

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 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.

Commissioner Eddie L. Wright gave the invocation.

Jackie Sergent, Public Health Department, was first on the agenda and presented information regarding House Bill 24 and the opportunity for a public health rule. She explained that, effective January 1, 2008, the passage of House Bill 24 allows local governments to regulate smoking in its buildings and a few other places which include buildings it owns and/or leases, areas it rents and occupies, the grounds of the Health Department and Social Services (up to 50 feet), and vehicles owned and used for public transportation. The Bill allows City and County officials to adopt an ordinance to regulate smoking and allows the local Board of Health to adopt a Board of Health Rule which would affect both the municipalities and counties in its jurisdiction and is enforceable just as an ordinance.

Ms. Sergent noted that, during its June 2008 meeting, the Public Health Board passed a motion to create a Public Health Rule to regulate smoking in local government buildings within its district and will conduct a public hearing on the matter during its September 30, 2008 meeting. The Public Health Rule will be modeled after Person County's, which was written by Ron Aycock. Ms. Sergent stated the Public Health Department is seeking the support of the Board of Commissioners on this matter.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to support the efforts of the Public Health Department in developing a Public Health Rule to regulate smoking in public buildings. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

The next item on the agenda was the Community Hero Award recognition. The recipient of this month's award was from Commissioner A. Scott Hughes' Commission District 7. Chairman

Wright and Commissioner Hughes recognized Sam and George Watkins and asked them to come forward. Chairman Wright and Commissioner Hughes presented Sam and George Watkins with a certificate and a \$25.00 check.

Both Sam and George were born in Henderson and were both born on August 8, 1933. Both are graduates of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. After graduation, they both enlisted in the US Armed Forces from 1956 to 1958.

Mr. Sam Watkins and his wife Mrs. Gloria Watkins have resided in Henderson for many years. Sam is the President of Rose Oil Corporation in Henderson. He has been an active community leader for the greater part of his life. Never serving as an elected official, he has had a great influence in the growth and prosperity of Henderson and Vance County. For forty years Sam served on the Salvation Army Committee. He served on the Hospital Board for 22 years and served as the chair of that committee for a period of time. In addition, he served on the United Way campaign for 10 years and is the current chair of the Vance County Economic Development Commission where he has served 20 years. Sam was instrumental in the development and construction of the new Henderson/Vance Library and Embassy Block Foundation.

Mr. George Watkins and his wife Mrs. Chickie B. Watkins also have resided in Henderson for many years. George is Vice President of Rose Oil Corporation. He has served on the Henderson/Vance Recreation Committee for greater than 30 years and is the current chair. He has served as the Major Gifts Chairman for the Boy Scouts of America in the Great Northern District of the Oconeechee Council. In addition, he has worked with setting up Eagle Scouts projects that have been greatly beneficial to the Recreation and Scouting community. He is also the current President of the Rotary Club. George was instrumental in negotiating the purchase of surplus property from Harriet and Henderson Yarns for ball fields in both North and South Henderson.

Together, George and Sam have been a great help in establishing public, private partnerships that have unified our community and resulted in development of both the Aycock Recreation Complex and the Library. These two efforts by Vance County and the City of Henderson are beneficial to all citizens of Henderson and Vance County.

Both Sam and George Watkins have done many other services for our community that are too numerous to mention. They have served our community and citizens with little to no recognition. They only want to make Vance County and Henderson a great place to work, live, and play. The services that they have performed and support that they have provided the County of

Vance and City of Henderson are what makes them true community heroes.

Cynthia Satterfield, Tar River Land Conservancy, was next on the agenda and presented a memorandum of understanding on behalf of the Tar River Paddle Trail Collaboration and requested formal adoption of the MOU by the Board. Ms. Satterfield stated that since 2004, the Collaboration has been working to conceptualize, implement, and market an approximate 150 mile contiguous paddle trail along the navigable portion of the Tar River from Granville County to Edgecombe County. The ultimate goal of the Collaboration is to provide safe and convenient public access to the Tar River for recreational use while also safeguarding the river as a source of drinking water for local communities, protecting endangered wildlife and wildlife habitat, and preserving the scenic values of the river. The Collaboration is also working with the NC Division of Parks and Recreation to ensure that as it develops, the trail meets State paddle trails standards and can eventually achieve designation as a State Trail.

Ms. Satterfield stated that the primary purpose of the memorandum of understanding is to formalize the efforts of the Collaboration thus far. The MOU defines the project and its anticipated outcomes and will provide a foundation and framework for future development of the trail. It will also offer a greater credibility to the project when grant funding is sought. Ms. Satterfield noted that the MOU has already received endorsements from the Henderson-Vance County Recreation & Parks Commission, the Vance County Tourism Department, the Vance Soil and Water Conservation District, and the City of Louisburg.

Chairman Wright asked what type of time frame the Collaboration is looking at in getting the MOU approved by all parties involved. Ms. Satterfield replied that it is hoped to have all of the endorsements by the end of September.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt questioned the portion of the MOU that addressed the trail crossing privately held land. He asked how this would be accomplished without regard to landowners. Ms. Satterfield stated that most of the river runs through private lands. The intention is to secure, either by fee or easement, areas where public access will be allowed in order to manage put-ins and take-outs by those using kayaks and canoes. The Collaboration will only be working with landowners that are interested in working with them. It is strictly voluntary for landowners.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to refer this matter to the Planning/Environmental Committee for further review in order to bring back a recommendation to the full Board during its September meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott

Hughes and unanimously approved.

As advertised, at 6:30 p.m., a public hearing was held concerning a grant application for the Community Revitalization Program, Phase II of the Julia Avenue Project. The proposed application will be \$850,000 of CDBG funds and \$68,000 of County funds for the Julia Avenue target area, Phase II. The area is located south of the Henderson city limits, being two blocks west of the intersection of Raleigh Road and First Street, containing 13 housing units. The Community Development Block Grant activities in the C-1 project for Julia Avenue will include rehabilitation of 11 dwellings, water improvements including addition of fire hydrants, sewer installation with hook-up to homes in the project area, drainage improvements, street repairs, and project administration. All work will be completed on Julia Avenue in a blocked target area and the total project cost will be \$918,000 of which 93% is CDBG funding.

As there was no one present who wished to speak on the matter, Chairman Danny W. Wright declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to approve the submission of the grant application. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

As advertised, at 6:45 p.m. a public hearing was held to receive input from citizens and local agencies on allocation of funds to prospective programs for the Rural Operating Assistance Program. Finance Director Steven C. Stanton stated that the grant was funded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and noted that only counties are eligible for these funds.

Three programs are consolidated into a single application and are as follows: (1) Elderly Disabled Transportation Assistance Program that provides transportation assistance to elderly and disabled citizens in the amount of \$48,392 with a supplemental amount of \$28,413; (2) Employment Transportation Assistance program that provides funds to support transportation needs for individuals who do not qualify for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families from DSS in the amount of \$7,195 with a supplemental amount of \$5,756; and (3) Rural General Transportation Program that provides assistance to individuals who are not clients of human services agencies in the amount of \$26,475 with a supplemental amount of \$50,481. The total grant amount is \$166,712.

As there was no one present who wished to speak on the matter, Chairman Danny W. Wright declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to approve the submission of the

application for the Rural Operating Assistance Program and authorize the Chairman and County Manager to sign the certified statement. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented: Budget Amendments #1 and #2, July 2008 Refunds, July 2008 Ambulance Charge-Offs in the amount of \$10,410.61, a road petition to add Beavertail Road to the State system, July 2008 Monthly Reports received and filed, and the minutes of the June 26, 2008 special meeting and the July 7, 2008 regular meeting.

Budget Amendment #1
Salary Adjustments

Expenditures	Code	Debit	Credit
Salaries & Wages	10-430-500001		6,960.00
FICA Expense	10-430-500005		533.00
Retirement	10-430-500007		344.00
Salaries & Wages	10-440-500001		48,216.00
FICA Expense	10-440-500005		3,689.00
Retirement	10-440-500007		2,377.00
Salaries & Wages	10-450-500001		34,524.00
FICA Expense	10-450-500005		2,642.00
Retirement	10-450-500007		1,702.00
Salaries & Wages	10-460-500001		3,120.00
FICA Expense	10-460-500005		240.00
Retirement	10-460-500007		155.00
Salaries & Wages	10-480-500001		14,628.00
FICA Expense	10-480-500005		1,120.00
Retirement	10-480-500007		720.00
Salaries & Wages	10-491-500001		13,788.00
FICA Expense	10-491-500005		1,055.00
Retirement	10-491-500007		680.00
Salaries & Wages	10-500-500001		5,154.00
Part Time Salaries	10-500-500002		954.00
FICA Expense	10-500-500005		467.00
Retirement	10-500-500007		255.00
Salaries & Wages	10-501-500001		396.00
FICA Expense	10-501-500005		30.00
Retirement	10-501-500007		20.00
Part Time Salaries	10-502-500002		783.00
FICA Expense	10-502-500005		60.00
Part Time Salaries	10-504-500002		693.00
FICA Expense	10-504-500005		53.00
Salaries & Wages	10-505-500001		5,514.00
FICA Expense	10-505-500005		423.00
Retirement	10-505-500007		272.00
Salaries & Wages	10-506-500001		1,620.00
Part Time Salaries	10-506-500002		1,036.00
FICA Expense	10-506-500005		80.00
Retirement	10-506-500007		80.00
Salaries & Wages	10-510-500001		165,330.00

Expenditures	Code	Debit	Credit
FICA Expense	10-510-500005		12,648.00
Retirement	10-510-500007		7,920.00
401K	10-510-500009		7,706.00
Salaries & Wages	10-513-500001		4,128.00
FICA Expense	10-513-500005		316.00
Retirement	10-513-500007		198.00
401K	10-513-500009		207.00
Salaries & Wages	10-520-500001		58,560.00
Part Time Salaries	10-520-500002		3,315.00
FICA Expense	10-520-500005		4,735.00
Retirement	10-520-500007		2,887.00
Salaries & Wages	10-530-500001		51,180.00
Part Time Salaries	10-530-500002		30,000.00
FICA Expense	10-530-500005		6,210.00
Retirement	10-530-500007		2,524.00
Salaries & Wages	10-541-500001		14,100.00
FICA Expense	10-541-500005		1,080.00
Retirement	10-541-500007		695.00
Salaries & Wages	10-576-500001		6,840.00
FICA Expense	10-576-500005		524.00
Retirement	10-576-500007		337.00
Salaries & Wages	10-599-500001		7,704.00
FICA Expense	10-599-500005		590.00
Retirement	10-599-500007		380.00
Salaries & Wages	10-605-500001		4,956.00
Part Time Salaries	10-605-500002		124.00
FICA Expense	10-605-500005		389.00
Retirement	10-605-500007		245.00
Salaries & Wages	10-607-500001		1,716.00
Part Time Salaries	10-607-500002		869.00
FICA Expense	10-607-500005		198.00
Retirement	10-607-500007		85.00
Salaries & Wages	10-610-500001		174,836.00
Part Time Salaries	10-610-500002		2,840.00
FICA Expense	10-610-500005		13,593.00
Retirement	10-610-500007		8,620.00
Salaries & Wages	10-611-500001		12,048.00
FICA Expense	10-611-500005		922.00
Retirement	10-611-500007		595.00
Salaries & Wages	10-615-500001		356.00
FICA Expense	10-615-500005		27.00
Salaries & Wages	10-621-500001		59,976.00
Part Time Salaries	10-621-500002		4,386.00
FICA Expense	10-621-500005		4,924.00
Retirement	10-621-500007		2,958.00
Salary Adjustment	10-555-500000	749,818.00	
DSS Administrative	10-348-434800	<u>89,342.00</u>	
Totals		\$ 839,160.00	\$ 839,160.00

Solid Waste

Expenditures	Code	Debit	Credit
Salaries & Wages	30-608-500001	5,616.00	
FICA Expense	30-608-500005	317.00	
Retirement	30-608-500007	204.00	
Salary Adjustment	30-608-500000		<u>6,137.00</u>
Totals		\$ 6,137.00	\$ 6,137.00

Tourism

Expenditures	Code	Debit	Credit
Salaries & Wages	45-413-500001	5,328.00	
FICA Expense	45-413-500005	408.00	
Retirement	45-413-500007	264.00	
Salary Adjustment	45-413-500000		6,000.00
Totals		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00

Purpose: To adjust salaries in each department based on salary increases in July.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
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**Budget Amendment #2
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Capital Outlay	10-599-500074		\$ <u>16,074.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 16,074.00

Revenues

Lease Proceeds	10-370-437024	\$ <u>16,074.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 16,074.00	

Purpose: To record installment purchase proceeds from BB&T to finance a 2008 Chevrolet Truck for Animal Control.

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**REFUNDS
July 2008**

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Anne Gupton	2007	28.80	Vehicle Tax
Michelle L. Naradzay	2007	53.06	Vehicle Tax
Fannie J. Hicks	2007	3.74	Vehicle Tax
Maggie S. Elliott	2008	22.08	Vehicle Tax
Ruth F. Barnett	2007	8.68	Vehicle Tax
Jeffrey S. Prewer	2007	101.12	Vehicle Tax
Roynisha R. Johnson	2007	1.76	Vehicle Tax
Roger A. Gallagher	2006	5.26	Vehicle Tax
Sandra Bullock	2006	9.69	Vehicle Tax
Robert F. Henley	2007	18.24	Vehicle Tax
Delores J. Peace	2007	1.75	Vehicle Tax
Clarice M. Hug	2007	3.30	Vehicle Tax
Kristi Gill	2007	9.90	Vehicle Tax

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Thomas A. Peoples	2007	21.68	Vehicle Tax
George E. Heaton	2007	58.73	Vehicle Tax
Mary Jane B. Harvey	2007	54.06	Vehicle Tax
George Lane	2006	20.28	Vehicle Tax
Anne Gupton	2007	.96	Fire Tax
Michelle L. Naradzay	2007	1.75	Fire Tax
Jeffrey S. Prewer	2007	3.28	Fire Tax
Roynisha R. Johnson	2007	.04	Fire Tax
Roger A. Gallagher	2006	.17	Fire Tax
Sandra Bullock	2006	.32	Fire Tax
Robert F. Henley	2007	.60	Fire Tax
Delores J. Peace	2007	.05	Fire Tax
Thomas A. Peoples	2007	.72	Fire Tax
George E. Heaton	2007	1.89	Fire Tax
Mary Jane B. Harvey	2007	1.74	Fire Tax
George Lane	2006	.66	Fire Tax
Total		\$ 434.31	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 434.31

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

Finance Director's Report

Financing Agreement. Finance Director Steven C. Stanton requested approval of a resolution to enter into a contract with BB&T for the financing of a 2008 Chevrolet Truck for Animal Control. The total amount for the vehicle is \$16,074. This is a four year arrangement at 3.83% interest. Mr. Stanton stated that authorization is needed to contract with the low bidder (BB&T) for the financing of the vehicle.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to approve the resolution for financing as presented.

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 2008 Chevrolet 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 \$16,074, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 3.83%, and the financing term shall not exceed four (4) 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 4th day of August, 2008.

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

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Investment Policy. Mr. Stanton requested approval of an investment policy which would insure safety and liquidity of investments, to secure high returns of income on cash flows that are in excess of current needs and to structure investments according to the County's overall financial

condition in anticipation of financial opportunities and obligations.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown suggested that, since this is a new policy, the matter be referred to an appropriate committee for review. Commissioner Brown then made a motion to refer the Investment Policy to the General Government Committee for further review and bring a recommendation back to the full Board. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Sale of Surplus Vehicles. Mr. Stanton requested two 2004 Ford Crown Victorias to be declared as surplus in order to be sold to Warren County under G.S. 160A-274. Mr. Stanton recommended the selling price to be around \$5,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to declare the two vehicles as surplus and authorize the Finance Director to negotiate a reasonable price not to be less than book value. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Donation of Surplus Property. Mr. Stanton then reported that Bearpond Volunteer Fire Department and the Vance County Rescue Squad are interested in obtaining surplus light bars from the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Stanton requested approval to donate the light bars as requested.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to declare the light bars as surplus property in order to donate to the Bearpond Fire Department and the Vance County Rescue Squad, contingent upon Sheriff White's approval and contingent upon the blue filters being removed before the donation is made. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Benny Finch, Economic Development Director, was next on the agenda to present the Economic Development quarterly report. Mr. Finch reported that Saint Gobain had undergone significant repairs and upgrades in April and May to some of its equipment and furnaces in order to keep the facility open and operational for several more years, which ultimately saved 280 jobs. The cost to make those repairs was approximately \$10 million.

Mr. Finch reported on the Jerry's Artarama, an art and craft supplier, expansion announcement in July 2008. Jerry's located in a 40,000 sq. ft. facility in the Industrial Park in 2001, added 40,000 sq. ft. in 2005, and is now adding 80,000 sq. ft. Investment is estimated at approximately \$5 million and the project will add 50 jobs.

Purolator announced it will be closing at the end of August, and several prospects and realtors have visited the facility.

The Kerr-Tar Regional Economic Development Corporation is adding 120 acres to its Vance County site. The site will have 450 acres after the most recent addition.

Vance County Economic Development promoted the County at a one-day trade show at the Triangle Commercial Association of Realtors meeting in May. There were approximately 150 attendees. The same will be done in August at another TCAR event that will have over 500 attendees. Attendees are commercial realtors and developers from throughout the Triangle area.

An Entrepreneur Forum was held in November 2007 at Vance Granville Community College with approximately 70 attendees. Another Forum is scheduled for November 6, 2008.

Mr. Finch also reported that Time Warner Cable will be producing a 10-minute video of Vance County which will run on its local channel early next year. They have completed videos for some of the surrounding counties and are now focusing on Vance. While the video will include the entire spectrum of the community, it can be used by various organizations in promoting the County, recruiting teachers, membership campaigns, etc. It should be completed by January 2009.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt requested information on any economic development activity that may have resulted from the Entrepreneur Forum last year. Mr. Finch replied that he would be able to get that information from the VGCC Small Business Center and provide to the Board.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown asked Mr. Finch to once again provide monthly economic development reports to the Board as he had done prior to being out on medical leave.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Human Resources Committee - Position Vacancies. Argretta Johen, HR Director, requested the Board to allow filling the following position vacancies which have been endorsed by the Human Resources Committee:

Fire Department
Firefighter/EMT-B

Jail
Detention Officer

Department of Social Services
Income Maintenance Caseworker II

Sheriff's Office
Deputy Sheriff

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

Pending Business

County Water Project. Mr. Ayscue reported that a significant amount of County staff time was invested during the month of July in providing responses to funding sources, regulatory agencies, and other organizations on behalf of the Water Project. The County and its engineers have continued to work with USDA - Rural Development in refining various aspects of the four applications. An application for grant funding was submitted to the NC Rural Economic Development Center.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that there is still an issue pending with the water bond referendum. He suggested that the issue be dealt with and resolved as quickly as possible before getting too far into the grant process.

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

CDBG Application. The first of two public hearings was conducted by the County Commissioners on June 2nd for the completion of the Julia Avenue target area. Funding for updating the preliminary engineering report was obtained in May from the County and the engineers have completed the update. The County Manager and COG Executive Director met with State officials on May 12th, which is one of the CDBG application requirements, to discuss the project in concept. Staff from the Division of Community Assistance will make a site visit during the month of August. The second public hearing was held earlier during this meeting. The application is due to the Division of Community Assistance by August 29, 2008.

Education Matters. Mr. Ayscue noted that Commissioners had asked that the Education Committee review the request from the Schools for funding of QZAB's and school construction needs. Due to full schedules during July, the Committee will be convened during August to consider these matters.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that if the Board wishes to hold a referendum during the November election for school construction, that process needs to begin now. Mr. Ayscue responded that if the Board wishes to do so, the Board of Elections will need 90 days. Commissioner Brummitt stated that it would be best to place the referendum on the November ballot in order to avoid the cost of a stand alone election.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright stated that he personally believes that a referendum would be an exercise in futility because of the timing of everything. He does not feel that a referendum will

pass. The Board discussed referring the matter to the Joint Education Committee in order to receive the Schools' construction priorities and to review the matter further.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt noted that the Board has not yet received information that has been requested from the Schools, and he would prefer having the requested data before meeting is held.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison stated that the Committee needs to meet as soon as possible, possibly next week, to discuss the matter in depth. Clark Street School needs to be replaced.

After further discussion, the Board decided to refer the matter to the Joint Education Committee for further review.

County Manager's Report

Jail Inspection Report. Mr. Ayscue reported that the Vance County Jail received its semi-annual inspection by the State Jail and Detention Section on June 17, 2008. As required by regulation, the Board of Commissioners must formally act to receive the report. A response has already been submitted to the State by the Sheriff prior to the August 1st deadline.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to receive the June 17 Jail inspection report. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

County Office Building Renovations. Mr. Ayscue noted that bids were advertised and received for renovation of the ground floor of the County Office Building to accommodate the relocation of the Children's Protective Services Unit of the Department of Social Services. A bid summary is as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
D.W. Ward Construction Durham, NC	\$ 328,043
H.G. Reynolds Co., Inc. Henderson, NC	\$ 270,587 (negotiated from \$275,000)
Vance Construction Company Henderson, NC	\$ 312,124

Mr. Ayscue stated that bids were received higher than anticipated. The total project cost is approximately \$297,000 which includes architect fees. This would require \$48,444 to be allocated from the Contingency, which would be matched by State and Federal monies.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to award the bid to H.G. Reynolds for the renovation of the Vance County Office Building at the bid price, including architect fees, with

\$48,444 to be allocated from Contingency. This is contingent upon the Properties Committee reviewing the final plans. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

EMS Mileage Rate. Mr. Ayscue noted that the maximum mileage reimbursement rate for ambulance service had increased to \$9.92 as of July 1, 2008. The current rate charged by the County is \$9.38 per mile. Mr. Ayscue requested approval of this increase.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to approve the mileage reimbursement rate for Emergency Medical Services at \$9.92 effective July 1, 2008. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Demolition of House. Mr. Ayscue reported that during foreclosure proceedings in October 2007, the County and City came into ownership of a house on East Andrews Avenue. This house is on the City's list to be demolished. The City has a contractor that has bid to demolish this house for \$350. By virtue of the fact that the City and County jointly own this house, it must be declared as surplus and demolition of the house must be approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to declare the house as surplus property and to empower the County Manager to make the final decision on this project based on the recommendation of the County Attorney. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, that the Board adopt the following Resolution to change the meeting date in September 2008 due to the Labor Day Holiday:

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RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
Changing the Date of the September 2008 Commissioners' Meeting

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

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

WHEREAS, the Vance County Board of Commissioners desires to change its regular meeting scheduled for Monday, September 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. to Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vance County Board of Commissioners that it does hereby change its regular meeting date from September 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. to September 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the usual place, the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, Henderson, NC.

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

This, the fourth day of August, 2008

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

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As there was no further business, at 7:50 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 September 2, 2008.

Chairman