

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, 122 Young Street, Henderson, NC. Those Commissioners present were as follows: Chairman J. Timothy Pegram, Commissioners Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Wilbur M. Boyd, Deborah F. Brown, Terry E. Garrison, Danny W. Wright and Eddie L. Wright.

Absent: None.

Also present were County Attorney Robert S. Hight, County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue, and Finance Officer Jerry L. Tucker.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright gave the invocation.

Chairman J. Timothy Pegram announced that as advertised, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Board would be sitting as a Board of Equalization and Review to hear appeals from any Vance County taxpayers who believe their property is valued in excess of market value.

Samuel D. Jones, Tax Administrator, was also present.

There was no one present who wished to speak.

The first appointment was representatives from the NC Department of Transportation. Steve Winstead, District Engineer; John Nance, Division Engineer; Wally Bowman, Deputy Division Engineer; Joey Hopkins, Division Maintenance Engineer; Clarence Thompson, Maintenance Engineer; and Archie Coghill, Vance County Road Maintenance Supervisor.

John Nance addressed the Board and stated that the Department of Transportation has gone through many challenges in the last couple of years from a financial standpoint which is the reason they did not come before the Board of Commissioners last year. The current financial situation, unfortunately, affects all programs and projects currently in progress.

Mr. Winstead presented the following Proposed Secondary Road Program for Vance County for FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07:

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**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Secondary Roads Construction Program**

Vance County

FY 2005-06 Allocation
Highway Fund \$ 408,574

Trust Fund	\$ 280,351
Total	\$ 688,925

I. Paving Unpaved Roads

Programmed Paving Goal: 2.96 Miles

A. Rural Paving Priority

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
5F (2001)	SR 1340	0.50	Eastwood Road From SR 1303 to End State Maintenance (to complete funding)	\$ 5,000
6F (2001)	SR 1375A	0.70	Spain Road From SR 1371 to End State Maintenance (to complete funding)	\$ 100,000
1F (2005)	SR 1116	0.70	Leon Frazier Road From SR 1115 to End State Maintenance (complete funding)	\$ 196,000
2F	SR 1388	0.20	D. K. Stainback From End Pavement to End State Maintenance (partial funding)	\$ 21,837

Total Miles 2.10

Subtotal \$ 322,837

*** Rural Paving Alternates**

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
3F	SR 1600	0.20	Boney Lankford From SR 1503 to SR 1503	\$ 66,000

B. Subdivision Paving Priority

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
1	SR 1457	0.35	Pool Rock Road From SR 1380 to End State Maintenance	\$ 115,000
2	SR 1458	0.06	First Street From SR 1457 to End State Maintenance	\$ 20,000
3	SR 1450	0.14	Pearson Lane From NC 39 to SR 1451	\$ 40,000
4	SR 1452	0.08	Tom Terry Lane From SR 1451 to End State Maintenance	\$ 23,000
5	SR 1451	0.23	Colenda Drive From SR 1450 to SR 1426	\$ 61,808

Total Miles 0.86

Subtotal \$259,808

*** Subdivision Paving Alternates**

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
		None		

* In the event that any roads in priority have to be placed on the "Hold List" due to unavailable right of way or environmental review, or if additional funding becomes available, funds will be applied to the roads listed in priority order in the paving alternate list.

II. General Secondary Road Improvements

A. Paved Road Improvements

<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Various	2' widening, drainage, shoulder improvements on various routes	\$ 35,737

Subtotal \$ 35,737

B. Unpaved Road Spot Improvements

<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Various	Drainage, shoulder improvements on various routes	\$ 10,000

Subtotal \$ 10,000

III. Trust Fund Safety Improvements (GS 136-182)

<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Various	Clearing of sight distance and drainage improvements	\$ 40,543

Subtotal \$ 40,543

IV. Funds reserved for surveying, right of way acquisition, acquisition, road additions, contingencies, overdrafts, and paving entrances to certified fire departments, rescue squads, etc.

Subtotal \$20,000

GRAND TOTAL \$ 688,925

ROADS WITH UNAVAILABLE RIGHT OF WAY 2005-2006

Vance County

RURAL ROADS

<u>SR Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Length (mi.)</u>
1300	Nutt Road*	0.40
1339	Elliott Road	0.80

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Subtotal \$45,000

GRAND TOTAL \$ 688,000

ROADS WITH UNAVAILABLE RIGHT OF WAY 2006-2007

Vance County

RURAL ROADS

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1300	Nutt Road*	0.40
1339	Elliott Road	0.80

SUBDIVISION ROADS

<u>SR Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Length (mi.)</u>
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SUMMARY

Number of roads on list	<u>2</u>
Total length of roads	<u>1.20</u>
Total length of roads with 50 or more ADT*	<u>0.40</u>

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Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. questioned the amount of time it would take to complete the paving of all unpaved, State maintained roads in Vance County. Mr. Winstead replied that it would be approximately 2 miles per year, which would be approximately seven years for completion. He stated that miles could be added to the list if additional roads are added to the system.

Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd asked when Leon Frazier Road and Briggs Road would be paved. Mr. Winstead stated that Leon Frazier Road would be paved the summer of 2007 and Briggs Road would be paved the summer of 2008.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright questioned how much of the State allocation comes from the gas tax. John Nance replied that all allocated funds come from the gas tax whether from highway funds or trust funds. If the gas tax is reduced, the amount of roads being paved will also be reduced.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown questioned the status of road petitions that have been submitted over the last couple of years which include Lemay Lane, Willow Creek Lane, and Sycamore Lane. Mr. Winstead stated that Lemay Lane is not wide enough to add to the State system. The homeowners are essentially responsible in getting the road up to state standards, which can be quite costly. Willow Creek Lane does not have enough homes on the road to add to the State system. DOT is waiting to hear from the homeowners on Sycamore Lane to find out the date the road is referenced on the deeds that were recorded by homeowners. The last contact with them is March 2005.

Commissioner Brown also asked DOT to coordinate grass cutting with litter pick-ups and questioned the Adopt-a-Highway program. She stated that several years ago a group could adopt a one-mile stretch. Since that length has now been increased to a two-mile stretch, she questioned if participation in the program had decreased. Mr. Winstead stated that there has not been a decrease in participation.

After further discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to approve the 2005-06 and 2006-07 Secondary Road Programs as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Danny Wilkerson, Fire Chief, was next on the agenda and gave an overview of his department's monthly report. He explained the report is broken down by fire calls, ambulance calls, and training productivity. He went over the report in detail and answered questions by the Board.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright asked if the training hours included those of volunteer fire departments. Chief Wilkerson replied that only County training hours are included in the report. The volunteer fire departments keep file of their own training hours.

Charles Powell, Corbitt Preservation Association, appeared before the Board and requested formal endorsement of a project that would preserve the legacy of the Corbitt Manufacturing Company that was based in Henderson in the late 1800's through 1955. The company first manufactured motorized buggies and later manufactured automobiles, large trucks, buses, tractors, and other work vehicles. Many trucks were used by the US Military in World War I. The Corbitt Preservation Association would like to place a historical highway marker on Highway 158 in honor of Corbitt Manufacturing Company.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to approve the request to endorse the project of placing a historical highway marker on Highway 158. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Kim Butler of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council was next on the agenda with a budget request for next fiscal year. Ms. Butler explained the request for local funds is \$76,519. The funds would be expended as follows: NCAY - \$2,000; Community Service Restitution - \$29,352; Project Youth Outreach - \$34,382; Conflict Management Services - \$540; and Friends of Youth - \$19,745. The United Way has already allocated its funding portion which totals \$9,500.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright that the Board approve the budget for JCPC as requested in the amount of \$76,519. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Public comments were heard next. Robert Lee Duke spoke on Vance County's budget and excessive property tax rate. He stated that the percent of taxes that support the Department of Social Services' budget is disproportionate and should be lowered. He also stated that unpaid taxes continue to be a problem for the County.

Argretta Reid, Human Resources Director, was next on the agenda and presented an update on the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program. She informed the Board that preliminary results show that 82 citizens have utilized 112 prescriptions since the program began on April 1. The total amount saved by participants is \$2,996.11 which is equivalent to 41.81%. Ms. Reid noted that a monthly report will be available in two weeks explaining usage in detail.

Finance Officer Jerry L. Tucker then presented budget amendments, refunds, and ambulance charge-offs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, that the Board approve Budget Amendment #34 as follows for the purposes noted therein:

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**Budget Amendment #34
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Contracted Services	10-611-500045		\$ 25,000.00
Contingency	10-999-500099	\$ <u>25,000.00</u>	_____
Total Debits & Credits		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00

Purpose: To appropriate funds to Senior Center to help senior citizens with transportation needs.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
May 1, 2006

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Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board approve the following Refunds as requested by the Tax Office:

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**REFUNDS
April 2006**

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Katina E. Jones	2005	29.48	Vehicle Tax
Donald Pendergrass	2005	35.00	Debt Set Off Charge
Carl A. Fisher	2005	15.00	Garnishment Fee
John M. Swecker	2005	19.88	Overage Tax
Cassandra Alexander	2004	4.25	Vehicle Tax
Shirley F. Williams	2004	31.70	Vehicle Tax

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Norma C. Irvine	2005	3.06	Vehicle Tax
Dorothy H. Towne	2005	5.52	Vehicle Tax
Phillip C. Burnette	2005	3.89	Vehicle Tax
James M. Carr	2005	7.98	Vehicle Tax
Orlando J. Reyes	2005	16.20	Vehicle Tax
Joseph Roninson	2005	10.89	Vehicle Tax
Antonio Trejo-Martinez	2005	91.20	Vehicle Tax
Mack E. Barnes	2005	2.20	Vehicle Tax
Sarah A. Russell	2005	4.41	Vehicle Tax
Sarah A. Russell	2005	2.58	Vehicle Tax
Phillip Williams, Sr.	2005	20.00	Debt Set Off Charge
Robert Edwards	2005	20.00	Debt Set Off Charge
Willis E. Hawkins	2005	1.76	Vehicle Tax
Douglas M. Jones	2005	6.58	Vehicle Tax
Barbara R. Smith	2005	5.21	Vehicle Tax
Katina E. Jones	2005	1.00	Fire Tax
Shirley F. Williams	2004	1.05	Fire Tax
Dorothy H. Towne	2005	.20	Fire Tax
Phillip C. Burnette	2005	.13	Fire Tax
James M. Carr	2005	.24	Fire Tax
Joseph Robinson	2005	.36	Fire Tax
Antonio Trejo-Martinez	2005	3.00	Fire Tax
Mack E. Barnes	2005	.07	Fire Tax
Willis E. Hawkins	2005	.06	Fire Tax
Douglas M. Jones	2005	.21	Fire Tax
Barbara R. Smith	2005	.17	Fire Tax
Total		\$ 343.28	

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Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown that the Board approve Ambulance Charge-offs in the amount of \$4,644.99 for those persons deceased with no estate listing. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright and unanimously approved.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue was next on the agenda and requested the Board to allow filling the following position vacancies which have been endorsed by the Human Resources Committee:

Department of Social Services
Social Worker II

Jail
Correctional Officer I

Cooperative Extension
Parenting Coordinator/Educator (one-year position, effective July 1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to approve the position requests as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayscue then presented a proclamation for Tourism. The tourism and travel industry is becoming increasingly important to Vance County. The Tourism Development Authority and its staff do a remarkable job in attracting large numbers of visitors to the area through promotion of large professional fishing tournaments, fireworks displays at Kerr Lake, an annual car show, and other special events. Proclaiming May 13-21 as a time to recognize and promote tourism in Vance County is highly appropriate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to approve the proclamation for tourism in Vance County as follows:

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P R O C L A M A T I O N
of
Vance County Tourism Week
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry in Henderson, Vance County, and North Carolina is vital to the area's economic stability and growth, and contributes substantially to the social well-being of its citizens by promoting the County's history, geography, and culture; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism is a growth industry in North Carolina, generating over \$13.2 billion in expenditures last year, which led to over \$1.1 billion in tax revenues for state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, nearly 183,000 people continue to be employed in the travel and tourism industry throughout all one hundred counties of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in Vance County, the Tourism Development Authority and its staff generate significant revenues for the entire business community through provision of major fishing tournaments at Kerr Lake, fireworks displays, car shows, boat parades, and other special promotional events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does designate May 13 - 21, 2006 as *VANCE COUNTY TOURISM WEEK*, and in doing so, does encourage the people of Henderson and Vance County to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and recognition.

THIS, the first day of May, 2006.

J. Timothy Pegram (Signed)
J. Timothy Pegram, Chairman

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Mr. Ayscue informed the Board that Vance County Tourism Director Nancy Wilson is requesting a permit for the annual Independence Day fireworks display at Kerr Lake for Saturday, July 1st with a rain date of Sunday, July 2nd. As usual, the pyrotechnics firm used for the occasion is highly experienced and properly insured.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to approve a pyrotechnics permit for Vance County Tourism for July 1st with a rain date of July 2nd. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayscue then presented a resolution for Clean Water Bonds. He explained that the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, led by Executive Director Billy Ray Hall, is lobbying members of the N.C. General Assembly to approve a statewide bond bill in the amount of \$1 billion to help local governments with extensive infrastructure needs. The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments is encouraging its member units to adopt supportive resolutions to be mailed to the Legislature as soon as possible. Senator John Kerr and Representative Bill Owens have both agreed to introduce such legislation early in the short session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, vote unanimous to adopt the proposed resolution in support of state funding for water, sewer, and stormwater utility needs as follows:

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RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
2006 Clean Water Bond

WHEREAS, North Carolina’s continued prosperity depends on protecting the state’s water resources for current use and future generations; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is expected to grow by 3.5 million people to exceed 12 million by the year 2030, placing pressures on the state’s water resources and local water providers; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina’s businesses, traditional and emerging industries all depend on reliable supplies of clean water, reasonable utility costs and an attractive natural environment, and

WHEREAS, the 1998 Clean Water Bonds delivered significant benefits to North Carolina communities and citizens, supporting 1,103 projects in 97 counties, which

- ▶ helped create or retain 42,000 jobs
- ▶ corrected major regulatory violations in 97 communities
- ▶ addressed failing septic systems and contaminated wells in 59 counties
- ▶ resulted in 50 communities receiving sewer service for the first time
- ▶ encouraged regional efficiencies, sound planning and conservation practices

WHEREAS, North Carolina’s public water, sewer and stormwater utilities will require investments totaling \$16.63 billion to keep pace with necessary improvements and population growth over the next 25 years, including \$6.85 billion in investments within the next five years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to enact a \$1 billion bond bill in the 2006 session to fund construction and repair of urgently needed water, sewer and stormwater facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Governor and the General Assembly to activate the State Water Infrastructure Commission

to address the state's long-term water infrastructure needs with a visionary plan for sustained funding of water, sewer and stormwater system improvements.

This, the first day of May, 2006.

J. Timothy Pegram _____ **(Signed)**

J. Timothy Pegram, Chairman

The next item discussed involved medical insurance coverage for County employees. Mr. Ayscue explained that the NCACC insurance pool with which the County has employee medical insurance has changed providers, effective July 1st. In order to qualify for coverage and a financial incentive, counties are required to sign on no later than May 2, 2006. A member participation agreement must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. There is a minimum annual savings of \$9,301 for the County to stay with the NCACC pool, which includes changing from Blue Cross & Blue Shield to CIGNA. Staff and the Human Resources Committee have studied the matter thoroughly and recommend approving the participation agreement to remain with the NCACC Health Benefits Pool for the coming contract year.

Commissioners Pegram and Boyd both questioned if the discounts currently being offered are only for one year. Mr. Ayscue replied that the discount is for this coming fiscal year.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright stated that County staff has done a very thorough analysis of the benefits and coverage of both companies and is satisfied that we are receiving equal coverage. He further stated that he trusts the Association to work with CIGNA on behalf of the counties. If the County stayed with BCBS, it would have to deal with them directly on an individual basis and not through the Association.

After further discussion on the matter, motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to approve the participation agreement to remain with the NCACC Health Benefits Pool for the coming contract year. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd that the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 3, 2006 as presented by the Clerk to the Board. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board approve the following Rebates for March 2006 as requested by the Tax Office:

REBATES
March 2006

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Mack H. Archie	2005	340.03	Error in Listing
Tina Blevins-Stallings	2005	192.85	Error in Listing
Anthony L. Bowers	2005	198.54	Mobile Home Repo'd
Lisa Donimquez	2005	54.86	Mobile Home Moved in 2004
Jimmie Fuller	2002-05	1,842.96	Mobile Home Moved in 2001
Dudley & Francis Harris	2005	390.72	Repo in 2004
Teresa L. Heath	1995-96	69.89	Error in Listing
Lucille H. Martin	1995	32.24	Statute of Limitations
Donald & Laurie Moss	2005	62.99	Boat Sold
A.E. Nathan Company	2005	734.34	Business Closed in 2004
Ellen D. Norwood Heirs	1995	361.22	Statute of Limitations
Mary Cathy O'Geary	2002-03	123.70	Mobile Home turned in to John Foster Homes in 2001
Michael R. Rogers	2004-05	35.94	Error in Listing
Saveway Food Market	2005	29.76	Business Sold
Tammie Williams	2005	8.15	Late Listing Penalty Released
Total		\$ 4,478.19	

The following appointments were presented for approval:

Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees - four-year term
Re-appoint T.W. Ellis, Jr.

Vance County Appearance Commission

Appoint Linda Vick to fill the unexpired term formally held by Sam Pearson. The term will expire in October 2008.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison made a motion to table the reappointment for Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees until the June Commissioners' meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to approve the appointment of Linda Vick to the Vance County Appearance Commission. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the following reports be received and filed:

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- See on file monthly report, Vance County ABC Board
 - See on file monthly report, Fire and Ambulance Service
 - See on file monthly report, Human Resources Department

See on file monthly report, Planning and Development Department

See on file monthly report, Sheriff's Department

See on file monthly report, Veterans Service Office

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Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. then reminded the Board of the Library ceremony dedication on Monday, May 15 at 10:00 at the new library.

As there was no further business, at 8:00 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed June 5, 2006.

Chairman