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“I’ve been trying to catch the individual myself,” Womack said. “These sound like assault weapons.”

Also at the meeting, the board members heard a presentation from Maria L. Robinson, a partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau. Robinson encouraged town residents to participate in the 2020 census, which begins April 1. She also tried to counter the belief some people have that the government has an alternative motive in acquiring residents’ information.

“So many times we get caught up in the stigma that government is trying to get up in your business and that is not the case,” Robinson said. “The only thing we will need is your name, verify your address, your birth, your race and if you’re male or female.”

Robinson also warned of scammers who may ask for Social Security or bank account numbers for a fee.

“That is not the United States Census,” Robinson said. “That is someone trying to get your personal information.”

Town Manager Roosevelt Henegan Jr.



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Maria L. Robinson, a partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, speaks Tuesday during a meeting of the Maxton Board of Commissioners in Town Hall. She encouraged Maxton residents on Tuesday to take part in the 2020 U.S. Census count.

praised town’s staff after presenting a six-month update of the town’s accomplishments.

He spoke of Water and Sewer Director Dennis Freeman’s accomplishments in repairing the main sewer line after the town had been running on a backup for several months.

Henegan also gave credit to Finance Officer Myra Tyndal after noting the town collected more than \$840,000 in property tax in 2019, a \$140,000 increase from the 2018 collections.

He also praised the work of former Police Chief John Ruppe who established walk-and-talks to build a stronger relationship between residents and the police department and helped in the recovery of the

\$29,000 stolen from the town’s bank account.

Ruppe resigned on Jan. 15.

“Your staff has been out there getting the job done,” Henegan said. “I’m very excited about the many opportunities with the town of Maxton. Much work is required but we have a very knowledgeable and capable staff.”

The commissioners also:

— Re-appointed Commissioner Womack to the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission. Womack will serve a two-year term on the six-member board.

— Tentatively scheduled a board retreat for Feb. 27.

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the sewage plant access road, Tatum said. The money is being applied for through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Tatum said that will put “two irons in the fire” for the town’s recovery efforts.

Also on Tuesday, the commissioners heard the town’s general fund balance exceeds \$1.5 million. That information was part of a favorable audit report for fiscal

year 2018-2019 from John Masters, of S. Preston Douglas and Associates, the town’s auditing firm.

“For the last 19 years presenting, this is the highest it’s ever been,” he said.

The town’s property tax collection rate remained the same as the past year at 93%, Masters said. In 2019, the town’s sales tax revenue was nearly \$700,000.

Masters said since 2014, sales tax revenue has increased \$200,000 during that time as a result of economic activity in the town.

In other business, the

town voted to authorize Mayor Charles Townsend and Mayor Pro Tempore J.J. McCree to sign off on activity related the town’s BB&T account. Town Clerk Jenny Larson and Deputy Town Clerk Donna Jacobs also are authorized.

ReBuild N.C. Program has built 14 houses in Fairmont as part of the effort to recover from damages caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016, Tatum said. The \$2.1 million cost was paid for using Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program money.

Accidents

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Monday in an accident on Cabin Shop Road, about six miles east of Maxton.

Tryon Locklear, 51, of 136 Jefferson Road in Maxton, was driving a 2003 Buick passenger car north when it ran off the road to the left, struck some tree stumps, traveled back across the road, overturned and came to rest on the right shoulder of the road, according to a report by Trooper J.W. Scott.

Locklear and Ron Locklear, 24, also of the Jefferson Road address, were killed in the accident that happened at 9:02 p.m.

Neither of the men was wearing a seat belt,

and Tryon Locklear was partially ejected from the vehicle. No one else was in the vehicle.

The vehicle was traveling 55 mph in a 55-mph zone.

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My husband, Ronald D Locklear, good hard working man chose construction for a occupation.

He attended York Technical Community College in Rockhill, S.C.

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Thank you in advance for your Love support and prayers.

Assignments

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adjourned in late November. Terms for the current committee appointments expire Jan. 15, 2021.

“I want to thank Sen. Berger for appointing me to these committees,” Britt said Tuesday. “After seeing the devastation from hurricanes first-hand in my district, I look forward to working with my colleagues to help find solutions to better address emergency management situations and hold ensure state agencies are working on behalf of the citizens of North Carolina.”

Graham also thanked Moore for the appointments, particularly to the Justice and Public Safety committee.

“As a senior member of the committee and a ranking Democrat on this committee, I’m pleased to be appointed to the committee that will receive updates from various public safety departments such as prisons, highway patrol, juvenile justice, our courts, and others,” Graham said. “These committee meetings are an important means to evaluate our justice and public safety systems statewide and to ensure the safety of our citizens. I will voice my concerns on a variety of issues going into these meetings.”

Discussion priorities will be the safety of corrections officers, training and pay, the status of statewide re-entry efforts and the treatment of juveniles in the state’s courts, he said. The treatment of juveniles gets new focus because

state law setting the age at which a juvenile can be treated as an adult changed on Dec. 1.

“Since public safety in one of the largest appropriations, I’m sure we will have discussions and updates on the impact of operations without a formal budget,” Graham said.

The state’s two-year spending plan was vetoed on June 28 by Gov. Roy Cooper. The House overrode the veto on Sept. 11, but the Senate has not. The state has been operating at the spending levels set for the 2018-19 fiscal year since the 2019-20 fiscal year began July 1.

The Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee continuously examines issues related to emergency management in North Carolina in order to make ongoing recommendations to the General Assembly on ways to promote effective emergency preparedness, management, response, and recovery.

The Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee reviews rules to which the Rules Review Commission has objected to determine if changes in law are needed to enable the agency to fulfill the intent of the General Assembly. The committee also reviews regulatory programs looking for overlap and looks for ways to streamline the regulatory and rules-making process.

The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations conducts continuous

evaluations and studies of the programs, policies, practices and procedures of the various departments, agencies, and institutions of state government.

The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee is tasked with reviewing reports prepared by the N.C. Department of Transportation or any other state agency that are related to transportation, when those reports are required by any law. Among its other duties, the committee monitors the funds deposited in and expenditures from the North Carolina Highway Trust Fund, the Highway Fund, the General Fund, or any other fund when those expenditures are related in any way to transportation; examines the importance of railroads and railroad infrastructure improvements to economic development; studies issues important to the future of passenger and freight rail service in North Carolina; determines methods to expedite property disputes between railroads and private landowners; and studies all aspects of the operation, structure, management, and long-range plans of the North Carolina Railroad, a private corporation that owns and manages a 317-mile rail corridor stretching from Charlotte to the Port Terminal in Morehead City.

The Robesonian reached out to Rep. Brenden Jones, who District 46 includes part of Robeson County, for his assignments, but did not hear back from him.

Reach T.C. Hunter via email at tchunter@robesonian.com or by calling 910-816-1974.

Robeson County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Request for Proposals

\$515,158	10%	1/22/2020
Anticipated County Allocation for Expansion Funds	Required Local Match Rate	Date Advertised

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has studied the risk factors and needs of Juvenile Court involved youth in this county and hereby publishes this Request for Proposals. The JCPC has received funds from the NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, Community Programs section in the amount stated above to fund and/or expand the program types specified below. Such programs will serve delinquent and at-risk youth for the state fiscal year 2020-2021 beginning on, or after July 1, 2020. The use of these funds in this county requires a local match in the amount specified above.

The JCPC will consider proposals for the following needed programs:

Interpersonal Skill Building	Mediation/Conflict Resolution	Temporary Shelter Care
Mentoring	Restitution/Community	Teen Court/Restorative Justice
Parent and Family Skill Building	Service	Substance Abuse
Tutoring/Academic Enhancement	Treatment	Clinical Assessments
Group Home Care	Counseling	Juvenile Structured Day Programs
Runaway Shelter Care		

Proposed program services should target the following risk factors for delinquency or repeat delinquency:

*Mental Health Needs	*School Behavior Problems	*Relationships with Peers
*Parenting Skills/Supervision	*Running Away from Home	*Substance Abuse Issues

Programs should address the following concerns as reported in the Needs Assessments for adjudicated youth:

Peer Domain:	Peer Relationships
Individual Domain:	Abuse and Neglect History Mental Health Needs Substance Abuse
Family Domain:	Conflict in the Home Family Supervision Skills Family Substance Abuse
School Domain:	School Behavior Problems

Applicants are being sought that are able to address items below:

1. Program services compatible with research that are shown to be effective with juvenile offenders.
2. Program services are outcome-based.
3. The program has an evaluation component.
4. Program services detect gang participation and divert individual, if applicable.

Local public agencies, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations, and local housing authorities are invited to submit applications to provide services addressing the above elements.

Wendy Chavis, JCPC Chair	at	910-671-3158
JCPC Chairperson or Designee		Telephone #

In order to apply for FY 2020-2021 JCPC funding, you must complete and submit your application online by accessing NCALLIES. Please read and follow all instructions at the following link (directions accessible prior to logging in): <https://cp.ncdjjdp.org/CP/> After submitting the application electronically, print and submit hard copies as indicated below. Private non-profits are also required to submit No Over Due Tax forms, Conflict of Interest Statements, and, if requested, proof of 501(c)(3) status.

NOTE: For further information, or technical assistance about applying for JCPC funds in this county, contact Rogena Deese, JCPC Coordinator at 910-474-3029 or Lance Britt, Central Area Consultant, at 919-323-6845.

Deadline for Application is:	<u>2/21/2020</u>	by	<u>5</u>	P.M.
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Mail or deliver applications to:	Wendy Sampson, JCPC Chair
	Lumberton Parks and Recreation
	2830 Kenny Biggs Road, Lumberton, NC 28358

Number of original copies to submit:	<u>5</u>	Telephone:	910-671-3158
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