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Supervisors adopt resolution for school project

By Sylvia Allen
Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – The Brunswick County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution authorizing application to the Virginia Public School Authority to fund the school construction project. The new school will house students Pre-K through grade 8 and is being built on Planters Road.

A new athletic stadium is also planned. The new school is planned to be ready by June 2024.

Assistant County Administrator Keli Reekes provided more information about the funding process.

“Mr. Ted Cole, Senior Vice President of Davenport & Company LLC, stated that initial action of the Board of Supervisors includes adopting a resolution expressing its intent to participate in the Virginia Public School

Authority’s (VPSA) 2022 Spring Pooled Bond Sale through the issuance of County general obligation bonds to be sold to the VPSA to finance the School Project, interest costs during construction of the School Project, and costs of issuance. The application with VPSA will include proceeds requested of up to \$57 million for the design, acquisition, construction, expansion, renovation

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Sharing Ebony history

Patricia Conner, third from left, a member of the 2021 Ebony History Book Committee, presented Supervisor Welton Tyler – Chair, a copy of “A History of the Ebony, Virginia Area.” Supervisor John Zubrod, left, Dr. Alfonso Seward – Vice Chair, Supervisor Dr. Barbara Jarrett Harris, County Administrator Leslie Weddington, Assistant County Administrator Keli Reekes and Supervisor Bernard Jones also received a copy of the book. (Sylvia Allen/Brunswick Times-Gazette)

Supervisors presented copies of the Ebony history book

From staff reports

LAWRENCEVILLE – Patricia Conner, a member of the 2021 Ebony History Book Committee, presented the members of the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors with copies of “A History of the Ebony, Virginia Area” at their January 19, 2022 meeting.

Before presenting the book, Conner stated, “In 1987, a group of Ebony residence decided to compile a history of the Ebony Community. All families were welcome to

contribute information to be included as part of the book. Along with family histories, the book also covers the community stores, churches, cemeteries and other pertinent history of the area. The process of putting the information together took 6 years and in 1993 the work was finally published. The book committee worked with the Ebony Volunteer Fire Department on the project with all proceeds benefiting the fire department.

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Local man found, facing charges

From staff reports

On February 8, 2022 at approximately 3 p.m., the Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office completed a joint tactical warrant service with the U.S. Marshals and the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office K9 Unit and were successful in locating Rodriguez Jermaine Reavis, 20, of Lawrenceville, Virginia at an address just outside the Lawrenceville town limits. Reavis was taken into custody without incident. Reavis had 11 active warrants from Brunswick, City of Colonial Heights and Chesterfield County including armed robbery, grand larceny, use of a firearm during the commission of a felony, assault and battery, and assault on a law enforcement officer.

Sheriff Brian Roberts stated, “We would like to thank our local and federal agencies for their continued partnership.”

In other matters, Jerry Herbert Price, 49, from McKenney, Virginia is charged with driving under



Rodriguez
Jermaine Reavis,

the influence of alcohol on Feb. 1, 2022 and driving after forfeiture of license.

Captain Brad Evans with the Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office said Sergeant A. W. Connell stopped a Ford truck for running the stop sign at Old Stage Road and Boydton Plank Road in the Warfield area. Connell could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from his person. Price said he had a drink before he left Davis Travel Plaza. He said he was suspended for a DUI he got

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Jolly’s Auto Sales & Service - serving the area for over 40 years

By Sylvia Allen
Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – Leroy A. Jolly, Owner/Operator of Jolly’s Auto Sales & Service, shared some thoughts about dealing with the challenges of the pandemic.

“I am thankful to have been in business for over 40 years providing general car repair, inspection and towing services. Many thanks to our staff who are dedicated to servicing our customers.

“We are fortunate to have been allowed to stay open as an essential services provider during the pandemic.

“To say the least, this has been a challenging period for everyone to some

degree especially when you think about the number of illnesses, business closings, and deaths.

“Being a NAPA Auto Care Center has served us well by helping us to provide quality products and guaranteed labor.

“We are very thankful and blessed to continue to be able to keep our doors open.

“We are especially thankful for our dedicated customers and their continued support. We look forward to continue serving you.” Jolly stated.

While I was waiting to talk with Mr. Jolly, James Williams, a representative from R K Auto Group said that Jolly’s

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Meet the staff at Jolly’s Auto

Leroy Jolly, center, Owner/Operator, of Jolly’s Auto Sales and Service located at 223 Poor House Road, Lawrenceville, Virginia. Members of the staff include Ashiyah Stith, left, Jaiquel Hill, Charles Owens and Robert Brown. Jolly’s Auto Sales and Service also sells and installs new tires and offers other services. (Sylvia Allen/Brunswick Times-Gazette)



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and equipping of Brunswick County Public School facilities, including but not limited to the high school, elementary school, technical center, school board office and athletic stadium facilities, and describing Local School Bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$60 million," stated Reekes.

Cole said the Supervisors will tentatively hold a public hearing on funding for the project in March and the Supervisors will adopt a second resolution after the public hearing.

In other matters, Reekes presented the FY22 Quarterly Report. She said the majority of departmental expenditures appear to be on target for the six-month baseline of approximately 50% expended appropriations. The following additional appropriations have been requested: Circuit Court Clerk – Grant funds in the amount of \$20,241 have been received of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. These funds are to support a broad range of activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Sheriff's Office – Insurance proceeds received of VACORP totaling \$8,363 received for vehicle repairs need to be appropriated to account for expenditures in the current fiscal year. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office received three grant awards from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services: Local Law Enforcement Grants totaling \$2,763 to be used to purchase supplies and materials to promote community policing and engagement; Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$18,750 to be used to purchase IT equipment for the E911 department and the mobile command trailer; Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding in the amount of continuing efforts

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The book sold out rather quickly after the initial printing and two reprints. Over the years, many calls have been received by family members and others interested in the community, asking if the book was still available.

"In 2021 another group of interested individuals decided that the book should be reprinted and again have worked with the Ebony Volunteer Fire Department to make this happen.

"We are now selling the 2021 printing of the book with proceeds going to the fire department.

"The Epilogue written in 1993 proudly proclaimed that Ebony was ready to face a new century and encouraged us to move forward by preserving the best of the old and the best of the new. Thirty years later, we can for certain say they were right.

Families and friends of Ebony remain committed to preserving Ebony's historic integrity and character as the future continues to unfold.

"I would like to say that I am the only original committee member living and I am proud to be a part of this 2021

to respond from the COVID-19 pandemic. CDBG Small Business Recovery Grant – Funds received of the Small Business Recovery Grant totaling \$201,549 need to be appropriated to account for expenditures in the current fiscal year. CARES Act – CARES funds received in FY21 need to be re-appropriated in the current fiscal year to account for broadband expenditures totaling \$258,274. Tourism Merchandise Sales – Tourism merchandise sales to date total \$1,356 after applicable taxes and fees were paid. Staff is requesting this revenue to be reallocated to the Tourism department budget to purchase new items for the Tourism/Brunswick Byways Visit Center gift shop. The Supervisors appropriated \$556,676 to the applicable revenue and expenditure line items of the above-mentioned departments.

Disbursements totaling \$1,726,839.13 were approved.

County Administrator Leslie Weddington said Request for Proposals were solicited for qualified firms to provide new software to update the County's building and zoning permit and inspection system. The following proposals were received: Cloudpermit Inc. and Concise Systems. The proposals were reviewed by the Technology Committee consisting of Bernard Jones, Sr. and John Zubord, Board of Supervisors Members; Leslie Weddington, County Administrator; Keli Reekes, Assistant County Administrator; and Harrison Jamison, Building Official.

The committee's recommendation is to accept the proposal from Concise Systems in the amount of \$56,695, for software development, training and implementation and authorize the County Administrator to sign all documents on behalf of Brunswick County relative to this project. The supervisors accepted the recommendation.

committee.

After the meeting Anne Hartley added more information about the project, giving special credit to Edmonds Printing Company, Lawrenceville, Virginia.

"The book is a Brunswick County production. Edmonds Printing had to recreate the master by taking apart one of the originals and copying each page that ensured the reprint would be the same quality as the original – they had to recreate a master file for reprinting. This also allowed us to add an update to the Preface about the 2021 reprint. It would not have happened without the extra effort and commitment they contributed," Hartley stated.

The original history book committee for the 1993 book was: Lonnie W. Baird, Chairperson; Patricia Conner, Linda Elliott, Annie Mae Reed, Ruby Kidd, Elfreda Johnson, Lucy M. Nash, Louise Ford, Willie Ford, Richard Baird, Charlie Singleton and William A. Moseley.

The 2021 book reprint committee was comprised of Judy Carroll, Patricia Conner, Betsy Ford, Kay Whitehead and Anne Hartley.

For more information or to purchase a copy, please contact Patricia Conner (434) 636-2043 or Judy Carroll (434) 917-0466.

Supervisors hear concerns of citizens

By Sylvia Allen
Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – Judy Carroll from Ebony, Virginia read an email from Crystal Dickens regarding the rezoning of property in Ebony from Agriculture (A-1) to Business (B-1) to allow a Dollar General to be built in Ebony. Dickens is with Pointe Realty Group, 2357 Eaton Ferry Road, Littleton, N.C.

"I intended to speak in the public comment portion of the Board of Supervisors meeting tonight but I am unable to attend due to a family emergency. I wanted to ask you in person to continue to preserve Ebony and support our home Supervisor (John) Zubrod and put the zoning back to A-1 in the recent decision to allow for a Dollar General/business near Prospect Cemetery and the Hartley land. I have sold real estate in the area for 15 years and live at the lake full time and am a proud resident of Ebony. I am always so proud to bring my clients through Ebony because of its rural nature and small local community, churches, fire department and post office. My clients are looking to get away from Dollar Generals and busy areas and are spending million of dollars on lake homes in our County to be able to do just that. I am not opposed to growth in Brunswick County but it is clear from your original zoning that Ebony is not a business district and after reviewing the County's comprehensive plan, this decision to rezone for a Dollar General goes directly against the Comprehensive Plan that serves to protect the County's rural assets and natural beauty while promoting the right kinds of economic development in the right place.

"In speaking with clients and neighbors it is clear that

most of them did not know much about the Dollar General project and are opposed. To that point, Mr. Zubrod, our home supervisor opposed the zoning also because of the overwhelming response he received from his constituents. Why would other supervisors vote against the wishes of the home supervisor and his constituents in our direct area?

"Furthermore, I was shocked to learn that the county attorney has spent close to \$100,000 trying to have the cases brought forth relating to the zoning process dismissed. What does the county truly have to gain from this decision? Why not reach a settlement to stop this litigation and put the zoning back to A-1 and spend those funds addressing all impacts of the change? This vote and zoning change sets a precedent in our county for economic decisions that are made swiftly and in a vacuum and appears to overlook the side effects. Proper zoning management needs to be addressed, this includes looking at other areas such as short-term rental zoning for vacation homes in the County. I hope you will stop this rezoning and truly address the long term impacts of such a decision and create a plan that embraces growth but smart and controlled growth that adds not detracts value to our landscape and future," Dickens stated.

Tony Conner from Littleton, N.C. spoke in opposition to the rezoning decision and based his opposition on the county not following the Comprehensive Plan.

Eric Brazeal said it was good to see Stewey at the Inauguration Parade for Governor Glenn Youngkin on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022. He commended Dixie Daniel and Alfreda Jarrett Reynolds for representing Brunswick County in such a positive way. Brazeal is Chair of the local Republican Party.

Virginia Releases January 2022 Revenue Report

RICHMOND - Governor Glenn Youngkin recently announced that January General Fund revenues increased 21.9 percent from the previous January. January is a significant month for revenue collections. Besides the normal monthly payroll withholding and sales tax collections, estimated payments from individuals are due. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, total revenue collections rose 15.4 percent through the end of the month, ahead of the forecasted 4.2 percent growth.

"The continued growth in state government revenue shows once again that hardworking Virginians are being overtaxed," said Governor Youngkin. "With this report, and as the General Assembly continues its work this Session, it is clear we must deliver meaningful tax relief for Virginia families. We can do that while also providing a record investment in public education and fully funding our law enforcement heroes."

Governor Youngkin added, "It is time to start growing jobs and preparing a workforce to take them. What we cannot do, however, is continue to conflate record revenue with economic success for Virginians. I am concerned about lagging job growth and record low labor participation, particularly at a time when we want to get people back to work."

"For the first seven months of the fiscal year, collections have been significantly better than expected – especially in individual estimated payments, sales/use taxes, and

payroll withholding," said Secretary of Finance Stephen Cummings. "Collections of payroll withholding taxes grew 17.5 percent for the month. Collections of sales and use taxes, reflecting December sales, rose 19.9 percent in January."

The combined December and January receipts, representing the bulk of the holiday shopping season, was 18.3 percent above the same period last year. Also, December and January are significant months for collections of non-withholding and receipts can be distorted by the timing of payments. Taxpayers had until January 18th to submit their fourth estimated payment for tax year 2021 and some of these payments are received in December. Receipts of nonwithholding for the two-month period of January-December increased 27.2 percent from last year. Collections of corporate income taxes were \$61.5 million in January, compared with receipts of \$49.3 million in January of last year.

Year-to-date, withholding collections grew 11.4 percent ahead of the same period last year and above the annual estimate of 5.9 percent growth. On a year-to-date basis, sales tax collections have risen 15.7 percent, well ahead of the annual estimate of a 6.3 percent increase. Nonwithholding collections for the first seven months of the fiscal year grew 8.1 percent, ahead of the annual estimate of a slight decline.

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several years ago and only had an ID card. Connell ran the information and found Price was revoked DUI related to a prior DUI in 2019. A preliminary breath test was administered and the results was 0.11% BAC. Price was arrested for DUI and warrants were issued for DUI and driving revoked. He was placed on an unsecured bond and released when sober.

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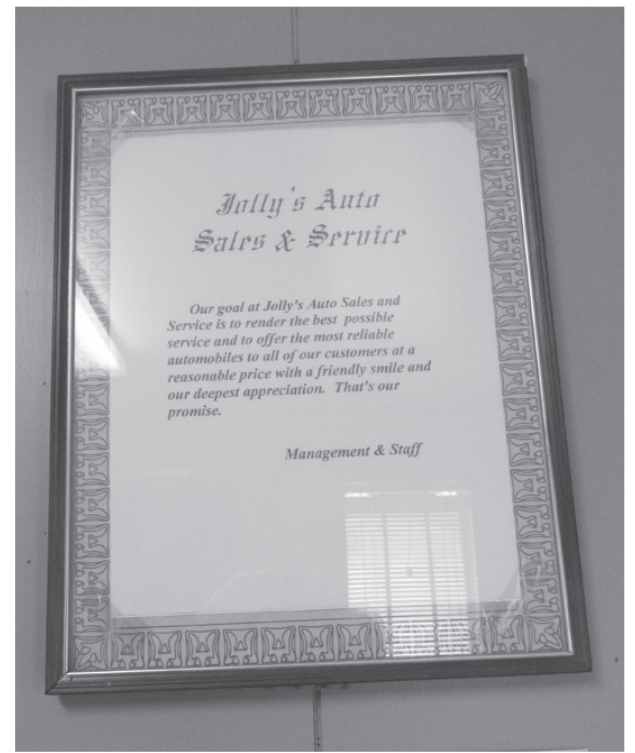
Auto was his favorite stop on his route that covers a large area. He acknowledged Jolly's knowledge about cars and said he consults him when making a decision about buying a vehicle. Williams sent a quote for the article.

"I see up to 800 people on my routes for parts and Mr. Jolly is flat out the best and nicest person you will ever find in the business or any other business. Love the guy! Always makes you feel welcome!" Williams said.

The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is (434) 848-4586 and the number for 24-hour towing is (434) 532-5237. The address is 223 Poor House Road, Lawrenceville.



Several positive signs are located in the reception area at Jolly's Auto Sales and Service.





Roy's Cut & Style

Roy with Roy's Cut & Style closed his barber shop on January 1st, 2022 after 65 years of serving many of his loyal customers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your patronage and for the many friendships gained over the years. It has been my pleasure to serve each of you.

Thank you again!
Roy



LGA seeks an Executive Director

We are sad to say that our Executive Director is retiring after 17 years of dedicated service. The Lake Gaston Association is currently seeking to fill our Executive Director part time position. The LGA was founded in 1988 and is a not-for-profit organization. Our membership consists of over 2,200 homeowners and businesses who are concerned about the future and well-being of the Lake Gaston community. Our mission is to identify issues affecting our members and pursue a resolution with the responsible organizations.

The Executive Director is the chief operating officer and manager of the LGA under the supervision of the President of the Association and works at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director provides support to the Board of Directors, manages daily operations, and is the primary public and stakeholder contact.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Excellent oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills
- Organizational and problem solving skills
- Ability to work on and manage a variety of projects simultaneously
- Experience developing and coordinating alliances with stakeholders on key issues and working with representatives of varied interests
- Ability to build consensus between groups of differing opinions
- Proficiency in the use of current information technology skills (i.e., Microsoft Office applications, social media, etc.)
- Able to travel locally to represent LGA and conduct business

Interested parties should send a letter of interest and resume to the President at president@lakegastonassoc.com no later than March 15, 2022.