

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 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 Manager Jerry L. Ayscue, Finance Officer Jerry L. Tucker, and Assistant County Attorney Jonathan S. Care.

Finance Officer Jerry L. Tucker gave the invocation.

Royster Washington, Division of Community Corrections, was first on the agenda and presented the annual report for Judicial District 9. The report summarized funds collected for FY 2006-07 for Vance, Warren, Granville, and Franklin Counties and services provided by the VWGF Resource Center.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt asked what percentage of the probation population were court-ordered to be drug tested. Mr. Washington replied that approximately one-third of those on probation were drug tested, of those, approximately 39% tested positive for drugs.

Commissioner Eddie L. Wright asked what types of programs are in place for substance abuse offenders to receive help for their addiction. Mr. Washington responded that offenders may contact local counselors or may participate in the DART/Cherry program, which is State funded.

Chairperson Brown asked if next year's report could include information on help services that are offered to substance abuse offenders. Mr. Washington responded that he could do that, but Foster Norman, Area Mental Health Director, is someone the Board may want to meet with to obtain detailed information on this matter.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that the drug issue in the County is something that needs to be addressed. He suggested that the appropriate Committee meet to discuss services that can be offered to those addicted to drugs. The Board decided that the Public Safety Committee would be the appropriate Committee to address this matter.

Senator Doug Berger was next on the agenda and provided a legislative overview report which focused on Medicaid Relief, Nursing Home Care, Healthcare, Education, and Economic Development.

The Board thanked Senator Berger and his constituents for their hard work during this past legislative session, especially for Medicaid relief for counties.

The Board then presented the following resolution to Senator Berger in appreciation to the General Assembly for relieving counties of Medicaid:

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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR  
RELIEVING COUNTIES OF MEDICAID**

**WHEREAS**, relieving counties of the Medicaid burden was the Number One legislative goal for all counties;

**WHEREAS**, every member of the 2007 North Carolina General Assembly recognized and supported the need for Medicaid relief;

**WHEREAS**, every member of the House of Representatives supported House Bill 1424, which would have provided a permanent cap and additional targeted relief;

**WHEREAS**, every member of the Senate supported provisions of the budget to eliminate the county Medicaid share completely;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Mike Easley publicly expressed his support on numerous occasions;

**WHEREAS**, a negotiating team with representatives from the House, the Senate and the Governor's Office reached consensus on a solution to relieve counties of their Medicaid burden; and

**WHEREAS**, this solution is fair and equitable to all parties; and

**WHEREAS**, this solution protects municipal revenues, allows the state to phase in the assumption of the county Medicaid share over three years while gradually assuming sufficient county revenues to cover the increased costs, does not force counties to raise property or sales taxes to receive Medicaid relief and provides additional revenue authority to counties faced with rapidly increasing infrastructure needs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners commends and expresses our appreciation to the 2007 North Carolina General Assembly for proving themselves to be true "Friends of the Counties";

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tem are asked to read this resolution into the Journals of their respective bodies on May 13, 2008;

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to all counties, and that each board of county commissioners is asked to present a copy of this resolution to each member of their delegation as an expression of gratitude for this historic and significant action.

**Adopted this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.**

Terry Garrison (Signed)  
Terry Garrison, President  
NC Association of County Commissioners

David F. Thompson (Signed)  
David F. Thompson, Executive Director  
NC Association of County Commissioners

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As advertised, 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 an outline of the way values are determined.

As there was no one present who wished to speak on this matter, Chairperson Brown declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the Proposed Schedule of Standards and Values for the 2008 Property Revaluation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones then presented the August 2007 monthly report which revealed an increase of 1.48% as compared to August 2006.

Chairperson Brown questioned an item on the foreclosure activity report which showed eight accounts listed as 'value too low/poor condition'. She asked if there was any effort made to keep these properties in the County's name. Mr. Jones replied that attorney expenses and foreclosure costs on these properties would cost more than the sale price of the property. In turn, the City or County would acquire ownership of dilapidated property that would most likely not be sold.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt asked if the County took possession of these properties, would the County have the ability to sell the property free and clear of delinquent taxes. Jonathan Care, Assistant County Attorney, said that he would research this matter.

Mr. Jones also presented a list of the top five delinquent business accounts which included (1) Albani Bayeux, Inc; (2) Cameron & Associates; (3) CRE Properties LLC; (4) Donald W. Gupton, Inc.; and (5) Wright Funeral Home of Henderson.

Mr. Jones stated that Albani Bayeux, Inc. had leased some equipment to Harriet & Henderson Yarns. When Harriet & Henderson closed its doors in 2001, the equipment was taken out of the mill. Cameron & Associates and Wright Funeral Home are still in business and are currently making payments. CRE Properties LLC is 20 parcels of real estate and Donald W. Gupton, Inc. is 38 parcels of real estate, all of which are owned by Donald Gupton.

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to turn the Albani Bayeux, Inc. account over to the County Attorney to research and pursue whatever options are available to the County and to authorize the Tax Administrator to turn the CRE Properties LLC and Donald W. Gupton, Inc. accounts over to the foreclosure attorney. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Sheriff Peter White and Jail Administrator Duane Townes were next on the agenda and presented a response to the jail inspection that was conducted on July 17. Sheriff White stated that the jail is facing a series of issues pointed out by the chief state jail inspector. He reported that he has asked Mr. Townes to obtain three estimates on every item that requires repairs. He would like to have all of the estimates gathered in order to present a cost analysis during the next Commissioners' meeting in October.

Mr. Townes stated that several items on the response report have been corrected since the report was submitted to the State, such as color-coding of keys with locks, torn mattresses have been repaired, the final dietician report was received and a copy will be provided to the State, the medical plan is currently in the process of being updated, and the fire safety inspection was performed by the City Fire Marshal on July 18.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison thanked Sheriff White and Mr. Townes for their report and stated that he looks forward to receiving the final cost analysis of items to be repaired at next month's meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, that the Board approve Budget Amendments #6 and #7 as follows for the purposes noted therein:

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**Budget Amendment #6  
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Work First Demo Grant	10-610-500151		\$ <u>3,275.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 3,275.00

<u>Revenues</u>			
Work First Demo Grant	10-348-434851	\$ <u>3,275.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 3,275.00	

Purpose: To appropriate additional State funds for Work First Demonstration Grant. No County funds needed.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners  
September 4, 2007

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**Budget Amendment #7  
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Salaries & Wages	10-601-500001		\$ 28,340.00
FICA	10-601-500005		2,169.00
Group Insurance	10-601-500006		6,160.00
Retirement	10-601-500007		1,398.00
Travel/Training	10-601-500014		4,672.00
Advertising	10-601-500026		500.00
Departmental Supplies	10-601-500033		6,556.00
Dues/Subscriptions	10-601-500053		200.00
Insurance & Bonds	10-601-500054		<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 53,995.00

**Revenues**

Smart Start Program	10-370-437020	\$ <u>53,995.00</u>
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 53,995.00

Purpose: To appropriate funds for Smart Start Program from State. No County funds needed.

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Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Terry E.

Garrison, vote unanimous, that the Board approve the following Refunds as requested by the Tax

Office:

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**REFUNDS  
August 2007**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Harris Inc. of Henderson	2006	20.72	Vehicle Tax
Calvin L. McGhee	2007	44.96	Vehicle Tax
GMAC	2005	53.79	Vehicle Tax
Mallory J. Chacon	2006	1.30	Vehicle Tax
Oliver J. Jones	2007	20.02	Vehicle Tax
Douglas Wortham, Jr.	2006	3.60	Vehicle Tax
Richard Waverly, Jr.	2006	8.37	Vehicle Tax
Christopher Curl	2007	4.64	Vehicle Tax
Anthony E. Reynolds	2006	1.56	Vehicle Tax
Joshua D. Towne	2006	44.03	Vehicle Tax
William C. Gill	2006	4.06	Vehicle Tax
Lorena P. Brown	2007	37.19	Overage Tax

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Olivia H. Gooch	2006	6.04	Vehicle Tax
Katherine Wray	2006	29.85	Vehicle Tax
Dean D. Varner	2007	16.56	Vehicle Tax
Alexander Fuller	2006	15.75	Vehicle Tax
Elmus M. Boyd	2006	136.80	Vehicle Tax
Linda Dunston	2006	22.58	Vehicle Tax
Randy G. Pegram	2007	132.50	Vehicle Tax
Christopher Proctor	2006	2.70	Vehicle Tax
Virginia Russell	2007	690.00	Vehicle Tax
Harris Inc. of Henderson	2006	.68	Fire Tax
Calvin L. McGhee	2007	1.44	Fire Tax
Oliver J. Jones	2007	.63	Fire Tax
Douglas Wortham, Jr.	2006	.12	Fire Tax
Anthony E. Reynolds	2006	.05	Fire Tax
Joshua D. Towne	2006	1.47	Fire Tax
William C. Gill	2006	.13	Fire Tax
Katherine Wray	2006	1.00	Fire Tax
Dean D. Varner	2007	.56	Fire Tax
Alexander Fuller	2006	.54	Fire Tax
Elmus M. Boyd	2006	4.46	Fire Tax
Linda Dunston	2006	.74	Fire Tax
Randy G. Pegram	2007	4.30	Fire Tax
Christopher Proctor	2006	.10	Fire Tax
Virginia Russell	2007	22.50	Fire Tax
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,335.74</b>	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 2,248.11

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Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright that the Board approve Ambulance Charge-offs in the amount of \$8,368.87 for those persons deceased with no estate listing. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Mr. Tucker then requested approval of a resolution for the financing of a Silverado Truck for Animal Control that was approved for purchase in the FY 2007-08 budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution for the financing agreement for the purchase of a Silverado Truck for Animal Control:

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**RESOLUTION**  
by the  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
*Approving Financing Terms*

**WHEREAS**, Vance County, North Carolina (the “County”) has previously determined to undertake a project for the purchase of a Silverado Truck (the “Project”), and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The County hereby determines to finance the Project through Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T). The amount financed shall not exceed \$15,800, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 3.94%, and the financing term shall not exceed three (3) years from closing.
2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the "Financing Documents") shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the County are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution. The Financing Documents shall include a Financing Agreement as BB&T may request.
3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer's satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by County officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer's release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the Document's final form.
4. The County shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which will cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The County hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).
5. The County intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the County's official intent to reimburse expenditures for the project that is to be financed from the proceeds of the BB&T financing described above. The County intends that funds that have been advanced, or that may be advanced, from the County's general fund, or any other County fund related to the project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.
6. All prior actions of County officers in the furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**This, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.**

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

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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 III
- Social Worker IAT
- Economic Services Supervisor II

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, to approve the position requests as presented.

Mr. Ayscue noted that the HR Committee supports, although not unanimously, the decision to fill the position of Planning Services Manager. The Committee agreed to fill this position contingent upon a departmental reorganization plan being submitted to the HR Committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to allow the Planning Department to fill the vacancy for Planning Services Manager contingent upon a reorganization plan for that department being submitted to the HR Committee and the full Board. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison.

Commissioner Brummitt, HR Committee member, stated that he was opposed to filling the position at this time. He said that it is not a matter of the position not being needed, but the fact that the County has an opportunity to gain some efficiencies in this department. He would like to see the reorganization plan before proceeding with filling this position.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright, HR Committee member, stated that this is an essential position that does not need to be delayed in filling. If the department is overstaffed, it is not because of this position.

Commissioner J. Timothy Pegram stated that he does not see a need to fill this position since the matter of zoning was tabled. Mr. Ayscue noted that the position is not only needed for zoning. The position is needed for supervision of the mapping program, land use planning, enforcement of existing ordinances, enforcement of subdivision regulations, staff liaison for the Planning Board, census participation, etc.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison stated that this is a very important position that needs to be filled as soon as possible in order to gain efficiencies.

After further discussion, vote on the motion to allow the Planning Department to fill the vacancy for Planning Services Manager contingent upon a reorganization plan for that department being submitted to the HR Committee and the full Board was ayes - five (5); noes - two (2), with the dissenting votes being cast by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and Commissioner J. Timothy Pegram.

*Intergovernmental Committee.* This committee, which is apprised of Commissioners Garrison, Hughes, and Pegram met twice in August with the City counterparts to discuss jointly funded programs. Mr. Ayscue reported that the Committee met on August 14 and received a presentation from the City that proposed full County funding for all joint programs and lengthy

discussion of that proposal occurred. A report was provided on the status of selecting a real estate firm to represent the City and County on the sale of the Armory and the Museum. It was also reported that outside appraisal firms are being sought to provide appraisals for the Museum and the former Library.

A second meeting of the Committee was held on August 28 and the County submitted its response to the City's proposal to assume full funding for all joint programs. Again, lengthy discussions took place, with the City reiterating its concern that in order to avoid 'double taxation' City taxes should not be used for joint programs when County taxes are being used. An update on the search for an appraisal firm and a real estate company was presented. Also, concerns expressed by the Vance County Housing Authority about a rental housing ordinance currently under consideration by the City were discussed. Another meeting of the committee has been tentatively set for September 18.

Pending Business.

*Payment of Taxes Prior to Transfer of Property.* Mr. Ayscue noted that as previously reported, a resolution by the Board of Commissioners is necessary in order to place this requirement on the Register of Deeds and Tax Office. A draft resolution was included in the agenda package for consideration and adoption. Jonathan Care, Assistant County Attorney reviewed the final draft and suggested that the resolution cite the general statutes that address statement of the amount of taxes due, in addition to the certification of taxes being paid.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, to adopt the following resolution for Tax Certification in Transfer of Real Property:

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**RESOLUTION**  
**by the**  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
***Tax Certification in Transfer of Real Property***

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Register of Deeds is entrusted with the responsibility of recording all deeds transferring real property in Vance County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Tax Administrator is charged with the responsibility for collection of ad valorem taxes for Vance County and all municipalities located therein; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute 161-31, *Tax Certification*, enables Vance County to require certification pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 105-361 that no ad valorem county taxes, ad valorem city taxes, or other taxes with which the collector is charged, are a lien on the property described in the deed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Board of Commissioners desires tax certification before transfer of real property as described in G.S. 161-31, including acceptance of the exception cited in G.S. 161-31 (a1) for North Carolina licensed attorneys.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve tax certification for registration of the transfer of real property in Vance County, including the established exception to tax certification as outlined in G.S. 161-31 (a1) to become effective November 1, 2007, and does direct the Vance County Tax Administrator and Vance County Register of Deeds to take the necessary action to implement such tax certification pursuant to G.S. 105-361 and G.S. 161-30 in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

This, the fourth day of September, 2007.

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

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*Resolution - Appointments to Boards/Commissions.* Mr. Ayscue noted that a draft resolution was presented to the Board in its August meeting for review. Chairperson Brown requested that a means be added to address boards/commissions that were not functioning as intended. Other than this change, no other modifications have been made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the following resolution For Establishment of Policy and Procedures for Appointments to County Boards, Commissions, and Committees. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison asked if this resolution would be made retroactive or would it be only applicable to new appointees. Mr. Ayscue replied that it would be up to the Board. After discussion, the Board decided that it would be effective immediately and only applicable to new appointees, but does not require an individual to stay on a board or commission for the full length of 10 years.

Vote on the motion to adopt the resolution as presented was unanimous.

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**RESOLUTION**  
**by the**  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
***For Establishment of Policy and Procedures for Appointments***  
***to County Boards, Commissions, and Committees***

**WHEREAS**, it is the statutory duty of the Vance County Board of Commissioners, as the Governing Body of Vance County, to appoint citizens to various boards, commissions, or committees to assist in the operation of county government; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commissioners recognize and value the role of public service by citizens in the proper governance of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is desirous of appointing qualified, knowledgeable, and dedicated people to serve on these boards, commissions, or committees, and thus solicits the interest and input of citizens of Vance County in making such appointments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to enhance overall representativeness of the appointments to be made from time to time by the Board, to increase the public interest and awareness in the appointment process, to require attendance at meetings, and to ensure operational effectiveness of boards, commissions, and committees as appropriate.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Vance County Board of Commissioners, that:

**Section I.** The policy of Vance County governing appointments to the various boards, commissions, or committees made by the Board of Commissioners is as follows:

- A. Any citizen of Vance County is eligible to serve on the appointed boards, commissions, or committees of the County where such appointment is not prohibited or otherwise guided by State statute, federal regulations, or local law.
- B. All appointments will be made according to the North Carolina Statute or County Ordinance that created that board, commission, or committee.
- C. No citizen of Vance County may serve in more than three appointed positions of Vance County Government unless exempted by nature of the position held in governmental service.
- D. No citizen may serve more than ten (10) consecutive years on any board, commission, committee or authority unless the individual has served for less than 10 years at the time his/her term expires, then he/she shall be eligible for re-appointment of one additional term. This policy may be waived if the Board of County Commissioners determines that the removal of one or more individuals made ineligible by this ordinance would be detrimental to the functioning of that board, commission, or committee.
- E. If an appointee misses three consecutive meetings without notifying the committee chairperson prior to the meeting, the appointee will be considered to have resigned his or her appointment. The committee chairperson shall be responsible for notifying the Clerk to the Board of the vacancy.
- F. Appointee must uphold all applicable policies pertaining to the board, commission, or committee on which he or she serves.

**Section II.** Procedures for filling vacancies for appointed positions:

- A. Notification of available appointments
  - 1. A list of available positions stating terms of office, requirements for office, and duties of positions shall be available for public inspection at the Office of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.
  - 2. A list of available positions that will be considered by the Board of Commissioners during the year will be published in the newspaper of Vance County one time during the month of January.
- B. Selection Process
  - 1. Individuals interested in applying for appointment shall complete the County application and submit to the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

2. The Clerk to the Board shall provide to the County Commissioners the names of individuals who have applied for appointment.

C. Applications

All applications for appointments shall remain active and on file with the Clerk to the Board for at least the remainder of the calendar year in which received, or for six months, whichever is longer.

**Section III.** The policy of the Board of Commissioners for boards, commissions, and committees under its direction and control which may not be functioning as intended, inactive, or otherwise not serving as deemed appropriate by the Commissioners is as follows:

- A. The Board of Commissioners may elect to require reports of activities and related information from boards, commissions, and committees as appropriate.
- B. The Board of Commissioners may replace any or all members of the board, commission, or committee as it deems appropriate.
- C. In accordance with existing laws, Commissioners may by resolution abolish, redirect, increase or decrease the membership of, or take any necessary actions to ensure that the board, commission, or committee is functioning according to its intended purpose.

Adopted this, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007

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

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*County Water Project.* A calendar of events time line was distributed to the Board. Mr. Ayscue explained that as previously reported, project delays require engineering updates to be made. A required public referendum will be scheduled in the Spring. At the advice of NC Rural Water Association, the County Manager will use an advisory group to assist in promoting and implementing the project. A strong public education program will be used to promote the merits of a county water system. 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. Sufficient user participation is critical in determining economic feasibility for routes in various areas of the County. Further, 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.* There is an ongoing dilemma for some property owners that is created by deer dogs. In response to a request for information from Commissioner Brummitt, in Vance County there were 130 (15,500 statewide) traffic accidents reported in 2004 which involved deer and 147 (15,000 statewide) in 2005. 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.

**Staff Recommendation:** As a means to reduce the problems associated with deer hunting with dogs, it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners consider allowing deer hunting with dogs as of the Saturday before Thanksgiving each year (this year that is November 17) and continue through the end of the season on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, there will be no deer hunting with dogs allowed from the beginning of deer season until the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 17 this year). In essence, this decreases the amount of time that deer dogs can be used, which gives property owners some relief and still allows deer hunting with dogs to take place. If the Commissioners proceed with this recommendation or a similar arrangement, legislative action is necessary. The General Assembly reconvenes in May 2008 and a local law can be passed that will allow changes to be made in the 2008 hunting season.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright requested that this issue be tabled until the next Board meeting. He would like the benefit of some discussion among board members, and time will not permit that during this meeting. He stated that this recommendation will still allow dogs to violate people's property rights, just on a shorter time period.

Chairperson Brown suggested language to be added stating that written permission must be granted by the property owner before deer hunting with dogs is permitted on said property.

The Board agreed to table this matter until the October meeting.

*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. Century 21 has been selected to represent the sale of the properties. The selection of an appraisal firm is still in progress.

*Status of School Properties.* Options to purchase three pieces of property for a school site are scheduled to be exercised by the end of September. Acquisition of the property will enable the County to proceed with further review of the Board of Education's plans for school construction.

Mr. Ayscue stated that it may be necessary to hold a special called meeting prior to the end of the month in terms of funding and appropriations of funds in this matter.

Mr. Ayscue then presented a proclamation for the 2007 Fall Litter Sweep. The NC Department of Transportation traditionally conducts a roadside clean-up campaign in the fall of each year. A proclamation by the Board of Commissioners is one means of encouraging Vance County citizens to participate in this worthwhile activity to enhance the cleanliness and overall appearance of the community.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, to approve the following proclamation in recognition of the 2007 Fall Litter Sweep:

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**PROCLAMATION**  
**by the**  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
**in**  
***Recognition of the 2007 Fall Litter Sweep***

**WHEREAS**, Vance County, in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, supports the participation in the fall roadside cleanup effort to ensure clean and beautiful roads throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fall 2007 Litter Sweep roadside cleanup will take place September 15 through September 29, 2007. The County encourages communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families, and individual citizens to participate in the cleanup effort by sponsoring and organizing roadside cleanup teams; and

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, community service workers, community leaders, civic and community organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct local cleanups during Litter Sweep and may receive Certificates of Appreciation for their participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the great natural beauty of our State and County in addition to a clean environment are a source of great pride for all Vance County residents, attracting tourists and aiding in the recruiting of new industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the cleanup effort will increase the awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of anti-litter campaigns, and encourage the recycling of solid wastes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Litter Sweep cleanup will be a part of educating the children of the County regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Vance County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize September 15 - 29, 2007 as "Fall Litter Sweep" in Vance County and encourages citizens to take an active role in making this community a cleaner place.

**THIS, the fourth day of September, 2007.**

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

Mr. Ayscue then noted that the Board of Commissioners' Fall Planning Retreat has been scheduled for Thursday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ambassador Inn and Suites on Parham Road. This represents a change in the date as discussed in the August Commissioners' meeting.

Mr. Ayscue reported that the County is proceeding to request bids for interior renovations of the Social Services Building on Ruin Creek Road. The roof replacement has been completed, the exterior waterproofing is nearly finished, and the offices with water damage have been repaired and renovated. Work on the remainder of the building primarily involves carpet replacement, painting, ceiling tile replacement, and other such repair items. Mr. Ayscue noted that Board action will be necessary within the next 60 days to award bids for the renovation work.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright that the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 6, 2007 as presented by the Clerk to the Board. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board approve the following Rebates for July 2007 as requested by the Tax Office:

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<b>REBATES</b>			
<b>July 2007</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Michael & Brenda Ayscue	1998-01	1,783.78	Listed in Error Mobile Home Belonged to Son
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,783.78</b>	

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Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the following appointments be approved as presented:

Economic Development Commission - three-year term  
Re-appoint Cliff Rogers, Chuck Teeter, and Andrea Harris

Vance County Housing Authority - five-year term  
Re-appoint Ruth Burt

Transportation Advisory Committee - three-year term  
Re-appoint Cliff Rogers and Richard Henderson

Research Triangle Regional Partnership - two-year term  
Re-appoint Terry Garrison

Council of Governments Board of Directors

Re-appoint     Danny Wright - Business Community Position  
                   Terry Garrison - County Commissioner Position  
Appoint         Mary Anderson - Business Community Position

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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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As there was no further business, at 9:00 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed October 1, 2007.

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Chairperson