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force of the 4th and 6th Marine Brigade.

After Desert Storm, he was promoted to captain and assigned as special assistant to the Surgeon General of the Navy in Washington, DC.

McCranie was cited for his special duties and service when he was named to the team that responded to assist the families when

the Coast Guard ship Blackthorn WLB-391 sank in Tampa Bay in 1980. He was also cited for assisting the Portsmouth Police Department when a sailor took a hostage by force and was barricaded in an apartment. McCranie was able to enter the apartment and have the armed sailor surrender to the local authorities.

When he retired he was command chaplain for the U.S. Marine Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Included in Captain McCranie's awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon Saudi Arabia and Kuwait medals.

When he retired, Captain McCranie and wife Vi, moved to Grandy. They have two sons: Jeffrey, chief engineer on an oil drilling ship; and Patrick, the sheriff of Lancaster County, Va. They also have three grandchildren: Hayley, Wyatt, and Leighton.

## VOTING

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Bethel district compared to 176 for New Hope and 123 for Parkville. Both Hertford precincts and the one in Belvidere combined for 133 votes.

So far voters have tended to be white (558) vs. black (169) or other (18).

All early voting in Perquimans County will be at

the county elections office in the 600 block of South Edenton Road Street. Early voting happens weekdays through Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Nov. 3 and 4, however, early voting will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Perquimans will hold one Saturday of early voting, on Nov. 5. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Perquimans County Register of Deeds Jacqueline Frierson, a Democrat, is

running unopposed in that race.

In a regional race for the N.C. Senate, Republican incumbent Bill Cook is facing a challenge from Brownie Futrell, a Democrat from Washington, N.C. Cook lives in Chocowinity.

In the District 1 House race, Republican incumbent Bob Steinburg is challenged by Sam Davis, a Democrat from Elizabeth City. Steinburg lives in Edenton.

## Chowan to meet Nov. 4 on wind issue

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Chowan Herald

A Chowan County resident urged the Chowan County Board of Commissioners last week to consider several specific conditions when it meets Nov. 4 to discuss the application for a conditional use permit for the proposed Timbermill Wind Project.

Bob Kirby, who also spoke briefly during hearings held on the CUP application in late September, addressed the board during the public comment period at the Oct. 17 meeting.

Charlottesville, Va.-based Apex Clean Energy Inc. has proposed building a 300-megawatt wind energy facility in the Bear Swamp and Center Hill areas of Chowan and Perquimans counties.

Both counties require a CUP for such facilities.

The proposed Timbermill Wind Project would include 105 wind turbines, with 48 of them planned for sites in

Chowan.

Kirby noted that the "C" in CUP stands for "conditional" and told the commissioners it was their duty to place conditions on the permit that will benefit the citizens of Chowan County.

Specifically, he asked what remedy a county resident would have if sound levels generated by the turbines exceeded the levels that are in the permit and that are projected by Apex. Kirby said the county should require Apex to provide calibrated sound meters to the sheriff's office and should authorize the sheriff to order a turbine turned off if it exceeds the allowable sound level.

In the same way, Kirby said, there should be an enforcement process in place for shadow flicker and all requirements of the ordinance.

In addition, the county needs to be sure it is fairly compensated, Kirby said. The way to do that is to use the payment-in-lieu-of-taxes

— commonly known as PILOT — methodology to collect fair compensation, he said.

The PILOT needs to be put in place to protect the county from any current or future state or federal law that might limit the taxes that could be levied on the project, he said.

Right now, during the CUP process, is the time to establish the PILOT and make it a condition of the permit, Kirby said.

In another matter, Commissioner Emmett Winborne, who had an excused absence for medical reasons from the Timbermill CUP hearings held Sept. 27-29, thanked those who had sent him 'get well' wishes and said he was glad to be back at his seat at the table.

Winborne said the county manager had kept him abreast of everything that was going on.

"It's a nice pleasure to be back at my seat at the table," Winborne said.

## WIND

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project. "These are the folks that are paying the price."

Even before the closing arguments started, the commission went into close session to consult their attorney. The Apex hearings have been conducted in a manner more consistent with a court trial with witnesses that had to be sworn in and cross-examined.

A court recorder has been in attendance to take legal transcripts of what was said at the three hearings in August, two in September and two more earlier last week. The issue is the commissioners need copies of all of the transcripts in hand before final deliberations in case there is a disagreement about what was said. As of last Monday, only the first three transcripts were available.

When the final arguments wrapped up, Janice Cole, the chair of the commission, thanked both sides for their part in the process.

"You have worked hard for your clients," Cole said.

"It's a hard decision and the board will have to deal with it."

Industrial-scale wind projects are allowed under the county's land use ordinance as a "conditional use." That means there is an extra level of review. The commission will have to determine that the project does not (A) endanger public health, (B) meets the conditions of the ordinance, (C) does not injure property values and (D) is in harmony with the area.

Henry Campen, the lead attorney for Apex, contends the Apex application proved its point on all four issues. One of the goals in the county's land use plan is to preserve farmland. Campen claimed Timbermill does just that. Each turbine requires about a half-acre of land for a base. That means just about 50 acres of the 15,000 acre site will be disturbed and the rest can be used to grow timber or crops and hunting on the site will still be allowed.

Campen went point-by-point on each of the four criteria and claimed Apex

has shown that they met the standards. He also questioned some of the witnesses presented by the opponents. One of them, Mike McCann talked about property values. Campen claimed McCann had never visited North Carolina before getting involved in the opposition's case this summer and has only been licensed to appraise property in the state for four months.

Johnson, speaking for the opposition raised the issue of average noise vs. maximum noise, especially when the noise is at night when people are trying to sleep.

Johnson said the World Health Organization (WHO) has a 40-decibel standard for evening hours. He said more than 300 people would be subject to levels higher than that if the Apex project is allowed to move forward.

"This is the first big red flag that the project is too big," Johnson said.

The county's ordinance sets a maximum noise level at 55 decibels, but doesn't break down to day or morning hours.

"There is a place for this project, but from a noise level it's not here," Johnson said. "There is too much at risk. They (Apex) need to be sent back — on the noise side."

Essick said Apex has not presented proof that property values won't be hurt.

"That's not our burden to show it, that's their burden," Essick said.



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The 15th US Surgeon General, and the first African American woman to hold that post, Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders is the eldest of eight children. Now a Distinguished Professor of Public Health at the University of Arkansas School of Public Health and a Distinguished Professor at the Clinton School of Public Policy, she never saw a physician prior to her first year in college. At the age of fifteen, she received a scholarship from the United Methodist Church to attend Philander-Smith College in Little Rock, AR. Upon graduation at age 18, she entered the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant where she received training as a physical therapist.

Dr. Elders attended the University of Arkansas Medical School (UAMS) on the G.I. Bill. After graduation in 1960, she was an intern at the University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis and did a pediatric residency and an endocrinology fellowship at the University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock. She ascended the academic ladder to full professorship after her fellowship and board certification in 1976. She also holds a Master of Science degree in biochemistry.

Dr. Elders joined the faculty at UAMS as a professor of pediatrics and received board certification as a pediatric endocrinologist in 1978. Based on her studies of growth in children and the treatment of hormone related illnesses, she has written many articles for medical research publications and continues as Professor Emerita University of Arkansas Medical School. She was appointed Director of the Arkansas Department of Health in 1987. While serving as director, she was elected president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers.

Nominated as Surgeon General of the US Public Health Service by President Clinton in July of 1993, she was sworn in on September 8. During the Senate hearings on her confirmation, Dr. Elders stated "I want to change the way we think about health by putting prevention first. I want to be the voice and vision of the poor and powerless. I want to change concern about social problems that affect health into commitment. And I would like to make every child born in America a wanted child".

Dr. Elders has been active in civic affairs as a member of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, Northside YMCA and Youth Homes. She was listed in "100 Outstanding Women in Arkansas", "Personalities of the South" and "Distinguished Women in America". She has won awards such as the Arkansas Democrat's Woman of the Year, the National Governor's Association Distinguished Service Award, the American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan Davis Award, and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women's Candace Award for Health Science.

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