussed flooding issues with Town Administrator Allen Castelle as well as the four commissioners, and those talks led to the formation of the plan he presented.

“The first thing would be upstream improvements,” he said. “We need to find out what it is possible to do, and the cost to do that, as well as who would pay for that.”

Mayor Hoggard said

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Teacher housing initiative awaits bill

SARAH HODGES STALLS
For the Bertie Ledger-Advance

During the January Bertie Commissioner meeting, Commissioner Ron Wesson offered an update on the Teaching Housing Project which the county and town of Windsor are jointly pursuing.

“The only hold up that we

have right now is that we need a local amendment before the legislature the state legislature that would allow the Windsor Township Development Corporation to be the holder of that debt for the housing project,” Wesson said.

Wesson said he had spoken with Sen. Erica Smith on the

same day of the meeting. A new bill will be ready Jan. 28, with hopes of being in place by Feb. 4.

According to Wesson, “Late in the last year it got hung up in committee. We could not get it, or they could not get it out of committee at the end. She tried to get it on the floor in the special session

that they just ended, but they agreed not to hear any local bills in that session or very few of them.”

In addition, the board received an update from Vidant Bertie Hospital.

Brian Harvill, President of Vidant Bertie and Vidant

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