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community, Lennon said.

Chowan resident Harriet Dehart cited an article in a Green Bay, Wis., newspaper that reported county officials in Brown County, Wisc., had determined wind turbines were a health risk to citizens.

Brown County has a population of 248,000, yet officials there listened to only 80 people.

Citizens seeking a more stringent wind energy ordinance in Chowan County

have pointed to a petition signed by more than 600 local residents.

Dehart said the commissioners needed to do their own research on wind energy facilities.

"Don't accept everything that Apex tells you," she said.

Angela Toppin also asked the board to do its own research, and visit a wind farm independently of Apex.

Ron Cummings, a candidate for county commissioner last year and an outspoken advocate for a more stringent wind energy ordinance, said a community in

Illinois had found noise and property value concerns with wind turbines.

An Illinois native, Cummings said he owns property there himself and had seen his own property values decline.

Virginia Wood drew an analogy to the ads commonly seen on television for prescription medications. The ads begin with a description of the medicine's benefits, but then at the very end remind you to consider the possible side effects.

"I think this windmill thing is kind of like that," Wood said. Apex is talking

about the wind energy but isn't discussing side effects such as health problems that can be caused by large wind turbines, she said.

Wood also responded to comments at a recent meeting that held up Scotland as a country that had developed wind energy without a lot of public controversy. Wood said only 2 percent of the windmills in Scotland had been able to generate a significant amount of electricity. For that reason, Scotland is moving away from wind turbines, she said.

Lynn Partin asked the commissioners if they really

believed the county's wind ordinance protects the citizens of the county.

It is based on the state's model wind ordinance, but that ordinance indicates the need to consider local factors in drafting a local ordinance, she said.

Partin said the county needed to consider factors such as hurricanes and the prospect of a 600-foot-high wind turbine being knocked over by hurricane-force winds.

She said the Australian study of the effects of large wind turbines on human health, which was cited

recently by wind energy supporters in the county as evidence that wind turbines don't harm human health, actually states that the turbines are not likely to cause significant health problems for people if they are located more than nine-tenths of a mile away.

Partin said she doesn't think sufficient attention was paid to the detail about nine-tenths of a mile.

Studies have shown that large wind turbines can cause health problems for people that include nausea, sleep deprivation and heart palpitations, Partin said.

EXPO

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things his customers want — like apples — that he can't grow.

Phillips & Jordan hired him to provide much the same thing when it recently held a job fair in Elizabeth City.

Shawn Coker, the director of human resources for the contractor, said the gesture draws on the spirit of his company.

"I grew up and my father always prayed at every

meal," Coker said.

Coker said his company needs heavy equipment operators more than anything else. Before Iberdrola installs the towers that hold the wind turbines, it has to have roads to the remote sites that can handle the heavy load.

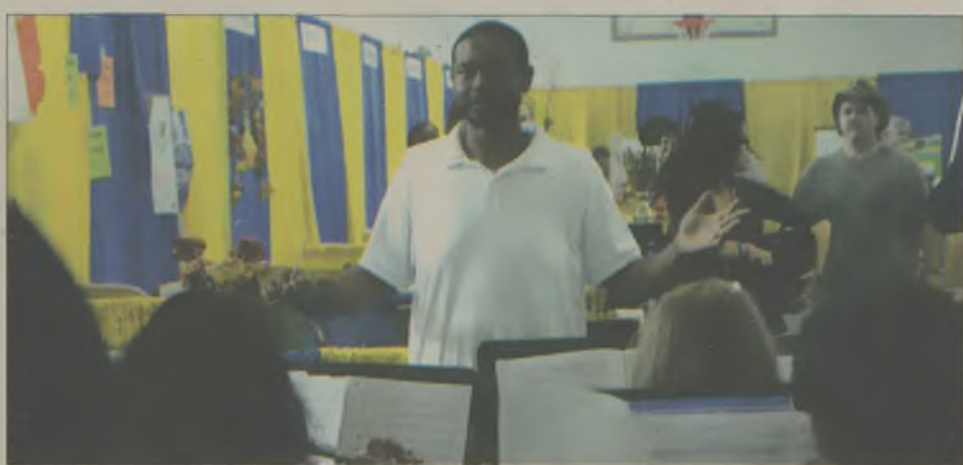
Coker said about 200 people attended the Elizabeth City job fair, and about 75 interviewed for positions. Coker said about 50 "or a little more" are needed on the local job.

Sid Eley, the director of the chamber, said it's great

work if you can get it.

"An 18-year-old can end up earning \$1,300 a week, plus per diem, plus housing," Eley said.

While the jobs locally won't last forever — Iberdrola hopes to be complete by December 2016 — another Phillips & Jordan representative said the company will train people who show a real interest and find them jobs elsewhere. The company works with oil and gas, power, water resources, industrial and commerce, disaster response and federal services.



Malkik Barrows leads the Perquimans County Middle School band at the Business Expo last week.

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FREEMAN

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reference to an assault. A woman told Patrolman Vincent Dunn that she came to the address to pick up her ex-boyfriend so he could help her in transporting her elderly grandmother.

The woman said James Laquan Jackson got in the truck and became very irate and verbally abusive. Jackson then got out of the truck and threw the keys at the woman and went inside the house. The report indicates Jackson had consumed drugs or alcohol.

When he came out, Officer Dunn said he was

screaming and Dunn advised that he was not under arrest, but he would have to be handcuffed for the officer's safety.

Dunn said in his report that he asked Freeman to stand with Jackson while he went to talk to the woman. Meanwhile Jackson started swinging his elbows at the chief. He finally was tased by Dunn and placed in the back seat of the patrol car.

Jackson was charged with injury to personal property, resist, delay and obstruct and a previous warrant for assault on a female.

He was described in the report as being 5-foot-7,

185 pounds and unemployed.

On Oct. 7 Judge Robert Trivette found Jackson guilty of assault on a female and injury to personal property. He was sentenced to 10 days active time, given 12 months of supervised probation, and ordered to pay a \$200 fine, cost of court and \$1,500 in restitution to the Hertford Police Department.

Hertford hired Freeman in May 2012. He has 25 years of law enforcement experience and was serving as deputy chief of the 15-man police department in North Topsail Beach prior to being hired.

He began his law enforcement career in Kingston and worked for the

Jacksonville Police Department as well as the Onslow County Sheriff's Office.

According to previously published reports Freeman was injured in 1992 while responding to reports of a large fight. He found a lone police officer surrounded by a large crowd of unruly people.

Freeman drove his police cruiser through the crowd to get to the police officer: Reports of a person being shot in a nearby club then drew both officers inside the club where Freeman was hit over the head with a steel chair, breaking two vertebrae and causing a head injury. Freeman later faced surgery.

He received the Purple Heart afterwards.

STORM

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Perquimans County's emergency management director. "We are very fortunate to have avoided the brunt of the inclement weather associated with this event and continue to think about our neighbors to the north and south that were not as fortunate.

Nixon said the threat of the storm prompted county officials to partially staff the emergency operations center.

"Preparations were made including updating the special needs registry, verifying operation of fixed and portable generators, ensuring adequate fuel for generators, resource materials and contact lists were updated and frequent communications occurred with state, local and private partners."

The special needs registry lists residents who may need special care in the case of a storm or an evacuation. For information on getting added to the list, visit <http://www.perquimanscountync.gov/departments/emergency-management.html>.

While the state or emergency has been lifted, some state regulations will still be waived.

The truck size and weight and hours of service restriction waivers that were signed last week are still in effect as farmers work to salvage any crops and companies continue to move goods across and through the state. The waivers will

aid flood recovery in both North and South Carolina, the governor's office said in a press release. The waivers are in effect for 30 days or until they are canceled.

Several back-to-back low pressure systems, a stalled coastal front and moisture from Hurricane Joaquin created an unusual weather pattern that dumped 5 to 20 inches of rain in a week. South Carolina bore the brunt of the storm with much of the midlands and low country receiving 13 to 20 inches of rain between September 29 and October 5. Much of North Carolina's coastal plain and southern border counties saw between 7 and 9 inches of rain in the same time frame with some areas receiving more.

State emergency management officials continue working closely with their South Carolina counterparts to monitor any resource requests as the state ramps up recovery efforts.

The heaviest rainfall amounts were Wilmington (13-plus inches), Tabor City (14-plus inches), Brunswick County (18-plus inches), Morehead City (more than 19 inches), and Calabash (more than 22 inches).

The National Weather Service is still compiling final rainfall totals, according to McCrory's office.

Sixteen North Carolina counties declared a local State of Emergency during this storm while six shelters were opened in Brunswick, Cumberland, Nash, New Hanover, Pamlico and Hyde counties.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Winfall Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on November 9th, 2015 at 6:30 pm, at the Winfall Town Hall 100 Parkview Lane, Winfall NC 27985 to consider the Adoption of the Perquimans County Land Use Plan Update. Once adopted, the Plan will be submitted to the Coastal Resources Commission for certification.

Written objections, comments, or statements of support shall be submitted to the DCM District Planner, Charlan Owens, 1367 US Highway 17 South, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 no less than 15 business days prior to the CRC meeting at which the land use plan is scheduled to be considered for certification. Further information can be obtained by contacting the District Planner at 252-264-3901.

Copies of the Land Use Plan are available for review by the public at the Winfall Town Hall during normal office hours. The public is encouraged to review the Land Use Plan and to attend the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Mayor Fred Yates at 252-426-5015.



PUBLIC HEARING

The Hertford Town Council will hold a Special Called Meeting in lieu of the regular meeting for the month of October on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 PM.

There are 3 Public Hearings set for the agenda and are as follows:

1. Electric Rate Decrease Public Hearing
2. Ordinance Amendment Sec. 4-18 Removing Trash, Construction Materials and Tree Trimmings Within the Town of Hertford
3. Zoning Ordinance Amendment- Chapter 10- Board of Adjustment

Any information regarding any of these may be obtained from the Town Manager, at the Municipal Building, or by calling 426- 1969 x. 9. Written responses to these will be accepted until 5pm, October 9th.

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