

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, 122 Young Street, Henderson, NC. Those Commissioners present were as follows: Chairman Danny W. Wright, Commissioners Dan Brummitt, Deborah F. Brown, Terry E. Garrison, A. Scott Hughes, J. Timothy Pegram, and Eddie L. Wright.

Absent: None.

Also present were County Attorney Jonathan S. Care, County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue, Finance Director Steven C. Stanton, and Clerk to the Board Kelly H. Grissom.

Jerry L. Ayscue gave the invocation.

Chairman Danny W. Wright recognized the members of Leadership Vance 2008 who were present. Participants introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their occupation. Chairman Wright thanked the group for being present at the meeting and for taking an interest in Vance County.

The next item on the agenda was the Community Hero Award recognition. The recipient of this month's award was from Chairman Wright's Commission District 3. Chairman Wright recognized the Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department and asked Chief Chris Wright, along with two department members to come forward. Chairman Wright presented Chief Wright a certificate and noted that a check for \$25.00 will follow.

Chairman Wright stated that the Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department was initially established in 1977 to provide fire protection services to citizens in the eastern part of Vance County. The organization has proven itself as a highly progressive volunteer fire department. Under the leadership of just three chiefs - Sanford Faucette, 1977-1988; Mike Coghill, 1988-2007; and Chris Wright, 2007 to the present - the Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department has grown to a current level of 23 firefighters and 8 junior firefighters.

In 2006, the Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department responded to 78 fire calls and 128 First Responder calls. It responded to 94 fire calls and 134 First Responder calls in 2007. The department has three fire trucks - 1998 Pumper, 2003 Tanker, and a 2006 Mini-Pumper.

Not only has the department provided fire protection services for over thirty years, but it also provides public education to area schools and churches, works closely with civic organizations,

provides water assistance in times of need within the community, allows the community to use its station for various functions, and cooks brunswick stew for sale several times each year. Cokesbury VFD has worked closely with Emergency Management officials in times of natural disasters to serve the needs of citizens all across the County.

The department has provided a very valuable volunteer service to the citizens of its fire district. Chairman Wright stated that its ongoing public safety efforts are second to none, making each and every member of the Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department a true Vance County Community Hero.

Dera Adair, CDBG Grants Administrator, appeared before the Board and presented the following bid tabulation to replace an existing house at 2046 Julia Avenue that is not feasible for rehabilitation due to excessive deterioration. Due to lot restrictions, the home must be stick built per plans and specifications. Ms. Adair explained that this project needed to be re-bid inasmuch as the contractor that was initially awarded the bid was not licensed.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Charles Frazier Construction, LLC Oxford, NC	\$ 75,675
RGO Enterprises, LLC Roxboro, NC	\$ 76,500

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to award the bid to Charles Frazier Construction, LLC in the amount of \$75,675 for the replacement of an existing house at 2046 Julia Avenue. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

Ms. Adair then requested approval of an Urgent Repair Job to replace a floor furnace at 231 Davis Street. The homeowner requested the new furnace to be gas. The bid tabulation is as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Larry's Service Co. Henderson, NC	\$ 2,475
A.R.E. Mechanical, Inc. Henderson, NC	\$ 2,250
Frazier Brothers Oxford, NC	\$ 2,783

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to award the bid to A.R.E. Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$2,250 for the replacement of an existing floor furnace. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue stated that during the Board’s April meeting, it was discussed to have an expedited policy for urgent repairs which allows the County Manager to approve urgent repairs up to \$5,000. Mr. Ayscue stated that the Planning/Environmental Committee reviewed that request and endorses that concept.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown stated that she would prefer a written policy to be developed and presented during next month’s meeting for approval.

Ms. Adair then presented the following bid tabulation to perform Lead Base Paint Assessment Services for the CDBG Program. She explained that these services are performed on all houses in the CDBG Program that were built before 1978. Currently there are five houses in the CDBG Program that may require these services. If lead is found during the assessment, bids would need to go out to abatement companies in order to remove any lead materials.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Matrix, Inc. Raleigh, NC	Lead Inspection: \$250 Risk Assessment: \$100 Clearance Test: \$350 Total: \$700
E. I., Inc. Morrisville, NC	Lead Inspection: \$225 Risk Assessment: 250 Clearance Test: \$325 Total: \$800

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to award the bid to Matrix, Inc. in the amount of \$700 per house to perform Lead Base Paint Assessment Services for the CDBG Program. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Garry Daeke, Franklin Granville Vance Partnership for Children, was next on the agenda and gave an update on services offered by the Partnership to Vance County children and their families. He also requested funding in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with the Partnership’s “Welcome Baby” Program. This program provides a care bag to mothers that give birth at Maria Parham Medical Center which includes several items, including the book “Caring for Your Baby and Young Child”.

Mr. Daeke also requested funding in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with the “Dolly Parton Imagination Library”. Each child enrolled in the program will receive one book per month until the child reaches five years of age. The purpose of the program is for parents to encourage reading to their young children.

Chairman Danny W. Wright directed Mr. Daeke to submit these funding requests in writing to the County Manager so that they may be reviewed and considered during upcoming budget deliberations.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown asked Mr. Daeke to include, along with the funding requests, information that reveals the percentage of County residents that have received care bags in the past as well as the percentage of City residents that have received the bags.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt also requested the Partnership to provide information that measures success rates of those individuals that have participated in the Smart Start program versus the general population.

Mr. Robert Minish, Kerr Lake Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the Board and provided a status report of the department's state certification. Mr. Minish stated that the station has not yet been built because of several recent rain events. Once the ground dries, the footings may be poured.

Currently the department's volunteers include 24 firefighters, two traffic control officers, and two junior members. Six of those firefighters are fully trained, 18 are currently in training, and eight members are also in first responder training. As far as equipment is concerned, the department has two pumpers and one tanker. All of these trucks are equipped for state certification. There are pending donations for a brush truck, a light rescue truck, and a tanker. The goal is to have these trucks in operation by this summer. Each firefighter also has two sets of turnout gear. Mr. Minish stated that as soon as the station is built, the State Fire Marshal's Office will be able to perform the state inspection.

Mr. Minish also requested a one-year extension of the contract between Kerr Lake VFD and Vance County which expires June 30, 2008 and asked that Kerr Lake VFD be included in this year's budget for fire tax distribution.

Mr. Minish then requested approval of a contract between the NC Department of Transportation, the Kerr Lake VFD, and Vance County. This contract is a construction agreement which allows the Department of Transportation to reimburse the Kerr Lake VFD up to \$25,000 for paving its driveway. Mr. Minish stated that this is a standard DOT contract and other volunteer fire departments in Vance County have done this in the past.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright stated that in light of all that is taking place with the current Fire Study, it is essential to dovetail the Study and not pave any driveways until a location is finalized for the building. The Board agreed and referred these requests to the Public Safety Committee for review in order to bring a recommendation back to the full Board during the May meeting.

William Roberts, Animal Cruelty Emergency Response Team, was next on the agenda and requested to be appointed by the Board, as volunteers, to provide assistance to the County's Animal Control Department in the investigation of animal cruelty cases as presented in General Statute 19A-45. Mr. Roberts stated that his agency is currently made up of eight volunteers, two of which are residents of Vance County.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt questioned item (d) of the General Statute which states "Upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the animal cruelty investigator or investigators may be reimbursed for all necessary and actual expenses, to be paid by the County." Mr. Roberts stated that his organization would not be seeking any type of reimbursement for services rendered.

Chairman Wright stated that the Board would take the request under advisement and will work with the Animal Control Department to see what its needs are concerning assistance with cruelty cases.

Surapon Sujjavanich, Architect, appeared before the Board and presented a feasibility study for restorations, renovations, additions, or a new facility for the Department of Social Services. The Children Services Unit which is now housed on Rose Avenue needs to be relocated as its lease agreement expires this October. Mr. Sujjavanich presented three options: 1) Continue leasing the existing building for the next two years, while waiting for the construction of the new building addition to be completed. Exterior repairs and HVAC replacement is recommended by the owner. 2) Lease a vacant building in downtown Henderson. This building requires heavy renovations by the owner. 3) Purchase a vacant building in Henderson with minor renovations needed.

Concerning the existing building on Ruin Creek Road, Mr. Sujjavanich presented the following options: 1) Renovate, repair and replace existing equipment and update the existing building components - \$397,440. 2) Build a new addition to the existing building - \$4,591,990. 3) Construct a new building at a new location - \$7,175,350. This cost does not include land.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue stated that the County will receive a reimbursement of approximately 50% for any costs for renovations, restorations, or additions to any DSS building. Mr. Ayscue also stated that the Board of Social Services has reviewed these options.

Chairman Wright stated that he would like the Properties Committee to review these options before any formal action is taken. Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to refer these matters to the Properties Committee for consultation and review and report back to the full Board with a recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sujjavanich then presented a feasibility study for repairs, renovations, and additions to the Vance County Jail. He stated that the first priority is to address the sewer problems at the Jail. Inmates are continuously flushing jumpsuits, blankets, trash, etc. into the sewer system, which has caused significant problems. The City of Henderson has directed the Jail to install a filtration system in order to catch and grind these items before entering the City's sewer lines. The cost of this filtration system is approximately \$150,000.

Other needed repairs include a new fire alarm system, new PA system, new control system, etc. The total cost to bring the Jail building up to code and able to pass State Inspection is approximately \$1.5 million. Chairman Wright asked how long the County has to make these repairs and stated that he would like to be able to budget the funds needed for these repairs over the next two budget cycles (14-15 months). Mr. Sujjavanich responded that the State would most likely accept a letter of intent that all repairs would be made as soon as possible.

Mr. Sujjavanich then presented two long-range planning options for renovations and a new addition to the Jail. Those options are as follows: 1) Construct a 64 bed addition to house federal inmates - \$1,300,000. 2) Construct a 112 bed addition to house federal inmates - \$3,940,000.

Mr. Sujjavanich stated that the revenues received from housing federal inmates would help pay for the addition. Sheriff Peter White was present and stated that the current jail building steadily houses close to 150 local inmates which leaves no space for federal inmates. He stated that Franklin County is receiving most of the federal monies coming to this area.

After further discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to direct the Public Safety Committee to work with the County Manager in developing the upcoming budget to incorporate as much funding as possible for these repairs and also look at options to defer as much funding as possible until the following budget cycle (if the State allows); involve the Sheriff to make sure the County is within the State's requirements and time-frame in completing these repairs; and the Board to receive an updated report during its May meeting rather than waiting until July 1. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Public comments were heard next. Mr. Rudi Abate expressed his concerns regarding the Animal Control Advisory Committee which is no longer active. He requested the Board to disband the present members of this committee and appoint new, proactive members. He offered his services to chair the committee and help the Board select new members. He mentioned that his qualifications include being a certified pet care technician with the American Boarding Kennel Association, an

evaluator for Canine Good Citizen Certification with the American Kennel Club. He is also president of an AKC Breed Specialty Club and member of the Board of Directors with an AKC All Breed Club.

Chairman Wright noted that the Board does not take action during the public comment period, but his request will be referred to the County Manager to research and bring a progress report to the Board during the May meeting.

Thomas Shaw, Vance County Farm Bureau President, presented a resolution on behalf of the Bureau in support of the countywide water district system.

Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Shaw and stated that the resolution would be made part of the public record. He noted that the Board of Commissioners is not allowed to take a position in favor of or against a matter that it has placed on a ballot for a referendum. Mr. Shaw presented the resolution to the Clerk to the Board for the record.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented: Budget Amendments #30, #31, #32, #33, and #34, Budget Transfer #5, March 2008 Refunds, March 2008 Rebates, March 2008 Ambulance Charge-Offs - \$2,594.39, March 2008 Monthly Reports, a road petition to add Strawberry Lane to the State System, and the minutes of the March 10, 2008 regular meeting.

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**Budget Amendment #30  
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Crisis Intervention	10-610-500235		<u>23,635.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 23,635.00
<u>Revenues</u>			
Crisis Intervention	10-348-434820	<u>23,635.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 23,635.00	

Purpose: To record additional allocation from Division of Social Services for the Crisis Intervention Program.

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**Budget Amendment #31  
Vance County Schools**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
ADM Funds	10-681-500095		<u>40,150.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 40,150.00

**Revenues**

ADM Funds	10-346-434631	<u>40,150.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 40,150.00	

Purpose: To record ADM Funds received to upgrade security systems for \$25,150 and asbestos removal and renovations for \$15,000.

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**Budget Amendment #32  
Vance County Schools**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Construction - Lottery Funds	60-681-500106		<u>216,000.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 216,000.00

**Revenues**

Lottery Proceeds	60-397-439709	<u>216,000.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 216,000.00	

Purpose: To record Lottery proceeds received for the cafeteria expansion at E.O. Young Elementary School.

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**Budget Amendment #33  
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
911 Emergency Performance Grant	10-621-500529		<u>5,066.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 5,066.00

**Revenues**

911 Emergency Performance Grant	10-380-438039	<u>5,066.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 5,066.00	

Purpose: To record grant to be used for Emergency Management.

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**Budget Amendment #34**  
**General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Departmental Supplies	10-611-500033		<u>80.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 80.00

**Revenues**

Donations - Senior Center	10-350-435007	<u>80.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 80.00	

Purpose: To transfer funding from Donations for purchases for Valentine's Dance.

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**Budget Transfer #5**  
**General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Regular Salaries	10-610-500001	32,223.00	
Part-Time Salaries	10-610-500002		13,515.00
Contracted Services	10-610-500045	_____	<u>18,708.00</u>
Total Debits & Credits		\$ 32,223.00	\$ 32,223.00

To reallocate funds to cover Vanguard Professional Staffing, Inc. and other part-time temporary employees.

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
State Foster Care	10-610-500018	18,000.00	
Office Supplies	10-610-500032		15,000.00
Verification of Documents	10-610-500434	_____	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Debits & Credits		\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00

To reallocate funds to cover anticipated over expenditures for these line items.

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**REFUNDS  
March 2008**

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Rufus Hargrove	2007	27.24	Vehicle Tax
William E. Gerock	2007	7.06	Vehicle Tax
Dennis L. King	2007	16.10	Vehicle Tax
Remonda F. Reid	2007	80.57	Vehicle Tax
Helen E. Matthews	2006	40.56	Vehicle Tax
M. Edgar Faulkner, Jr.	2003-07	1,079.82	House Burned
Joanne Harris	2006-07	19.05	Vehicle Tax
Martha H. Eggleston	2007	4.26	Vehicle Tax
Martin Vega	2007	60.96	Vehicle Tax
Christine R. Tucker	2007	19.90	Vehicle Tax
Lavoune T. Roberts	2007	3.57	Vehicle Tax
Scott T. Leahy	2007	158.70	Vehicle Tax
Richard C. Brand, Jr.	2007	7.04	Vehicle Tax
Angela H. Williams	2006-07	69.30	Vehicle Tax
DMC Investments	2007-06	12.43	Acreage Overcharge
Dareen Bullock	2007	19.26	Vehicle Tax
Sonya D. Lee	2007	19.47	Vehicle Tax
Demarcus Oliver	2007	20.56	Vehicle Tax
Edward Mazus	2007	5.16	Vehicle Tax
Patrick T. Jarrell	2007	3.05	Vehicle Tax
Durward B. Jarrell	2007	7.66	Vehicle Tax
Lisa Eaves	2007	16.00	Vehicle Tax
Nestor D. Secadas	2007	1.04	Vehicle Tax
Carlos A. Luzardo	2007	14.42	Vehicle Tax
Airgas National	2007	113.76	Vehicle Tax
M. Edgar Faulkner, Jr.	2003-07	425.00	SW Household Fee House Burned
Rufus Hargrove	2007	.90	Fire Tax
William E. Gerock	2007	.24	Fire Tax
M. Edgar Faulkner, Jr.	2003-07	35.50	Fire Tax
Joanne Harris	2006-07	.60	Fire Tax
Martin Vega	2007	1.98	Fire Tax
Catherine Tran	2007	.10	Fire Tax
Scott T. Leahy	2007	5.16	Fire Tax
Angela H. Williams	2006	2.25	Fire Tax
DMC Investments	2007	.41	Fire Tax
Dareen Bullock	2007	.60	Fire Tax
Sonya D. Lee	2007	.63	Fire Tax
Demarcus Oliver	2007	.68	Fire Tax
Lisa Eaves	2007	.52	Fire Tax
Carlos A. Luzardo	2007	.49	Fire Tax
Airgas National	2007	3.69	Fire Tax
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,305.69</b>	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 15,225.82

**REBATES  
March 2008**

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Den-Mark Construction	2007	460.00	Listing Correction
William & Carolyn Faulkner	2007	126.22	Value Correction
Robert S. Jackson	2007	21.31	Listing Correction

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
David P. Morse	2007	93.29	Listing Correction
Al Rhew	2007	109.71	Listing Correction
Charles W. Robinson, III	2007	421.93	Listing Correction
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,232.46</b>	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 40,756.14

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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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Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

Jail

Detention Officer (two positions)

Emergency Operations - 911

Telecommunicator (two positions)

Fire Department

Firefighter EMT (two positions)

Department of Social Services

Income Maintenance Caseworker

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

*Planning/Environmental Committee - Junkyard Ordinance.* Mr. Ayscue stated that in response to several recent expressions of interest in locating junkyard operations in Vance County, the Planning & Environmental Committee has reviewed a draft ordinance regarding permitting of junkyards. Realizing the urgency of the situation, a public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m. for a moratorium on junkyards until an ordinance for permitting them can be developed and adopted. Chairman Wright requested a second notice of the public hearing to be published on this matter.

*Planning/Environmental Committee - Housing Development Project.* Mr. Ayscue reported that a developer, TCG Henderson LLC, has approached the City and County for a letter of support and a low-interest loan for a housing project for low-income senior citizens. The loan request is for \$120,000 from each entity for 20 years at a 2% interest rate. The project is designed to provide 40 units and will add about \$4.5 to \$5 million to the tax base. The developer is applying to receive funding which is available on a competitive basis through the NC Housing Finance Agency. Having local funds will allow the application to be scored higher than otherwise. Mr. Ayscue noted that the Planning/Environmental Committee has not formulated a recommendation.

The developer of the project, Andy Rosen, was present and discussed the project in more detail. He stated that if the community is able to participate in this project by providing loans, the application will be more competitive. Mr. Rosen stated that this project was also an economic development tool inasmuch jobs will be needed on the construction site for an approximate 24 month period.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that some benefits from this project include an addition to the tax base and providing needs to senior citizens that would otherwise not be met. His concern is that the project would be offered to people outside of Vance County instead of meeting the needs of local senior citizens.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison commended the project concept, but stated that most of the subsidized rental housing that has been recently constructed has been primarily for senior housing. At the present time, the current housing situation is such that non-senior housing is in short supply. Another concern is the precedence that this may establish for persons that wish to engage in public/private partnerships. He stated that this concept needs to be studied before a request of this nature is endorsed.

Commissioner Eddie L. Wright stated that there is a need for affordable housing for seniors as well as low-income individuals. He expressed his concern regarding security for seniors if this project proceeds considering where the development will be located.

At this time, motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to approve a letter of support and a low-interest loan for a housing project for low-income senior citizens. Any funds from the County would be disbursed near the completion of the housing development. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown stated that she has concerns with this request and would feel more comfortable if the Board had guidelines in place regarding public/private partnerships along with a budget line item for these requests. She suggested that the Planning/Environmental Committee, along with the County Manager, formulate guidelines and a plan developing a budget line item for requests such as this.

Chairman Danny W. Wright stated that any involvement in this project by the County should be contingent upon the City of Henderson participating on a 50/50 basis. Additionally, it should be contingent upon the Economic Development Commission's endorsement.

Vote on the motion to approve the request was ayes 2 (two); noes 5 (five), with the dissenting votes being cast by Commissioners Brown, Garrison, Pegram, Danny Wright, and Eddie Wright.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to direct the Economic Development Commission to review the request from a financial standpoint and provide a recommendation to the full Board during its May meeting. The request is also contingent upon participation by the City of Henderson. 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, to direct the Planning/Environmental Committee to develop guidelines for public/private partnerships in order to address this type of request in the future.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to prepare a letter of support, with a copy to the City of Henderson, stating that the County supports the concept of said project. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

*Public Safety Committee.* Mr. Ayscue reported that three companies have submitted applications for a franchise with Vance County for convalescent ambulance services - Bertie Ambulance Services, North State, and North Central Medical Transport. The Public Safety Committee met earlier in the day to review the applications and recommends to proceed with granting franchise agreements to these three companies. Granting these agreements would be consistent with the findings of the current Fire and EMS Study which recommends that the County discontinue convalescent transports.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, to grant franchise agreements to Bertie Ambulance Services, North State, and North Central Medical Transport subject to conditions identified with each company and give each company 90 days to comply with each requirement of the agreement.

## Pending Business

*County Water Project.* Mr. Ayscue explained that the Board of Commissioners has taken the necessary steps to place a \$27 million bond referendum for water on the May 6<sup>th</sup> ballot. The referendum must be passed in order to secure adequate long-term funding through USDA - Rural Development. The County is currently conducting public information sessions throughout the Water District to provide information about the system. These sessions are being held in elementary schools at 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday in April. A television interview of the County's engineer and the County Manager will air each Thursday evening in April at 7:00 p.m. on Cable TV channel 7. The local radio station has been advertising the public information sessions and has agreed to allow County staff air time to explain the project. The local newspaper has covered the public information sessions and provided an overview of the proceedings. A brochure has been developed and will be mailed to households in the Water District. A fact sheet, FAQ's (frequently asked questions), and a publication that addresses the advantages of a water system have been printed and distributed. The public information sessions which remain are:

Tuesday, April 8 - 7:00 p.m.	Zeb Vance Elementary School
Tuesday, April 15 - 7:00 p.m.	New Hope Elementary School
Tuesday, April 22 - 7:00 p.m.	E.O. Young Elementary School
Tuesday, April 29 - 7:00 p.m.	Dabney Elementary School

*Filling of Key Positions.* The County continues to advertise and interview for the Environmental Manager position.

*Deer Hunting with Dogs.* Efforts continue to identify a resolution(s) to concerns expressed by property owners regarding deer dogs on their property. No further report is available at this time.

## County Manager's Report

*Spring Litter Sweep Proclamation.* Mr. Ayscue explained that each year the State coordinates a spring clean-up program to beautify the roadsides, rivers and stream beds, and the overall landscape. Counties are asked to contribute to this semi-annual campaign by approving proclamations encouraging their citizens to actively participate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to approve the following proclamation in support of the 2008 Spring Litter Sweep initiative for Vance County:

**PROCLAMATION**  
by the  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
in  
*Recognition of the 2008 Spring Litter Sweep*

**WHEREAS**, Vance County, in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, supports the participation in the Spring 2008 roadside cleanup effort to ensure clean and beautiful roads throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spring 2008 Litter Sweep roadside cleanup will take place April 19 - May 3, 2008. 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 April 19 - May 3, 2008 as "Spring Litter Sweep" in Vance County and encourage citizens to take an active role in making this community a cleaner place.

**THIS, the seventh day of April, 2008.**

Danny W. Wright (signed)  
Danny W. Wright, Chairman

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*CJPP Resolution.* Mr. Ayscue noted that along with three other counties, Vance County receives State Criminal Justice Partnership Program funds to operate a day reporting center as an alternative to incarceration for eligible participants. For the first time, CJPP funds were excluded from the State's continuation budget and were added to the expansion budget process. This change in budgeting procedures creates operational and funding problems for counties. Mr. Ayscue stated that there is a need to reverse the decision and have CJPP in the continuation budget and recommended the adoption of a resolution in support of the Criminal Justice Partnership Program and returning its funding to the State's continuation budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to adopt the following resolution in support of the Criminal Justice Partnership Program and returning its funding to the State's continuation budget:

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**RESOLUTION**  
**by the**  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
***In Support of Continuation of Criminal Justice Partnership Program Funding***

**WHEREAS**, since 1995, the State of North Carolina and county governments have been partners in providing effective and necessary community supervision of adult criminal offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, the CJPP funding program(s) of Vance County is (are) meeting the goals for the program(s) as stated in the General Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with legislative mandates, the Vance County CJPP local advisory board is comprised of qualified and dedicated representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County CJPP diligently carries out its charge of establishing and delivering competent, effective and necessary program assistance to augment community supervision of adult criminal offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of CJPP services in Vance County will result in the loss in rehabilitative services for offenders and additional costs of incarceration due to higher failure rates for offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) funding has been removed from the continuation budget and is now subject to continuation review; and

**WHEREAS**, the non-recurring status of CJPP funding and subsequent continuation review will only serve to delay the annual appropriation and may result in the loss of qualified professional program staff and/or the participation of county government due to the uncertainty of funding.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners strongly endorses full reinstatement of funding for the Criminal Justice Partnership Program to the continuation budget.

**This, the seventh day of April, 2008.**

Danny W. Wright (signed)  
**Danny W. Wright, Chairman**

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*Mobile Home Park Modification.* Mr. Ayscue stated that the Vance County Planning Board unanimously recommends the approval of a request from an owner of a mobile home park to change a lot from one reserved for a community well that is no longer needed to a lot for placement of an additional mobile home. This requires action by the Board of Commissioners. (Last month a similar action was approved for South Chavis Mobile Home Park #2.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to approve the recommendation of the Vance County Planning Board to change the community well lot in the South Chavis Mobile Home Park #1 to one for an additional mobile home. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

*Spring Retreat.* Mr. Ayscue reminded the Board of its annual planning retreat which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The location has been confirmed and will be at the Ambassador's Inn & Suites on Parham Road.

*Transportation Planning MOU Update.* Mr. Ayscue explained that the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Kerr Tar Regional Council of Governments must be amended to include the Town of Butner and to include administrative updates as required by the State. He recommended that the Board approve the Amended Memorandum of Understanding to incorporate required State administrative changes and the inclusion of the Town of Butner into the regional transportation planning process.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to approve the request as presented and approve the Amended Memorandum of Understanding to incorporate required State administrative changes and the inclusion of the Town of Butner into the regional transportation planning process. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

*Cooperative Extension MOU.* Mr. Ayscue noted that the State has requested that counties approve an updated Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Extension programs. Most counties have approved the new MOU for their programs.

Bob Edwards, District Extension Director, NC Cooperative Extension Service, was present and stated that 96 out of 100 counties in the state have signed this Memorandum of Understanding and thanked the Board of Commissioners for its support.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to approve the new Memorandum of Understanding between the Vance County Board of Commissioners and the NC Cooperative Extension Service at NC State University and the NC Cooperative Extension Program at NC A&T State University. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

*Dissolution of IDEU.* Mr. Ayscue stated that consistent with action taken last month by the City Council, the Board of Commissioners has been requested to officially act to dissolve the

Interagency Drug Enforcement Unit. The Sheriff and Police Chief strongly support this action and have already relocated their staff and most of the equipment, supplies, files, etc.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, to officially dissolve the Interagency Drug Enforcement Unit.

*Fire & EMS Study Work Session.* Mr. Ayscue reported that a draft of the Fire & EMS Study has been received, with the last section still being worked on at this time. The Board has indicated its interest in meeting in a work session with the consultant prior to the final report being issued. A time for the work session needs to be identified.

The Board scheduled a meeting date for a work session with the consultant for the Fire & EMS Study for Monday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m.

*Schedule of Standards and Values for Property Revaluation.* Mr. Ayscue noted that the Board of Commissioners must approve the Schedule of Standards and Values for reappraisal of property. This will allow Commissioners to proceed with the appeal process as the Board of Equalization and Review.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that he has spent a lot of time going back through the Schedule of Values and found some deficiencies in the report. He recommended that when the next revaluation takes place, the Board put things in process so that there are some checks and balances in the system. A Citizen Advisory Committee may need to be established in order to see that properties are revalued properly.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to approve the Schedule of Standards and Values for the 2008 Property Revaluation.

At this time, Chairman Danny W. Wright excused himself from the meeting and turned the gavel over to Vice-Chairman Dan Brummitt.

The following appointments were presented to the Board for consideration:

Adult Care Advisory Committee - three-year term  
Appoint Angela Maiello to fill a vacant position.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee - three-year term  
Appoint Eugene Hanks to fill a vacant position.

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

At this time, motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to enter into closed session, as advised by County Attorney Jonathan S. Care, to discuss a property matter. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Upon return to open session, motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, to direct the Properties Committee and the County Manager to meet and review a list of all County owned properties and advise a means of providing a new office space for the DSS Children Services Unit within 30 days.

As there was no further business, at 9:35 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed May 5, 2008.

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Chairman