

Scam warning, a rediscovered 26-year-old check and a disputed appointment at county meeting

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At the Richmond County Board of Supervisors meeting Thursday, in the Sheriff's monthly staff reports, Richmond County Sheriff Douglas Bryant said they have noticed that fraud has been on the rise. He said that they have reports of a possible scam involving TurboTax.

"Check your bank statements frequently," he said.

Bryant also announced the Citizen's Police Academy, which will begin in March.

During the public comment period, a man stepped up to the podium with a unique issue. He said that in 1989, he purchased a lot and was granted a building permit for his mobile home. He added that the neighbors complained because they didn't want a mobile home in their neighborhood. The board revoked his building permit and issued him a refund. He never cashed the check because he had considered suing the county. He did not, however, yet he lost the check. He recently found the check made out to him by the county for \$79, which could not be cashed, as it was out of date.

The supervisors voted to issue him a new check for the same amount.

The board also voted to continue the yearly request for \$250 to go to Rappahannock High School for after prom activities. Additionally, the board approved the Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2016 through 2020.

There was some debate between Haynes and Dayle Collins of Richmond County Public Libraries over a board appointment. Libby Tribble was the appointee presented to supervisors. Haynes said he was uncomfortable with the selection since Tribble is not from the Richmond County area and had just moved here to run for Commonwealth's Attorney.

"What happens if she doesn't win the election?" he said.

Collins said that they had considered the possibilities and still felt that Tribble was right for the job. She was approved in a vote of 4-1 with Haynes dissenting.

The County approved an \$85,000 appropriation for the Richmond County Department of Social Services, 5-0.

The County also approved a \$1.2 million appropriation for the Richmond County School Board.