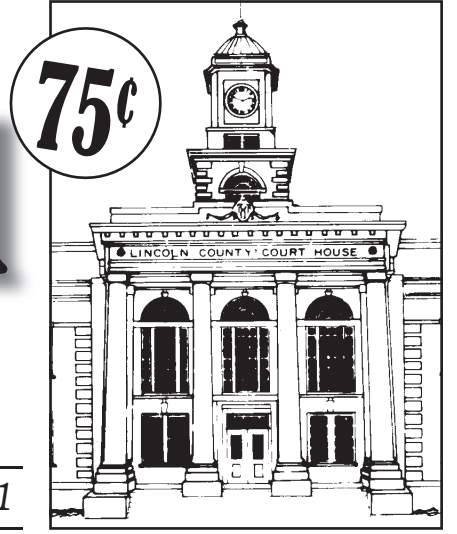


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County set to receive \$1.5 million in ARP funds

The county is set to receive its share of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds in the amount of \$1,538,561, according to an announcement made by Finance Director Ernie Doss during the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on Thursday, May 13.

Doss stated that the total amount would be divided into two allotments, with the first payment expected this month and the other to follow. "There is a 151-page Federal Register of Rules on how the funds can be spent. The chairman and I, will be working through that over the next couple of weeks to figure out what the actual rules are and what we can spend it on, so we can bring that information back to you. We have started the process and have requested those funds," Doss said.

Chairman Walker Norman welcomed Senator Lee Anderson who presented a special resolution from the Georgia State Senate to the family of the late Richard Goolsby.

"I come to you with a sad and

broken heart having to do this, but at the same time we need to recognize a great man, who loved Lincoln County. He was a man who knew it was greater to give than to receive, and he gave back to this county two-fold," Anderson said. "He was a man who knew how to cook some good food and he touched many lives, with a good meal, good conversation, and he built relationships. This is the least I can do."

Lincoln County Sheriff Paul Reviere was asked to read the resolution, which states in part:

"Honoring the life and memory of Richard Goolsby; and for other purposes.

"Whereas, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Richard Goolsby, and

"Whereas, Richard diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced by his extensive career in the medical profession, and served with distinction as an emergency

medical technician, as the kidney transplant team coordinator at the Medical College of Georgia, and as a physician assistant in orthopedics and family medicine.

"Following his well-earned retirement from medicine, he pursued his passion and opened Goolsby's Restaurant LLC in the Lincolnton and Augusta area, where he was known for consistently delivering high-quality food, hospitable, and gracious service.

"He was united in love and marriage to his wife, Carol Ann Goolsby, and was blessed with two remarkable children, Cara and Wilkinson, as well as four wonderful grandchildren, Carrington, Lennox, Emerie, and Everly.

"He gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and had a deep concern for his fellow citizens. The devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others.

"Richard was a person of magnanimous strength with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity,



Family members of the late Richard Goolsby attending the presentation were (front row, l-r) Lennox Goolsby, Megan Goolsby, Bradford McWhorter, Carrington Goolsby, Emerie Miller; (back) Will McWhorter, Jennie McWhorter, Ava McGill McWhorter, Don Childers, Nancy Childers, Everly Miller, Kyle Miller, Wilkes Goolsby, Cara Miller, Carol Ann Goolsby, and Lee Anderson

intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live.

"A compassionate and generous man, Richard Goolsby will long be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

"Be it resolved by the Senate that the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory

of Richard Goolsby and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing."

Senate Resolution 301 was passed unanimously by all 56 Georgia Senators.

Commissioners also presented Peggy Carruth a plaque in appreciation for 14 years of committed and dedicated service to the Finance Department for the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners June 25, 2007-May 7, 2021.

Retired Executive Director John

Stone, likewise received a plaque in recognition and appreciation for his dedicated service and vision to the Lincoln County Development Authority, March 31, 2015-April 30, 2021.

Moving on to other business commissioners approved a special use request by Melanie Dorn for AT&T to construct a 310-foot self-supporting telecommunication tower at the intersection of

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'Seussical the Musical' premieres tonight

The LCHS Musical Theatre Department will present "Seussical the Musical" May 20-22, in the school auditorium. Performances are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

The cast includes (sitting, l-r) Brittan Johnson, Madi Welch, Anna Cox, Rachel Jordan, Rhianna Aycock, Kara Hearst, Naomi Chiles, Abigail Dawkins; (middle row) Autumn Crook, Ellie Layton, Anna Ruth Huffman, Aubree Comtois, Jenna Kinzle, Danielle Gibbs, Lydia Partridge, Emily Starbuck, Gianna Anderson, Bennett Ivey; (third row) Dalton McMunn, Jacob Wortz, Chloe Cliatt, Aubree Gruber, Beatrice Jackson, Lincoln O'Neal, T.J. Bradley, Sydney Radford; (back) Gavin Heitmann, Tranter Duncan, Jordan Shelton, Benjamin Wade, Cameron Miller, Ethan LeClerc; (not present) Maura Easter and Illiyah White.

BOE approves tentative budget, sets final approval for May 26

Two proposed budgets, the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act II budget were both approved Tuesday night, May 11, during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Education.

Finance Director Kay Bufford presented the board with the proposed changes in the General Fund budget from FY21 to FY22; the Tentative Budget for FY-21-22; and General Fund percentages.

The proposed tentative budget breaks down as follows: the estimated total revenues for FY 21-22 include: General Fund - \$11,938,459; Special Revenue Fund - \$4,148,902; Capital Projects Fund - \$50,000; and Debt Service Fund - \$1,421,220, totaling \$17,558,581.

"The General Fund is the main one that you're concerned with in regard to local taxes. The Special Revenue Fund is a lot of grants we get from the state and federal governments, along with school food service. The Capital Projects Fund is the money we are saving for specific projects, and the Debt Services Fund is to pay the interest and principal on the bond," Buf-

ford said.

The estimated expenditures include: General Fund - \$13,252,073; Special Revenue Funds - \$4,148,902; Capital Projects Fund - \$0; and Debt Service Fund - \$1,551,775; totaling \$18,952,750.

"We added a maintenance assistant and a finance director assistant - both of those are estimated at this point. We will get those figures closer before the approval of the final budget," she said.

According to Bufford about 60 percent, or \$7,958,553, of the budgeted expenditures would go toward instruction; about eight percent, or \$1,068,700, goes into school administration; 9.69 percent goes into maintenance and operation; and another 9.35 percent goes into student transportation. "About 85 percent of our budget is salaries and benefits," she said.

Local taxes cover 35.87 percent of the budget; 3.29 percent comes from other local sources; the state contributes 60.83 percent; and federal sources are .01 percent. "This is pretty much where we are supposed to be, so that's good," Bufford said.

One more public hearing must be held before approval of the final budget. The hearing has been set

for 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, at the Board of Education office on Metasville Road.

Bufford also presented board members with the proposed CARES Act II budget which will cover expenses for FY 21-22 and includes: PPE, maintenance, and disinfecting supplies, 90,000; water coolers for bottles \$3,000; floor covering for the band room, \$9,300; ride-on floor scrubbers for LCES and LCMS, \$14,700; school nutrition excess costs, \$33,000; A/C units, \$311,471; Chromebooks, drive duplicator, \$304,700; retention supplements and social security, \$19,609; summer school for high/middle school, \$12,920; summer days for administrators/counselors, \$34,473; and 3.5 fine arts teachers salaries and benefits, \$277,360 totaling \$1,110,533.

Board members asked Superintendent Dr. Samuel Light if CARES Act money could be used to pave the parking lot at the elementary school. Light wasn't sure but said, "he would look into it."

Bufford also gave her monthly finance report, noting that 83.33 percent of the year complete as of April. Local ad valorem taxes are

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Deason, Speed among those to be recognized at honors night May 24

Jordyn Deason, STAR Student for Lincoln County High School, and Kevin Speed, STAR Teacher, will be among those receiving recognition during Academic Honors Night set for Monday, May 24, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The STAR Student must be in the top 10 percent of her class and have the highest score on the SAT.

Deason is the daughter of Timothy and Deborah Deason.

During her career at LCHS, Deason has been a member of the Senior Beta Club, Student Council, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Deason played softball all four years and soccer her freshman year.

She has received several honors and awards, both academic and athletic, while attending LCHS including the Georgia Certificate of Merit; Lincoln-Wilkes Retired Educators Association Award, all four years; and varsity softball Most Valuable Player award for two years.

After high school, Deason plans on attending Lander University as a chemistry major and later attend pharmacy school.

In choosing Speed as STAR Teacher, Deason said, "I have had the privilege to have Mr. Speed as my teacher for two different classes, U.S. History and civics. There's a lot of amazing teachers at LCHS, but Mr. Speed stood out to me as a teacher because of his ability to make sure his students were learning as much as possible while still enjoying his class.

"He made me realize that I had a real interest in history that I did not know I had before his class.

"He is also very caring about his students' educations and makes sure there is never time they feel unprepared.

"I also enjoyed the structure that Mr. Speed had for each class. There was never a day that I did not know what we would be doing or what I needed to have done. I hope to have



STAR Student Jordyn Deason (left) and STAR Teacher Kevin Speed will be among those recognized during Academic Honors Night on Monday, May 24.

future educators that share the same great qualities as Mr. Speed."

Speed is the U.S. History and AP U.S. History teacher at LCHS. He also serves as chairman of the Social Studies Department.

"Jordyn is an exceptional student and it was always my pleasure having her in my classes," Speed said. "It is gratifying to know that I had such a positive influence on her as her teacher. I am extraordinarily blessed and humbled to receive this

honor." For over 60 years, the Professional Association of Georgia Educators Foundation, also known as the PAGE Foundation, identifies top students at public and private high schools across Georgia. The foundation says its Student Teacher Achievement Recognition program, or STAR student and teacher honors, has highlighted the achievements of more than 28,000 students since it started in 1958.

Memorial Day tribute to be held at Post 194 on May 31

The community is invited to join members of the American Legion Post 194 in a Memorial Day program at noon on Monday, May 31.

The brief program will feature remembrances, poetry, hymns, displays, folk art, words of encouragement, and music.

A "take-out dinner" will be provided free to all veterans, active duty military, and children under age 12. A \$5 donation will be sug-

gested for all others. Free American flags will be available to decorate military graves at the post home from 3-8 p.m. on May 27-31.

Anyone interested in volunteering or making a financial contribution to the event should contact Al Ewing at 706-359-3445.

American Legion Post 194 is located at 1121 American Legion Road.