

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2007 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: Chairperson Deborah F. Brown, Commissioners Danny W. Wright, Dan Brummitt, Terry E. Garrison, A. Scott Hughes, J. Timothy Pegram, 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 A. Scott Hughes gave the invocation.

Chairperson Deborah F. Brown noted that a closed session had been added as the last item to the agenda for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

As advertised, at 6:00 p.m. a public hearing was held to receive input from citizens and local agencies on allocation of funds to prospective programs for the Rural Operating Assistance Program. Finance Officer Jerry L. Tucker stated that the grant was funded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and noted that only counties are eligible for these funds.

Three programs are consolidated into a single application and are as follows: (1) Elderly Disabled Transportation Assistance Program that provides transportation assistance to elderly and disabled citizens in the amount of \$48,391 with a supplemental amount of \$28,876; (2) Employment Transportation Assistance program that provides funds to support transportation needs for individuals who do not qualify for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families from DSS in the amount of \$11,364 with a supplemental amount of \$11,364; and (3) Rural General Transportation Program that provides assistance to individuals who are not clients of human services agencies in the amount of \$40,277 with a supplemental amount of \$26,620. The total grant amount is \$166,892.

An additional requirement this year included outreach efforts within the County. The Senior Center sent out letters and flyers to the Senior Housing Complex, Maria Parham Hospital, the Social Security Office, the Aycock Recreation Complex, YMCA, and various doctor offices which informed the public of funds to be allocated by the State and gave citizens an opportunity to see if they qualified for some of these funds. There was also a form available at the public hearing entitled Voluntary Title VI Public Involvement which is a form from the NC Department of Transportation

that collects statistical information on citizens participating in the public hearing.

As there was no one present who wished to be heard, Chairperson Deborah F. Brown declared the public hearing closed.

Sam Jones, Tax Administrator, was next on the agenda and presented the July 2007 monthly report which revealed an increase of 0.70% as compared to July 2006. The total 2006 collection rate is at 94%. Mr. Jones informed the Board that 2007 tax bills are scheduled to be mailed tomorrow (August 7).

Commissioner Danny W. Wright noted that during the joint City/County meeting it was mentioned that there are several businesses that owe \$50,000 to \$70,000 in back taxes. Commissioner Wright requested a list of those businesses to be presented to the Board at least every other meeting and report what efforts are being made with those businesses to collect the taxes.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt questioned if the new efforts in the foreclosure process are working. Mr. Jones replied that it is working - over \$32,000 was collected this past month. There are currently 78 accounts in active foreclosure.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue stated that during the joint City/County meeting, the City requested foreclosure proceedings to begin when taxes are delinquent for two years. Chairperson Brown replied that this matter was referred to the Joint Intergovernmental Committee and will be reviewed during its upcoming meeting on Tuesday, August 14.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, that the Board approve Budget Amendments #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 as follows for the purposes noted therein:

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<b>Budget Amendment #1</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>			
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>Debit</u></b>	<b><u>Credit</u></b>
ADM Funds	10-681-500095		\$ <u>13,304.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 13,304.00
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
ADM Funds	10-346-434631	\$ <u>13,304.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 13,304.00	

Purpose: To appropriate ADM Funds to replace boiler at Souther Vance High School. No County funds needed.

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**Budget Amendment #2  
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Departmental Supplies	10-514-500033		\$ 2,000.00
Capital Outlay	10-514-500085		<u>6,616.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 8,616.00

**Revenues**

JAG Grant	10-380-438022	\$ <u>8,616.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 8,616.00	

Purpose: To appropriate federal funds for Justice Assistance Grant. No County funds needed.

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**Budget Amendment #3  
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Building & Grounds	10-599-500015		\$ <u>1,700.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 1,700.00

**Revenues**

Animal Shelter Donations	10-332-433203	\$ <u>1,700.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 1,700.00	

Purpose: To appropriate donations from Animal Shelter for mowing and gravel at shelter. No County funds needed.

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**Budget Amendment #4  
Salary & Wage Adjustments**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Salaries & Wages	10-430-500001		6,900.00
Salaries & Wages	10-440-500001		68,532.00
Salaries & Wages	10-450-500001		41,364.00
Salaries & Wages	10-460-500001		516.00
Salaries & Wages	10-480-500001		14,832.00
Salaries & Wages	10-491-500001		13,092.00
Salaries & Wages	10-500-500001		4,968.00
Salaries & Wages	10-501-500001		3,456.00
Salaries & Wages	10-505-500001		8,100.00
Salaries & Wages	10-506-500001		1,536.00
Salaries & Wages	10-510-500001		205,732.00
Salaries & Wages	10-511-500001		13,440.00
Salaries & Wages	10-512-500001		2,820.00
Salaries & Wages	10-513-500001		5,292.00
Salaries & Wages	10-520-500001		97,356.00
Salaries & Wages	10-530-500001		85,932.00
Salaries & Wages	10-541-500001		74,940.00
Salaries & Wages	10-576-500001		7,272.00
Salaries & Wages	10-599-500001		8,485.00
Salaries & Wages	10-605-500001		6,096.00
Salaries & Wages	10-607-500001		2,064.00
Salaries & Wages	10-610-500001		238,476.00
Salaries & Wages	10-611-500001		32,520.00
Salaries & Wages	10-621-500001		66,584.00
FICA	10-430-500005		528.00
FICA	10-440-500005		5,241.00
FICA	10-450-500005		3,165.00
FICA	10-460-500005		40.00
FICA	10-480-500005		1,135.00
FICA	10-491-500005		1,002.00
FICA	10-500-500005		381.00
FICA	10-501-500005		265.00
FICA	10-505-500005		620.00
FICA	10-506-500005		118.00
FICA	10-510-500005		15,739.00
FICA	10-511-500005		1,029.00
FICA	10-512-500005		216.00
FICA	10-513-500005		405.00
FICA	10-520-500005		7,448.00
FICA	10-530-500005		6,574.00
FICA	10-541-500005		5,733.00
FICA	10-576-500005		557.00
FICA	10-599-500005		650.00
FICA	10-605-500005		467.00
FICA	10-607-500005		158.00
FICA	10-610-500005		18,244.00
FICA	10-611-500005		2,488.00
FICA	10-621-500005		5,094.00
Retirement	10-430-500007		341.00
Retirement	10-440-500007		3,379.00
Retirement	10-450-500007		2,040.00
Retirement	10-460-500007		26.00
Retirement	10-480-500007		732.00
Retirement	10-491-500007		646.00
Retirement	10-500-500007		245.00
Retirement	10-501-500007		171.00
Retirement	10-505-500007		400.00
Retirement	10-506-500007		76.00
Retirement	10-510-500007		10,014.00
Retirement	10-511-500007		656.00

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
Retirement	10-512-500007		137.00
Retirement	10-513-500007		258.00
Retirement	10-520-500007		4,800.00
Retirement	10-530-500007		4,237.00
Retirement	10-541-500007		3,695.00
Retirement	10-576-500007		359.00
Retirement	10-599-500007		419.00
Retirement	10-605-500007		301.00
Retirement	10-607-500007		102.00
Retirement	10-610-500007		11,757.00
Retirement	10-611-500007		1,604.00
Retirement	10-621-500007		3,283.00
401-K	10-510-500009		9,225.00
401-K	10-511-500009		470.00
401-K	10-512-500009		141.00
401-K	10-513-500009		265.00
Salary Adjustments	10-555-500000	\$ 981,591.00	
Total Debits & Credits		\$ 981,591.00	\$ 1,147,381.00
Total Increase in Expenditures			165,790.00

**Revenues**

CIT Officer	10-370-437019	\$ 3,314.00
DSS Administration	10-348-434800	140,508.00
Title III American Acts	10-349-434919	<u>21,968.00</u>
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 165,790.00

Purpose: To adjust salaries based on MAPS Study Pay Plan, 2% adjustment, and performance evaluations.

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**Budget Amendment #5**  
**Tourism - Salary Adjustments**

<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>Debit</u></b>	<b><u>Credit</u></b>
Salaries & Wages	45-413-500001		\$ 8,328.00
FICA	45-413-500005		638.00
Retirement	45-413-500007		411.00
Special Projects	45-413-500062	\$ <u>9,377.00</u>	
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 9,377.00

Purpose: To adjust salaries based on the MAPS Study Pay Plan, 2% adjustment, and performance evaluation. No County funds needed.

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

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**REFUNDS**  
**June 2007**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Shirley H. Williams	2006	9.73	Vehicle Tax
Solomon Wilkins	2006	16.94	Vehicle Tax
Frank T. Kittrell, Jr.	2006	49.15	Vehicle Tax
Joseph R. Turner	2006	1.84	Vehicle Tax
Vergie Burton	2006	2.80	Vehicle Tax
Walter L. Howard	2006	2.38	Vehicle Tax
Heddy L. Roberts	2006	5.04	Vehicle Tax
Edward E. Forsythe	2006	5.20	Vehicle Tax
Wayne W. Boyd	2006	15.26	Vehicle Tax
Durwood T. Watkins	2006	39.20	Vehicle Tax
Dennis W. Garner	2006	43.38	Vehicle Tax
Eliezer Martinez Co.	2006	5.48	Vehicle Tax
Maximo R. Bernal	2006	14.16	Vehicle Tax
Wheels Lt.	2006	53.16	Vehicle Tax
Marvin Breedlove, Jr.	2006	6.88	Vehicle Tax
Kenneth L. Floyd	2007	17.28	Vehicle Tax
Donna E. Parrish	2006	4.32	Vehicle Tax
Bruce A. Parrish	2004	127.51	Military Vehicle Exemption
Bruce A. Parrish	2005	496.28	Military Vehicle Exemption
Bruce A. Parrish	2006	49.68	Military Vehicle Exemption
Rodney M. Aiken	2006	36.18	Vehicle Tax
Robert L. Miller III	2006	4.32	Vehicle Tax
Anthony S. Long	2006	7.86	Vehicle Tax
Bennie A. Allen	2006	20.64	Vehicle Tax
Margaret Colliflower	2006	78.16	Vehicle Tax
Felix C. Simmons	2006	24.10	Vehicle Tax
Jesus M. Pineda	2006	6.24	Vehicle Tax
Raynah Yancey	2006	6.42	Vehicle Tax
Barbara R. Akins	2006	41.72	Vehicle Tax
Jack Murray	2006	27.96	Vehicle Tax
Shirley H. Williams	2006	.35	Fire Tax
Solomon Wilkins	2006	.56	Fire Tax
Walter L. Howard	2006	.07	Fire Tax
Heddy L. Roberts	2006	.16	Fire Tax
Dennis W. Garner	2006	1.44	Fire Tax
Eliezer Martinez Co.	2006	.16	Fire Tax
Maximo R. Bernal	2006	.48	Fire Tax
Marvin Breedlove, Jr.	2006	.24	Fire Tax
Kenneth L. Floyd	2007	.54	Fire Tax
Donna E. Parrish	2006	.16	Fire Tax
Bruce A. Parrish	2004	4.11	Fire Tax
Bruce A. Parrish	2005	15.80	Fire Tax
Bruce A. Parrish	2006	1.68	Fire Tax
Rodney M. Aiken	2006	1.20	Fire Tax
Robert L. Miller III	2006	.16	Fire Tax
Anthony S. Long	2006	.26	Fire Tax
Jesus M. Pineda	2006	.20	Fire Tax

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Barbara R. Akins	2006	1.36	Fire Tax
Jack Murray	2006	.90	Fire Tax
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,249.10</b>	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 13,528.61

REFUNDS  
July 2007

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Thomas R. Simmons	2006	4.89	Vehicle Tax
Bobbie L. Parker	2006	42.12	Vehicle Tax
Olivia Cruz	2006	2.78	Vehicle Tax
Olivia Cruz	2006	4.65	Vehicle Tax
George Yarborough	2006	22.30	Vehicle Tax
Margaret Williams	2006	20.00	Overage Tax
Oilbe B. Ibanez	2006	7.65	Vehicle Tax
Herman Davis	2006	20.00	Overage Tax
Willie T. Ramey	2006	46.34	Vehicle Tax
Orlando J. Reyes	2006	8.01	Vehicle Tax
Jairo S. Escobar	2006	3.60	Vehicle Tax
Charles L. Gardner	2005	32.20	Tax Refund
Charles L. Gardner	2006	32.20	Tax Refund
James Crews	2006	11.48	Vehicle Tax
Robert M. Kingan	2006	15.48	Vehicle Tax
Kenneth N. Ramsey	2006	30.86	Vehicle Tax
Salomon Guerra	2006	4.08	Vehicle Tax
Earl K. Crawford	2006	3.60	Vehicle Tax
Chadwick Haithcock	2006	1.92	Vehicle Tax
Chadwick Haithcock	2007	110.40	Vehicle Tax
Anetta Covington	2006	12.51	Vehicle Tax
Cab East, LLC	2006	91.45	Vehicle Tax
Robert Flowers	2006	26.32	Vehicle Tax
Heraz S. Abraham	2006	7.08	Vehicle Tax
Walter D. Bertinat	2006	8.55	Vehicle Tax
Jackelyn M. Deflores	2006	17.01	Vehicle Tax
Louis S. Thorpe	2007	74.72	Vehicle Tax
Jackelyn M. Deflores	2006	7.92	Vehicle Tax
Javier L. Ciriaco	2006	6.02	Vehicle Tax
Javier L. Ciriaco	2006	11.41	Vehicle Tax
Thaddeus Goodrich	2006	20.65	Vehicle Tax
Michelle L. Watkins	2006	9.36	Vehicle Tax
Charles L. Gardner	2005	90.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Charles L. Gardner	2006	90.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Thomas R. Simmons	2006	.15	Fire Tax
Bobbie L. Parker	2006	1.36	Fire Tax
Olivia Cruz	2006	.10	Fire Tax
Olivia Cruz	2006	.15	Fire Tax
George Yarborough	2006	.75	Fire Tax
Oilbe B. Ibanez	2006	.25	Fire Tax
Willie T. Ramey	2006	1.54	Fire Tax
Orlando J. Reyes	2006	.27	Fire Tax
Jairo S. Escobar	2006	.12	Fire Tax
Charles L. Gardner	2005	1.05	Fire Tax
Charles L. Gardner	2006	1.05	Fire Tax
James Crews	2006	.35	Fire Tax

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Robert M. Kingan	2006	.48	Fire Tax
Kenneth N. Ramsey	2006	1.00	Fire Tax
Earl K. Crawford	2006	.12	Fire Tax
Chadwick Haithcock	2006	.06	Fire Tax
Chadwick Haithcock	2007	3.60	Fire Tax
Annetta Covington	2006	.45	Fire Tax
Robert Flowers	2006	.84	Fire Tax
Jackelyn M. Deflores	2006	.56	Fire Tax
Jackelyn M. Deflores	2006	.24	Fire Tax
Michelle L. Watkins	2006	.32	Fire Tax
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 912.37</b>	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 912.37

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Commissioner Danny W. Wright questioned the meaning of “Military Vehicle Exemption”.

Mr. Sam Jones replied that if a citizen is in the military and their leave and earnings statement is from outside North Carolina, and their vehicle is registered in North Carolina, that vehicle is exempt from taxes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright that the Board approve Ambulance Charge-offs in the amount of \$2,836.90 for those persons deceased with no estate listing. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

*Human Resources Committee.* Mr. Ayscue requested the Board to allow filling the following position vacancies which have been endorsed by the Human Resources Committee:

Jail

Correctional Officer (2 positions)

Department of Social Services

Social Worker I

The position of Planning Services Manager was presented to the Human Resources Committee, but it was not approved to fill at this time. The Committee agreed to review the department in general before making a recommendation concerning this position.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to approve the position requests as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

The Human Resources Committee also discussed salaries for part-time EMTs and Paramedics. The Committee directed the County Manager and the Human Resources Director to research this matter and make a recommendation to the Human Resources Committee for review.

As advertised, at 6:30 p.m., a public hearing was held to gain citizen input concerning the Proposed Schedule of Standards and Values for the 2008 property revaluation. Sam Jones, Tax Administrator, explained that the Schedule is basically an outline of the way values are determined.

Robert L. Duke spoke and asked if there was a scale of how homes are valued. He stated that all brick houses should not be valued the same.

Mr. Jones replied that all houses are given “grades” ranging from A to E. The age of the house and the location of the house are both factored when determining the appropriate grade the house should be.

Bob Pearson, Pearson Appraisal Services, was present and stated that a brick house will cost more to build than a frame house; therefore, a brick house will more likely be valued higher than a frame house. House values are mainly determined by market value.

Chairperson Brown stated that taxpayers will have an opportunity to meet with the appraisers if they have any questions or concerns regarding the revaluation of their house.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt questioned if credits are granted to senior citizens and farmland owners. Mr. Jones replied that the property is appraised at market value. If the citizen or property qualifies for an exemption, the exemption will be granted after the revaluation.

Chairperson Brown asked if the public hearing notice identified the location of where the Schedule would be for viewing. The Clerk to the Board responded that the notice did not identify this, but it was announced during a previous Board meeting that a copy would be available at the library and the County Manager’s office for public viewing.

As there were no other persons who wished to speak on this matter, Chairperson Brown declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to approve the Proposed Schedule of Standards and Values for the 2008 property revaluation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes.

Mr. Jones stated that approval was not needed on the Schedule until the September meeting. Chairperson Brown replied that the Board would then delay approval until the September meeting.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt asked if would be appropriate to run another notice and hold another public hearing during the September meeting. The Board decided by consensus that this would be appropriate.

Chairperson Brown requested the staff to research this matter and make sure the proper steps are being taken.

At this time, Commissioner Danny W. Wright withdrew his motion and Commissioner A. Scott Hughes withdrew his second.

Pending Business.

*Countywide Water Project.* Mr. Ayscue explained that a time line is currently being drafted and will be provided to the Planning/Environmental Committee as soon as it is available. Due to the delays in this project, engineering updates will be necessary. It is anticipated that a required public referendum will need to be scheduled in early Spring. Commissioners will be asked to identify key individuals in rural areas that will be willing to work with County staff in canvassing areas where water will be made available. Adequate participation will be very important in determining the economic feasibility for different routes. Further, in response to the City's information at the recent joint meeting regarding reserving water capacity, the County needs to engage in specific discussions with the City regarding water acquisition as well as system operation and maintenance.

*Deer Hunting with Dogs.* Research on this matter is being updated to reflect changes made by the General Assembly in county hunting laws. If the Board of Commissioners wishes to make any changes in hunting laws, specific changes will have to be approved in the next legislative session (which begins on May 13, 2008) and can become effective with the hunting season that begins in the Fall of 2008. Options that can be considered include (and are not limited to): banning deer hunting with dogs altogether, reducing the length of time during deer season that hunting with dogs can occur, allowing hunting with deer dogs only with written permission of the property owner(s), or perhaps some combination thereof.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt asked what the status was on information he had requested Mr. Ayscue to obtain from the game warden or insurance carriers regarding traffic accidents that are caused by deer. Mr. Ayscue replied that he is still researching that matter and will report his findings as soon as it is available. Commissioner Brummitt added to his request and asked Mr. Ayscue to obtain information from Wildlife on how deer harvest numbers might be affected based on dog hunting versus still hunting.

Chairperson Brown asked the staff to bring a recommendation to the Board on this matter.

*Jointly Owned City/County Properties.* Disposition of jointly owned properties was discussed in the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the County Commissioners and the City Council. Based on previous actions by the two governing boards, and consistent with discussion in the joint meeting, the two managers are authorized to proceed with disposal proceedings. City and County staff are working on selecting appraisal firms and real estate firms to facilitate disposal of the former library, the Armory, and the historical museum.

Mr. Ayscue informed the Board that the Joint Intergovernmental Committee will be meeting on this matter on Tuesday, August 14 at 4:00 p.m.

*Status of School Properties.* Mr. Ayscue explained that there are three pieces of property for which options have been obtained for the purpose of school construction. All of the options are timed to expire no later than September 30, 2007.

At this time, Mr. Ayscue informed the Board that Progress Energy has requested an underground utility easement for electrical service to a multi-user well that is on property adjacent to the county-owned former Aycock School property. The closest Progress Energy electrical pole is on county property and is about 370 feet from the well. The well will also serve the gymnasium that is used by the Henderson-Vance Recreation Department. Mr. Ayscue's recommendation was to approve the utility easement as requested and authorize the Chairperson to execute the necessary documents.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to approve the recommendation of the utility easement as requested and authorize the Chairperson to execute the necessary documents. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayscue then reported that Medicare has increased its reimbursement rate for ambulance services to \$9.38 per mile. It is currently \$9.17 per mile. The recommendation is to increase the mileage rate for ambulance service to \$9.38 as of August 7, 2007.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, vote unanimous, to increase the mileage rate for ambulance services to \$9.38 per mile effective August 7, 2007.

Mr. Ayscue then noted that the Board of County Commissioners traditionally holds a fall planning retreat in late September. Consistent with previous years, a possible date is Thursday, September 20. The Board discussed this date and tentatively set the fall planning retreat for Thursday, September 20.

The next item addressed was a Workforce Development resolution. Mr. Ayscue reported that the Board of Directors of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments has requested that its member units adopt a resolution in support of its efforts to bolster its workforce development programs through Region K.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, vote unanimous, to adopt the following resolution in support of the Region K Workforce Development program:

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**RESOLUTION**  
**by the**  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
*Supporting the Workforce Development Board and Consortium's*  
*Request for Support and Advocacy from State and Local Government Agencies*

**WHEREAS**, the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments supports the Workforce Development Board and Consortium's efforts in seeking ways to address the unacceptable drop-out rate in our school systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board and Kerr-Tar Interlocal Consortium for Job Training have fiduciary responsibility for the Workforce Investment Act funds administered by the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments; and have invited local governments to apply for such funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board and Kerr-Tar Interlocal Consortium have established priorities to develop a workforce to satisfy the current labor needs, as well as the targeted industry clusters being recruited for the region for the Kerr-Tar Hub; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments along with the WIA Program, has funded a Labor Area Study from the UNC Center of Competitive Economies, which shows a shortage of technically task focused skilled technicians to replace an aging workforce, as well as a substantial out-commuting pattern of skilled workers in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board and Kerr-Tar Interlocal Consortium, resultant of a Strategic Planning Process, have convened a task force comprised of community college presidents, local industry representatives, county commissioners, school board chairs, economic developers, and school superintendents, to discuss current and future labor market needs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Vance County Board of Commissioners, that support and advocacy are needed from state and local governments, economic development corporations, and educational institutions, and financial support is needed from state and federal agencies to aid in accomplishing the following work to aid in transforming the workforce in the Kerr-Tar Region, as well as aiding in the recruitment of businesses to the Kerr-Tar Hub:

- To encourage the State Board of Education to retain the college tech prep track, with modifications for meeting current and future needs, and the college university prep track for high school graduation. This will improve the current dismal graduation rate while at the same time increasing the rigor and relevance and diversity in programs necessary to prepare students for the workplace and secondary education.

- To support the expansion of the Learn and Earn Program. Substantial additional funding is recommended for the program in order that high school graduates may earn an associate degree from a community college with one additional year of study beyond high school. This cooperative program between community colleges and public schools will focus on technical education for the workforce that is needed for business and industry.
- To provide credit bearing program opportunities for middle and high school students to develop math, science, technology, biotechnology and entrepreneurship skills acquired through hands-on applications that are required by today's business and industry. Such learning may be accelerated by summer math and science camps supported by the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board and local industry.
- To develop marketing strategies to educate the public about investments and jobs that follows a knowledgeable and skilled workforce having creative thinking, problem solving, team work and communications skills.
- To develop a web-based marketing plan aimed at students, teachers, advisors and parents to create a greater awareness or well-paying career opportunities in the Kerr-Tar region. This approach would be supported by an annual program initiated by the region's school systems that would include industrial needs survey, industrial plant tours, internships, and student mentoring programs.

This, the sixth day of August, 2007

**Deborah F. Brown (Signed)**  
**Chairperson, Vance County Board of Commissioners**

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Mr. Ayscue then presented the Jail Inspection Report. The Jail and Detention Section of the NC Division of Health Service Regulation (formerly Facilities Services) conducts semi-annual inspections of each county jail. The Vance County Jail was inspected on July 17 and a copy of the inspection report was received on July 30. According to General Statutes, the report must be presented to and received by the Board of Commissioners. Jail staff is working on its response to the State in order to meet the August 24<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to receive the Jail Inspection report as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison noted that some of the deficiencies listed in the report will require expenditures in order to be corrected. He asked how this would be handled before the August 24<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mr. Ayscue responded that he and the Sheriff will be working through the details of the inspection and if the deficiencies require expenditures beyond the scope of the existing budget, the response back to the State will note that repairs are contingent upon appropriation of those funds. Mr. Ayscue noted that most of the repairs can be handled within the existing budget. Commissioner Garrison stated that it seems to him that some repairs will require more expenditures,

but aside from that, they need to be corrected. Chairperson Brown and Commissioner Brummitt echoed this remark. Chairperson Brown also asked that this matter be placed on next month's agenda under Pending Business so that a progress report may be presented to the Board; specifically, a time frame of completing the work, and how much funding will be needed.

Vote on the motion to receive the Jail Inspection report as presented was unanimous.

Mr. Ayscue noted that the Board had asked the staff to research how other boards of commissioners in the general area make committee appointments. Information was gathered and a resolution was drafted and presented to the Board. Mr. Ayscue stated that the Board may wish to take time to review the information and be prepared to act in the September meeting or perhaps even include it on the Planning Retreat agenda.

Chairperson Brown requested that the Board review the resolution and relay any changes to the staff in order for it to be brought before the Board during the September meeting.

The next item discussed was payment of taxes prior to the transfer of property. Mr. Ayscue noted that interest was expressed in the July Commissioners' meeting about possibly requiring ad valorem taxes to be paid before property can be transferred and recorded in the Register of Deeds Office. North Carolina General Statutes do allow certain counties to do this, and Vance County is included. Mr. Ayscue informed the Board that a resolution of the Commissioners is necessary and staff from the Tax Office and Register of Deeds Office, along with the County Manager and County Attorney, are working on procedural details and will make a recommendation to the Commissioners next month.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes that the Board approve the minutes of the June 27, 2007 special meeting, the July 2, 2007 regular meeting, and the special joint meeting with the Henderson City Council held July 26, 2007 as presented by the Clerk to the Board. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, that the Board approve the following Rebates for June 2007 as requested by the Tax Office:

**REBATES  
June 2007**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Sanford T. Faucette	2006	692.21	Listing Correction
Ronald L. Vaughan	1996-05	613.08	Listing Correction
Bobby & Stacy West	2006	192.64	Value Correction
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,497.93</b>	

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Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott

Hughes, vote unanimous, that the following appointments be approved as presented:

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Smart Start Board - one-year term

Appoint Dan Brummitt to fill vacant position.

Human Relations Commission

Appoint Pat O'Driscoll to fill an unexpired term. The term expires February 2008.

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee - two-year term

Re-appoint Danny Wright

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Chairperson Deborah F. Brown stated that the Board needs to revamp a board or commission when it is not functioning as intended, in particular, the Animal Control Advisory Committee. She asked that this type of matter be addressed in the resolution for appointments to boards/commissions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board adopt the following Resolution to change the meeting date in September due to the Labor Day Holiday:

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**R E S O L U T I O N**  
by the  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
*Changing Date of September 2007 Commissioners' Meeting*

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Board of Commissioners normally holds its regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute 153A-40 provides that in the event the Board of Commissioners desires to change the date and time of a regular meeting, that the Board may do so by adopting a resolution at least ten (10) days before such meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Board of Commissioners desires to change its regular meeting scheduled for Monday, September 3, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Vance County Board of Commissioners that it does hereby change its regular meeting date from September 3, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to September 4, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the usual place, the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, Henderson, NC.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution is to be posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and a summary of said resolution to be published in The Daily Dispatch and a copy of this resolution delivered to the news media within Vance County.

**This, the sixth day of August, 2007.**

Deborah F. Brown (Signed)  
Deborah F. Brown, Chairperson

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Motion was made by Commissioner J. Timothy Pegram, seconded by Commissioner Danny

W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the following monthly reports be received and filed:

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- See on file monthly report, 911 Emergency Operations
  - See on file monthly report, Vance County ABC Board
  - See on file monthly report, Administrative Ambulance Charge-offs
  - 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, Veterans Service Office
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At this time, motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Upon return to open session, and as there was no further business, at 8:15 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed September 4, 2007.

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Chairperson