

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 5, 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 Assistant County Attorney Jonathan S. Care, County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue, and Finance Officer Jerry L. Tucker.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright, gave the invocation.

As advertised, at 6:00 p.m. a public hearing was held to gain citizen input regarding the following proposed action related to hunting in Vance County: To reduce the duration of deer hunting with dogs from 11.5 weeks to 7.5 weeks beginning the second Saturday in November and continue until the end of regular deer season on January 1.

Vance County residents supporting both sides of the issue spoke on what they considered to be important facts. The following persons were heard and spoke in support of the proposed action: Sam Lang, Rick Reitmeyer, Angie Garrett, and Preston Floyd.

The following spoke in opposition of the proposed action: Billy Strickland, Craig White, Danny Norwood, W.A. West, Joel Scott, and Cal Hobgood.

When all Vance County residents who wished to speak had been heard, Chairperson Deborah F. Brown declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright stated that accountability and responsibility have to rise to a new level if deer hunting with dogs will be allowed to continue. Commissioner Wright made a motion to refer the matter to the Public Safety Committee and other key officials in order to create a committee consisting of deer hunters and property owners opposed to deer hunting with dogs. This committee will be directed to formulate a proposed resolution for this problem by reviewing the existing Animal Control Ordinance to see if there are some sanctions that can be levied from it to help control dogs on posted property.

This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes.

Commissioner Wright further suggested that each commissioner recommend two people

from their district, one deer hunter and one property owner opposed to deer hunting with dogs. Chairperson Brown also noted that anyone interested in serving on this committee should submit their name to the Clerk to the Board in order to be considered for appointment.

At this time, vote on the motion was unanimous.

Sheriff Peter White was next on the agenda and presented a cost estimate for repairs needed at the jail. He stated that the minimum amount needed is approximately \$477,000. The State has indicated that all control panels need to be upgraded, locks need to be replaced, the intercom system needs to be replaced, extensive plumbing repairs are required, ceiling repairs are required, food pass slots need to be installed, and fencing repairs are needed.

Sheriff White suggested that Surpon Sujjavanich, the jail architect, be appointed as project manager to oversee these repairs.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright questioned what the source of these funds would be. Mr. Ayscue replied that most of these items would need to be budgeted in the upcoming budget. Until then, a plan can be submitted to the State outlining when each repair will be made.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison asked if these repairs would need to be bid out. Mr. Ayscue replied that if it is done as one single project, it will need to be bid out. If different repairs are made over a period of time, some may be subject to formal bidding versus informal bidding. It depends on the cost of the repair.

After further discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to authorize the County Manager to negotiate the services of Surapon Sujjavanich as project manager to oversee the jail repairs. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Ron Edmonson appeared before the Board and presented a proposal for an increase in code enforcement fees of approximately 10%. The last increase in these fees occurred in 2000.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt questioned the definition of a farm. He asked if the definition had changed. Mr. Edmonson replied that it is the same definition that is used by the State and it has not changed. The definition is consistent with that of the Subdivision Ordinance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to adopt the proposed code enforcement fee increase as presented, effective January 1, 2008. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

At this time, Chairperson Deborah F. Brown recognized Randy Newman and asked him to come to the front. Mr. Newman officially retired as County Fire Inspector and Building Inspector on October 31, 2007. Chairperson Brown read the resolution and Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, Mr. Newman's district representative, presented said resolution to Mr. Newman:

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RESOLUTION
of
Appreciation
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
to
Randy Newman

WHEREAS, Randy Newman has faithfully served the citizens of Vance County in various capacities of public service for over thirty-three years, of which the last thirteen years have been as County Fire Inspector and Building Inspector; and

WHEREAS, he worked faithfully for the Vance County Fire and Ambulance Department as a Firefighter/EMT for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his extended career with Vance County government, Randy Newman also has been an integral part of the Vance County Rescue Squad including various leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, Randy Newman has capably served as a telephone system technician and consultant for the County Courthouse and County Administration Building since the year 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vance County Board of Commissioners does recognize and express its appreciation to Randy Newman for a dedicated career in public service which has brought honor and recognition to the citizens of Vance County; **AND FURTHERMORE**, does wish the very best to Mr. Newman in his retirement during the many years to come.

This, the fifth day of November, 2007.

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

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Dennis Tharrington was next on the agenda and presented the quarterly report for Economic Development on behalf of Benny Finch, Economic Development Director. Mr. Tharrington explained that Benny Finch attended an entrepreneur summit in February that was sponsored by the NC Rural Economic Development Center. At this summit, the Rural Center encouraged rural counties to be more involved in promoting entrepreneurship within the local community. In March, Mr. Finch attended an Entrepreneur Expo and afterwards, contacted his Franklin, Granville, and Warren County counterparts along with Vance-Granville Community College representatives to see if they would be interested in hosting a four-county entrepreneur forum. This was well received and

a forum is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 8 at Vance Granville Community College.

Mr. Tharrington then introduced Mr. Curtis White of WW Properties. Mr. White explained that he is the owner of two billboards on Hwy 1 and has donated space on one of the billboards to the Economic Development Commission. The second billboard is a WW Properties advertisement which is designed to attract new industry to the area. WW Properties will offer a program that will provide free rent to any business that brings jobs to Vance County. For every three jobs that are brought to the County, one month of free rent will be provided - up to two years.

At this time, motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board approve Budget Amendments #13 through #19 as follows for the purposes noted therein:

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**Budget Amendment #13
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Salaries & Wages - PT	10-430-500002		\$ 284.00
Salaries & Wages - PT	10-520-500002		3,754.00
Salaries & Wages - PT	10-530-500002		6,112.00
Salaries & Wages - PT	10-621-500002		1,463.00
Salaries & Wages	10-440-500001		1,395.00
FICA	10-430-500005		21.00
FICA	10-520-500005		286.00
FICA	10-530-500005		468.00
FICA	10-621-500005		112.00
FICA	10-440-500005		105.00
Contingency	10-999-500099	\$ 14,000.00	_____
Total Debits & Credits		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00

Purpose: To adjust salaries for part-time employees and Finance Officer retirement.

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**Budget Amendment #14
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Old Library	10-600-500201		\$ 5,000.00

Contingency	10-999-500099	\$ <u>2,500.00</u>	_____
Total Debits & Credits		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 2,500.00

Revenues

Old Library - City Reimb	10-369-436913	\$ <u>2,500.00</u>
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 2,500.00

Purpose: To appropriate funds for appraisal of Old Library on Rose Avenue. 50/50 cost between County and City.

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**Budget Amendment #15
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
ADM Funds	10-681-500095		\$ <u>441,029.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 441,029.00

Revenues

ADM Funds	10-346-434631	\$ <u>441,029.00</u>
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 441,029.00

Purpose: To appropriate ADM Funds for various school projects at Vance County Public Schools.

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**Budget Amendment #16
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Departmental Supplies	10-611-500033		\$ <u>275.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 275.00

Revenues

Donations - Sr. Center	10-350-435007	\$ <u>275.00</u>
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 275.00

Purpose: To appropriate Senior Center donations to purchase paper shredder. No County funds needed.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
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**Budget Amendment #17
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Maint/Repair Vehicles	10-517-500017		\$ 7,555.00
Departmental Supplies	10-517-500033		22,313.24
Uniform	10-517-500036		13,160.81
Police Dog	10-517-500056		23,847.04
Non-Capitalized Assets	10-517-500085		4,523.63
Capital Outlay - Sheriff	10-517-500074		6,875.00
Maint/Repair Vehicles	10-510-500017		2,444.88
Capital Outlay	10-510-500074		<u>13,925.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 94,644.60

Revenues

Sheriff Interdiction Funds	10-359-435917	\$ 78,904.72	
Insurance Reimbursements	10-367-436702	<u>15,739.88</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 94,644.60	

Purpose: To appropriate Sheriff Interdiction funds and Insurance Reimbursements to cover additional expenditures for Sheriff's Department and to purchase vehicle to replace Crown Victoria that was wrecked. No County funds needed.

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**Budget Amendment #18
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
CJPA Implementation Funds	10-523-500045		\$ <u>11,384.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 11,384.00

Revenues

CJPA Implementation Funds	10-346-434607	\$ <u>11,384.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 11,384.00	

Purpose: To appropriate additional State funds for VWGF Resource Center. No County funds needed.

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**Budget Amendment #19
CDBG (07-C-1675)
Project Ordinance**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Administration	51-440-500083		\$ 36,500.00
Clearance	51-440-500101		10,500.00
Relocation	51-440-500103		160,000.00
Planning	51-440-500104		3,500.00
Rehabilitation	51-441-500473		<u>189,500.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 400,000.00

Revenues

CDBG (07-C-1675)	51-346-434615	\$ <u>400,000.00</u>
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 400,000.00

Purpose: To appropriate State funds for CDBG Projects - Grant # 07-C-1675. No County funds needed.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
November 5, 2007

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:

**REFUNDS
October 2007**

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Michael Vann	2006	49.40	Vehicle Tax
Lawrence Ellington	2006	2.52	Vehicle Tax
Raymond Pendergrass	2006	6.16	Vehicle Tax
Mark & Lynn Rohlfing	2006	209.94	Vehicle Tax
Raul F. Rodriguez	2006	5.48	Vehicle Tax
Automotive Rentals	2007	85.50	Vehicle Tax
Rhonda Hopkins	2004	123.12	Boat Tax
Rhonda Hopkins	2005	112.61	Boat Tax
Rhonda Hopkins	2006	99.36	Boat Tax
Maurice Zimberg	2006	12.56	Vehicle Tax
Carla Hargrove	2006	4.99	Vehicle Tax
Patricia C. Banks	2006	96.30	Vehicle Tax

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
David Robbins	2007	79.12	Boat Tax
Sherry E. Knowles	2006	9.78	Vehicle Tax
David W. Orr	2006	2.10	Vehicle Tax
Delia C. Jones	2006	16.31	Vehicle Tax
William Wilkins, Jr.	2006	8.24	Vehicle Tax
John E. Van Zandt	2007	188.80	Vehicle Tax
Thomas W. Willett	2006	33.84	Vehicle Tax
Janie K. Pulley	2007	138.60	Vehicle Tax
Norbert Hilliard	2006	18.32	Vehicle Tax
NC DOT	2007	108.47	Overage Tax
Roland C. Ham	2007	83.65	Vehicle Tax
Steven E. Clagg	2006	1.25	Vehicle Tax
Steven E. Clagg	2006	3.02	Vehicle Fee
Walter L. Hilliard	2007	67.44	Vehicle Tax
Gordon G. Jefferson	2006	3.98	Vehicle Tax
Nicholson Neville, Jr.	2007	21.33	Vehicle Tax
John T. Haddock	2007	38.83	Vehicle Tax
Lawrence Ellington	2006	.08	Fire Tax
Raymond Pendergrass	2006	.20	Fire Tax
Mark & Lynn Rohlfing	2006	6.85	Fire Tax
Rhonda Hopkins	2004	4.10	Fire Tax
Rhonda Hopkins	2005	3.67	Fire Tax
Rhonda Hopkins	2006	3.24	Fire Tax
Maurice Zimberg	2006	.40	Fire Tax
David Robbins	2007	2.58	Fire Tax
Sherry E. Knowles	2006	.30	Fire Tax
David W. Orr	2006	.06	Fire Tax
Delia C. Jones	2006	.50	Fire Tax
William Wilkins, Jr.	2006	.27	Fire Tax
John E. Van Zandt	2007	6.16	Fire Tax
Thomas W. Willett	2006	1.12	Fire Tax
Janie K. Pulley	2007	4.50	Fire Tax
Norbert Hilliard	2006	.60	Fire Tax
Roland C. Ham	2007	2.73	Fire Tax
Steven E. Clagg	2006	.05	Fire Tax
Steven E. Clagg	2006	.10	Fire Tax
Walter L. Hilliard	2007	2.24	Fire Tax
Gordon G. Jefferson	2006	.12	Fire Tax
Nicholson Neville, Jr.	2007	.72	Fire Tax
Total		\$ 1,671.61	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 3,430.60

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison that the Board approve Ambulance Charge-offs in the amount of \$4,149.44 for those persons deceased with no estate listing. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

Finance Officer Jerry L. Tucker informed the Board that in order to sell 11 unneeded vehicles, the Board is required to declare them as surplus property, after which the staff will proceed to sell the vehicles at public auction.

The following is a list of vehicles to be declared as surplus vehicles in order that they may be sold at public auction:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Vin Number</u>
2003	Ford	104303
2003	Ford	215398
2004	Ford	159468
2004	Ford	159469
2004	Ford	159470
2004	Ford	159477
2004	Ford	159474
2004	Ford	159475
1992	Ford Van	B76468
1991	Dodge Van	407036
1999	Ford	196679

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board to approve the list of vehicles as presented.

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:

Department of Social Services
Social Worker I

Jail
Detention Officer

Fire and Ambulance
Firefighter/EMT

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, vote unanimous, to approve the position requests as presented.

Mr. Ayscue then requested approval, by resolution, of a personnel policy - *Educational Involvement Leave* - to become effective immediately. The Bereavement Leave policy was also presented with a revision to include grandparents as immediate family. It was noted that these policies have been endorsed by the Human Resources Committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to approve the Educational Involvement Leave policy as presented.

RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
Personnel Policies

WHEREAS, in understanding the need for sound personnel administration for County employees in the pursuit of good government, the Vance County Board of Commissioners has created a Human Resources Department and thus authorized the County Manager to employ a Human Resources Director; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to modify existing personnel policies and procedures, and develop new policies and procedures as well through its resolution process; and

WHEREAS, these policies and procedures have been reviewed by Human Resources staff, the County Manager, on some occasions by designated staff, the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, such policies and procedures are intended to apply to County employees as appropriate and/or indicated within individual policies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the *Educational Involvement Leave* policy and authorize its immediate implementation as appropriate and applicable.

This, the fifth day of November, 2007.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to approve the revised Bereavement Leave policy as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
Personnel Policies

WHEREAS, in understanding the need for sound personnel administration for County employees in the pursuit of good government, the Vance County Board of Commissioners has created a Human Resources Department and thus authorized the County Manager to employ a Human Resources Director; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to modify existing personnel policies and procedures, and develop new policies and procedures as well through its resolution process; and

WHEREAS, these policies and procedures have been reviewed by Human Resources staff, the County Manager, on some occasions by designated staff, the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, such policies and procedures are intended to apply to County employees as appropriate and/or indicated within individual policies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the revised *Bereavement Leave* policy and authorize its immediate implementation as appropriate and applicable.

This, the fifth day of November, 2007.

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

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Public Safety Committee. This Committee met and discussed substance abuse treatment, the Bearpond Volunteer Fire Department, and the Fire and EMS Study.

Substance Abuse Treatment. Mr. Ayscue explained that the Public Safety Committee met with Foster Norman, Ed Burnette, and Al Mooney from Area Mental Health to discuss the concerns recently raised at a Commissioners' meeting regarding services for substance abusers in Vance County. The AMH discussed the challenges of getting enough substance abuse treatment professionals in the rural area of the State. Just like most businesses, rural counties like Vance compete with the metropolitan areas where professionals can make more money, have more social and cultural opportunities, etc. As baby boomers retire, the younger professionals do not seem to locate in smaller rural counties. There are limited treatment opportunities for substance abusers in almost all rural counties, including Vance. There are two providers and two "halfway houses" (one for women and one for men) here. A list of providers and "gaps" in treatment services was distributed to the Board.

Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, Public Safety Committee member, noted that the Committee discussed the idea of several counties in the region coming together to create a rehabilitation center.

Mr. Ayscue stated that the County needs someone to be the crusader for this project and he suggested that the Board may want to commission Area Mental Health to undertake this project.

After further discussion, the Board directed the Public Safety Committee to bring a recommendation back to the full Board.

Bearpond Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Ayscue reported that Steve Lyles of the Bearpond VFD informed the Committee that his department will need more resources with which to operate next fiscal year. By having more industries and related facilities which need fire protection services in its district than the other VFD's, demand for services is high and special types of equipment are often needed. He wanted the Commissioners to consider ways to increase Bearpond VFD's revenues, including the possibility of departments receiving the fire tax proceeds based on property valuation in each district.

Fire and EMS Study. Requests for proposals were received and reviewed. A list of the companies and associated costs were distributed to the Board. Solutions for Local Governments was recommended by the Fire Chief and County Manager. It is the lowest cost proposal and met all the requirements set forth in the bid specifications. At \$28,660, the cost is \$3,660 above the budget of \$25,000. It is anticipated that the work can be completed within 12 - 16 weeks, depending on how quickly the consultant can meet with all parties. The Committee recommendation is to act to select Solutions for Local Governments at a cost of \$28,660 to undertake a study and develop a comprehensive fire and emergency medical services plan for the County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to award the contract to Solutions for Local Governments at a cost of \$28,660 and appropriate additional funds of \$3,660 from Contingency. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Pending Business

County Water Project. The County Manager attended a NC Rural Economic Development Center forum and workshop regarding applications for state and federal funds. A meeting with County engineers was delayed until the end of October due to a personal accident involving the lead engineer. The engineers have begun working on the application process to the NC Rural Economic Development Center for funding. The Advisory Committee will meet in November to begin to map out a strategy to inform and educate the general public of the upcoming referendum in May 2008. Information is being prepared to present to Senator Dole and Senator Burr in early January regarding the USDA funding application.

Deer Hunting with Dogs. A staff recommendation was made to Commissioners in its September meeting to shorten the length of time from 11.5 weeks to 6.5 weeks that deer hunting with dogs can occur. It was recommended that the season for deer hunting with dogs begin each year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving and continue until the end of regular deer season on January 1st. The Public Safety Committee recommended in the October Commissioners' meeting to modify the Manager's recommendation by shortening the period of time from 11.5 weeks to 7.5 weeks. 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.

Jointly Owned City/County Properties. Disposition of jointly owned properties was discussed in the July 26th meeting of the Board of 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 were authorized to proceed with disposal proceedings. Century 21 is now actively marketing the Armory property on behalf of the two governing bodies. Further, the appraisals on the former library and museum are expected to be received by Friday, November 9.

School Properties. The County now owns all three pieces of property. A lease agreement between the Schools and the County was developed by both boards' legal counsel and was presented to the Commissioners by the County Attorney for approval.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to approve the lease agreement as presented.

Filling of Positions. County administration has recruited and interviewed to fill two key positions - Community Improvement Specialist and Environmental Manager. The Community Improvement Specialist position will be filled within the next few days. An announcement on the Environmental Manager is expected before the end of the month. In addition, the County is actively recruiting for a Finance Director.

An ADM application was presented next. Mr. Ayscue explained that the Board of Education has approved an application for ADM funds (Public School Capital Building Fund) in the amount of \$15,000 for asbestos removal and related renovations at Clark Street School. The Board of Commissioners must also approve the request.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to approve the application for ADM funds in the amount of \$15,000 for asbestos removal and related renovations at Clark Street School. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

At this time, the resolution of appreciation to Randy Newman was officially adopted. Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board adopt the resolution of appreciation honoring Randy Newman.

A resolution of appreciation was also presented to the Board honoring Mike Coghill who has recently retired as Chief of Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department after nearly 20 years. Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to adopt the following resolution of appreciation honoring Mike Coghill:

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R E S O L U T I O N
of
Appreciation
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
to
Chief Mike Coghill

WHEREAS, Mike Coghill has faithfully served the citizens of Vance County for thirty years as a member of the Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department, during which he was Chief for almost twenty years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of public service to the citizens of Vance County, Mike Coghill served for almost two years with the North Carolina Forestry Service, was employed with the Vance County Fire and Ambulance Department for over six years, and is a charter member of the Vance County Firefighters Association and has served as President for many years; and

WHEREAS, he is currently a long-time member of the Vance County Fire Commission, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Homeland Security Subcommittee, and the Radio Interoperability Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Mike Coghill has frequently and consistently assisted the Henderson-Vance County Emergency Management Department during numerous natural disasters and times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of valuable service, volunteer fire protection in the Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department and throughout Vance County evolved from a basic level to one of highly proficient firefighters and emergency medical services first responders with modern equipment and professional training.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vance County Board of Commissioners does duly recognize and express its appreciation to Mike Coghill for his solid leadership and long years of dedication and commitment to the people of Vance County in the voluntary provision of fire prevention services and emergency medical services; and **FURTHERMORE**, the Board does wish the very best to Mr. Coghill and his family for a well-deserved retirement as Chief of Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department during the many years to come.

This, the fifth day of November, 2007.

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

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Mr. Ayscue then reported that a request had been received from former County Commissioner Tommy Hester for the Board of Commissioners to endorse efforts to encourage the National Guard to relocate to Henderson and Vance County. Mr. Ayscue recommended that the Board act to support the relocation of the National Guard to the Henderson and Vance County area.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to support the relocation of the National Guard to the Henderson and Vance County area.

Mr. Ayscue then presented a water conservation plan. He explained that recent severe drought conditions have caused the County to be extraordinarily concerned about water usage. The County Manager has directed staff to develop a water conservation plan for all departments as a means of coping with the drought. Department Heads have been directed to implement the plan immediately. A copy of the plan will be posted on the County's website.

The next item presented was the 2007-08 County Work Plan. Mr. Ayscue noted that at the October County Commissioner Planning Retreat, an objective was identified to develop a work plan for FY 2007-08 that would incorporate the goals and objectives of the Board of Commissioners and be distributed to the County Manager and Department Heads for implementation. That plan was presented for action by the Board for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to approve the proposed County Work Plan for FY 2007-08 as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes that the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 1, 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 A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, vote unanimous, that the Board approve the following Rebates for September 2007 as requested by the Tax Office:

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REBATES			
September 2007			
NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Evelyn Alston	2007	1,064.16	Listing Correction - house not started until 3/07; completed 6/07
Fannie P. Brame	2007	64.40	Value Correction
Joseph Bullock heirs	2007	53.64	Listing Correction
Samuel Bullock	2007	301.67	Listing Correction
Central Baptist Church	2007	300.75	Listing Correction
Corbitt Hill Shop N Center	2007	2,777.93	Value Correction - building torn down in 2006
Robert L. Harris	2007	54.86	Listing Correction
Sean A. Henderson	2007	644.00	Value Correction
John M. Jones	2007	184.00	Listing Correction
Kirkpatrick Marrow heirs	2007	649.42	Listing Correction
Julie Moseley	2007	444.64	Listing Correction
Tracy & Lisa Mosny	2004	41.63	Value Correction
James A. Pridgen, Jr.	2007	78.15	Listing Correction
William E. Robinson	2007	250.24	Value Correction

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Jewel E. Royster	2007	37.08	Value Correction
Beatrice F. Spencer	2007	175.08	Listing Correction
Cindy & Travis Thompson	2007	11.57	Listing Correction
Edd Lee & Mariam Vann	2006	2.50	Billing Correction
Gaston Williams	2007	62.93	Listing Correction
Joshua L. Williams	2007	137.44	Listing Correction
Total		\$ 7,336.09	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 19,190.32

The following appointments were presented for Board approval:

Appearance Commission - three-year term
 Appoint Elizabeth Wyatt to fill vacant position

Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board - two-year term
 Appoint Kennis Harris

Tourism Development Authority
 Appoint Knik Patel to fill vacant position

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to approve the appointments as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Timothy Pegram, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, 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, Tax Office
- See on file monthly report, Veterans Service Office
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As there was no further business, at 8:20 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed December 3, 2007.

 Chairman