

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, Young Street, Henderson, NC. Those Commissioners present were as follows: Chairman J. Timothy Pegram, Commissioners Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Deborah F. Brown, Terry E. Garrison, Danny W. Wright, and Eddie L. Wright.

Absent: Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd.

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

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue gave the invocation.

Chairman J. Timothy Pegram stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to receive the FY 2006-07 Proposed Budget Estimate, to approve an installment purchase agreement, to adopt a resolution in memory of Dr. James P. Green, Sr., and to adopt a resolution in honor of Mr. Neil Mallory.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue advised the budget, if adopted as presented, would not raise the property tax rate, which means the current tax rate of 92¢ would remain. The fire tax would stay at 3¢, and the Solid Waste Household Fee would remain at \$90.00 per household.

A supplemental budget was submitted this year to inform the Board of critical needs in certain departments. These items were not able to be included in the proposed budget and retain the current tax rate. Furthermore, a two-year budget plan was submitted which identifies items that could have a potential impact on the tax rate in the second year.

Mr. Ayscue stated that the tax base was increased by 2.5% over last year. This is primarily due to residential development. Medicaid continues to be a toss-up as far as if there will be any Medicaid relief passed by the Legislature. This budget is presented on the basis that there will not be any such legislation passed. Another major item presented in this proposed budget is the replacement of the roof on the Social Services Building. Library funding is budgeted this year at approximately \$411,000. There was a significant number of requests for new positions this year. Some of the position requests are included in the supplemental budget and some are included in the proposed budget. This was done in order to keep a constant tax rate.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown expressed her disappointment of the proposed budget

estimate. She stated that when the Board supported additional library funding, it was on the premise that it would not have an effect on other departmental needs. If additional funds are available, and departments need additional positions, then those funds should be used towards those positions beginning in July, not April. Commissioner Brown also stated that the additional funds could be used to lower the current tax rate.

Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. stated that this is a starting point for the Board, as in previous years, and thanked the staff for their hours of hard work on the budget.

Commissioners Terry E. Garrison and Eddie L. Wright stated that the Board would work through this budget in detail and also thanked the staff for their hard work

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board receive the Proposed Budget Estimate as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. that the Board hold a public hearing on the Budget Estimate on June 5, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

The first budget work session was tentatively set for Thursday, June 8.

Finance Officer Jerry L. Tucker requested authorization to execute the installment purchase agreement for the acquisition of 11 law enforcement vehicles and one ambulance. This is based on action previously taken by the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to authorize the Finance Officer to execute the installment purchase agreement. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, that the Board adopt the following resolution in memory of Dr. James P. Green, Sr.:

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R E S O L U T I O N
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
in
Honor and Memory
of
Dr. James P. Green, Sr.

WHEREAS, the life of Dr. James P. Green, Sr. has been filled with great personal integrity, dedicated medical service, distinguished public servitude, strong compassion for his fellow man, and an extensive love for his community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green loyally served his country as a Captain and physician in the U.S. Army, until returning to his hometown in 1960 and began his extended professional career as a devoted physician where he served until his retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James P. Green, Sr. dutifully served the citizens of Henderson as City Councilman for four terms and was then appointed in 1989 to the North Carolina House of Representatives where he served for two and a half consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the General Assembly, Representative Green demonstrated a strong passion for helping indigent and elderly individuals with adequate and affordable health care, and was appointed as Chairman of the House Committee on Aging by the Speaker of the House; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James P. Green, Sr. was duly recognized by the Governor Michael Easley with the highly distinguished *Order of the Long Leaf Pine* for tireless contributions to the well-being of his fellow man and to the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James P. Green, Sr. was dearly loved, admired and respected by his family, friends, constituents, and so many other people in Henderson, Vance County, and North Carolina for his relentless acts of compassion and humanitarianism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vance County Board of Commissioners honors the life and memory of Dr. James P. Green, Sr. in respectful recognition of his community and state leadership, and accordingly does express its sincere gratitude and deepest condolences to the entire Green family, and **FURTHER** directs that all flags at County facilities be flown at half-staff on Wednesday, May 24, 2006.

Adopted, this the twenty-fifth day of May, 2006.

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

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Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Deborah

F. Brown, vote unanimous, that the Board adopt the following resolution honoring Mr. Neil Mallory:

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R E S O L U T I O N
of
Appreciation
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
to
Neil Mallory

WHEREAS, Neil Mallory has capably and faithfully served Franklin, Granville, Person, Warren, and Vance Counties and all member municipalities therein as Executive Director of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments since 1986; and

WHEREAS, during his extended career he gained a wealth of knowledge and understanding of local government that would eventually prepare him for his almost twenty-one years with the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, Neil Mallory served as Town Administrator of Mount Olive, Brunswick County Manager, Assistant Director and then Director of the combined Wilmington and New Hanover County Planning Department, Community Planner for the N.C. Division of Community Planning, and as a public school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Neil Mallory has professionally represented the five-county area well at the federal and state levels while serving on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Development Organizations and as a member of the International City/County Management Association, the North Carolina City/County Management Association, and the North Carolina Regional Directors Association; and

WHEREAS, Neil Mallory has been visionary and instrumental in many local projects, perhaps the most noteworthy being the Kerr-Tar Regional Economic Development Corporation, otherwise referred to as “the HUB Project”; and

WHEREAS, throughout his successful career, Neil Mallory has been the epitome of public service, helping others to excel in responsible stewardship of the public trust.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vance County Board of Commissioners does recognize and express its gratitude to Neil Mallory for his relentless pursuit of excellence in local government, his success in promoting interlocal collaboration, and his tireless efforts in enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, **AND FURTHERMORE**, the Board of Commissioners extends its best wishes to Neil and his family for many years of happiness to come.

This, the twenty-fifth day of May, 2006.

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

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As there was no further business, at 6:05 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. that the meeting be adjourned. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Approved and signed June 5, 2006.

Chairman