

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 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 Assistant County Attorney Jonathan S. Care, County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue, and Finance Director Steven C. Stanton.

Commissioner A. Scott Hughes gave the invocation.

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Vance, North Carolina, in its capacity as the governing body of the Vance County Water District, met in a special meeting in the Commissioners' Conference Room in the Vance County Administration Building located at 122 Young Street in Henderson, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:00 p.m. on March 10, 2008.

Present: 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: Assistant County Attorney Jonathan S. Care, County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue, and Finance Director Steven C. Stanton.

Chairman Danny W. Wright stated that the first item on the agenda was a public hearing on the County Water Project Bond Referendum. He explained that the County has created a water district and is in the process of applying for loans and grants from the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Water Fund. In order to qualify for these loans and grants, the average annual median household income in the water district cannot exceed \$37,435. Based on the latest census data, if the entire county were to be included in the water district, that base amount would exceed the median household income, thus, disqualifying the County for the loan. Therefore, a small portion of the county has been excluded from the water district. The water district has been crafted to include most households and water users in the county without exceeding the median household income of \$37,435. Chairman Wright stated that another requirement by USDA is that the loans must be backed by collateral and the good faith credit of the taxpayers in the water district. The

system itself is designed in a way that the monthly fee to the users will pay for the cost of the water, line maintenance, and pay back the loan. The pledge by the taxpayers is a recourse that USDA can seek if the system fails to meet its financial obligations. In order to accomplish this, the USDA requires a vote by the registered voters in the water district to approve a bond referendum to finance the construction. A 50% plus one vote is required and is scheduled for the May 6, 2008 primary election. Furthermore, the Local Government Commission requires a public hearing by the County before it may incur debt.

Chairman Danny W. Wright announced that this was the hour and day fixed by the Board of Commissioners for the public hearing upon the order entitled: "Order Authorizing \$27,000,000 Water Bonds," and that the Board of Commissioners would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the questions of the validity of said order or the advisability of issuing said bonds.

Mary Keith, Middleburg, asked what water has to do with income and asked why there are no water lines at her home near St. Johns Baptist Church.

Dennis Massey, Plum Nutty, stated that information was sent out about a year ago about the water project. He understood that if you did not vote, that would be considered a no vote. He asked if this was correct. He also asked the Board to consider the number of people that own vacation property at Kerr Lake, but are not registered to vote in Vance County.

Bill Waters, Pollyanna Road, asked why he should be taxed when he has good well water. He stated that he does not need a water system in his area.

Ralph Ellington, Greystone, thanked the Board for pursuing the water project and stated that it would be a great asset to the county. He hopes the citizens will support this project.

John Soles, retired USDA, expressed his support for the water project. He stated that the Board needs to make the District boundaries very clear to the citizens. He stated that the County already has organized opposition to the water project. Usually when this happens, it is difficult to receive a passing vote. The County needs to guarantee that the project is self-supporting, that there will be no tax increase, and have water rates already established.

Bill Cate, Pollyanna Road, expressed his opposition to the water project. He stated that the County needs competitive wages for the Sheriff's Department and Teachers. He asked what the monthly water rate is estimated to be.

Susette McLendon, Pool Rock Road, asked if inflation costs were included in the \$27 million and stated that this does not look like a plan for economic growth.

Rozella Woody, Sandy Creek, asked if property owners are required to tap on.

Vincent Jefferson, Hicksboro, stated that this is not a “county-wide” water project and asked what has been done to prepare the citizens for the project since last year.

As there were no other persons who wished to speak, Chairman Danny W. Wright declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner A. Scott Hughes stated that it seems that the people who are the most vocal about the County’s lack of progression are also opposed to county-wide water. He stated that the water project is designed for residential usage, but can also be an economic development tool. If the bond does not pass on May 6, it is very likely that county-wide water will never be implemented. He stated that one of the goals of the Board is to provide better fire coverage throughout the County. With a county-wide water system, fire hydrants would be placed throughout the water district, thus, possibly reducing the cost of fire insurance for property owners. This savings could off-set the cost of monthly water rates.

Thereupon, upon motion made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, the order introduced and passed on first reading on February 27, 2008 entitled “Order Authorizing \$27,000,000 Water Bonds” was read a second time and placed upon its final passage. The vote upon the final passage of said order was:

Ayes: Chairman Danny W. Wright, Commissioners Dan Brummitt, Deborah F. Brown, A. Scott Hughes, Terry E. Garrison, J. Timothy Pegram, and Eddie L. Wright.

Noes: None

Chairman Danny W. Wright then announced that the order entitled “Order Authorizing \$27,000,000 Water Bonds” had been adopted.

The Clerk to the Board for the District was thereupon directed to publish said order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The Daily Dispatch.

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Thereupon, Assistant County Attorney Jonathan S. Care introduced the following resolution, the title of which was read and a copy of which was previously distributed to each Commissioner:

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN ELECTIONS
HELD BY THE VANCE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Section 163-302 of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides that for certain municipal elections absentee voting may, upon resolution of the municipal governing body, be permitted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") for the County of Vance, North Carolina (the "County"), in its capacity as the governing body of the Vance County Water District (the "District") that:

Section 1. Absentee voting shall be permitted in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina in all elections of the District, including the special bond referendum currently scheduled for May 6, 2008.

Section 2. This resolution shall remain effective for all future elections unless repealed by the Board no later than 60 days before an election.

Section 3. The Clerk to the Board for the District is hereby directed to file a copy of this resolution with the State Board of Elections and the Vance County Board of Elections within 10 days of the passage of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon, upon motion made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, the foregoing resolution entitled: "Resolution Calling for Absentee Ballots in Elections Held by the Vance County Water District" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Danny W. Wright, Commissioners Dan Brummitt, Deborah F. Brown, A. Scott Hughes, Terry E. Garrison, J. Timothy Pegram, and Eddie L. Wright.

Noes: None

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Thereupon, Assistant County Attorney Jonathan S. Care introduced the following resolution, the title of which was read and a copy of which was previously distributed to each Commissioner:

RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") for the County of Vance, North Carolina (the "County"), in its capacity as the governing body of the Vance County Water District (the "District"):

Section 1. A special bond referendum is hereby called to be held between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District the question stated in the notice of special bond referendum set forth in Section 3 of this resolution.

Section 2. For said referendum, (i) the regular registration books for elections in Vance County and the District shall be used and the registration books, process or records shall be open for the registration of qualified persons and for public inspection in the manner, under the conditions and at the times and places as provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, (ii) the chief judges, judges and other officers of elections appointed by the Vance County Board of Elections for the several precincts and voting places in and around said District shall be the election officers for such voting place and (iii) the precincts and voting places shall be those fixed by the Vance County Board of Elections as provided in said notice set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, subject to change as provided by law. The Vance County Board of Elections is hereby requested to conduct said referendum and to take all necessary steps to that end in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Section 3. The Clerk to the Board for the District shall cause a notice to be published in The Daily Dispatch once at least fourteen days before April 11, 2008 (being the 25th day prior to said referendum), and once again not less than seven days before said day, such notice to read substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM
in the
VANCE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

A bond referendum will be held in the Vance County Water District on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 regarding the approval of not to exceed \$27,000,000 WATER BONDS of said District. The proceeds of said water bonds would be used for acquiring, constructing, enlarging, extending, renovating and improving a water distribution system of said District, inside and outside its corporate limits, including, without limitation, water mains and lines, booster pump stations, water storage tanks, water supply interconnections, system interconnections and other appurtenant facilities, and the acquisition of any necessary land, rights-of-way and equipment, all as set forth in the bond order adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Vance, North Carolina, in its capacity as the governing body of said District on March 10, 2008. If said water bonds are issued, taxes in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereof may be levied upon all taxable property in said District.

Residents of Vance County may contact the Vance County Board of Elections to inquire as to whether they reside within the District.

The referendum will be conducted by the Vance County Board of Elections. The last day for new registration of those not now registered to vote is Friday, April 11, 2008. For further information and questions regarding said referendum, voter registration, procedures for those residents who have changed residences from the date of the last election, voting by absentee ballot,

one stop voting and polling places, please contact the Vance County Board of Elections, Henry A. Dennis Building, 300 South Garnett Street, Henderson, North Carolina 27536, Telephone: (252) 492-3730.

The Vance County Board of Elections' website is <http://www.vancecounty.com/boardofelections.htm>.

James Kearney
Chairman, Vance County Board of Elections

Kelly H. Grissom
Clerk to the Board, Vance County Water District

Section 4. The form of the ballots to be used at said referendum shall be substantially as follows:

Official Ballot
Special Bond Referendum
Vance County Water District
May 6, 2008

Instructions

- (1) To vote IN FAVOR OF THE ORDER, fill in the oval to the left of the word "YES".
- (2) To vote AGAINST THE ORDER, fill in the oval to the left of the word "NO".
- (3) If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.
- (4) Use only the pen or pencil provided.

Shall the order adopted on March 10, 2008, authorizing not exceeding \$27,000,000 WATER BONDS of the Vance County Water District, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for acquiring, constructing, enlarging, extending, renovating and improving a water distribution system of said District, inside and outside its corporate limits, including, without limitation, water mains and lines, booster pump stations, water storage tanks, water supply interconnections, system interconnections and other appurtenant facilities, and the acquisition of any necessary land, rights-of-way and equipment, be approved?

[] YES

[] NO

[Facsimile of signature]
Chairman of the Vance County Board of Elections

Note: Language on ballot should reflect the method of voting used by the Vance County Board of Elections.

Section 5. The Clerk to the Board for the District is hereby directed to mail or deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Vance County Board of Elections within three days after the adoption hereof.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Thereupon, upon motion made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, the foregoing resolution entitled: "Resolution Calling a Special Bond Referendum" was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Danny W. Wright, Commissioners Dan Brummitt, Deborah F. Brown, A. Scott Hughes, Terry E. Garrison, J. Timothy Pegram, and Eddie L. Wright.

Noes: None

Dr. Michael Smith, EMS Medical Director, was next on the agenda and expressed his concerns regarding the EMS System in Vance County. He stated that the current coverage is below level and needs to be updated. As the population of the County has grown, EMS coverage has not. He asked the Board to look into the use of quick response vehicles (QRVs) and encouraged the Board to begin using convalescent transport services. Dr. Smith noted that one change needed, in his opinion, is that EMS services be separated from fire services. Dr. Smith also expressed his concerns with below-level salaries of Vance County paramedics.

Commissioner A. Scott Hughes informed Dr. Smith that applications have been mailed out, to those who have requested them, regarding convalescent transport services. Commissioner Hughes also stated that the recent salary study increased paramedic wages to be comparable to surrounding counties. He noted that the current Fire & EMS Study should be submitted to the Board soon and should address these issues. He invited Dr. Smith to meet with the Public Safety Committee to discuss these matters further once the study has been received.

Chairman Wright reminded those present of the two public forums scheduled to solicit input regarding the Fire & EMS Study. The first will be Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. at New Hope Elementary School and the second at the Bearpond VFD on Thursday, March 13, also at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Contractor	Bid Amount
Charles Frazier Contr., LLC Oxford, NC	\$ 79,989
Prestigious Housing Henderson, NC	\$ 75,800

Ms. Adair stated that the bid amounts include new appliances (stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer). As required by the State, since the homeowner is wheelchair bound, the home will have a covered porch. The CDBG staff recommends the County award the bid to Prestigious Housing in the amount of \$75,800.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to award the bid to Prestigious Housing in the amount of \$75,800 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 the Board to authorize the County Manager to approve CDBG emergency repairs in order to expedite urgent repairs. Currently, all emergency repairs must be put on hold until presented and approved by the Board of Commissioners during its regular monthly meetings. She stated that she has one repair needed at this time on a home without heat.

Chairman Wright stated that the Board may at some point empower the County Manager to act on behalf of the Board in these emergency situations, but believes the Board would like to discuss this matter before making a definite decision. The Board decided to refer this matter to the Planning/Environmental Committee for further discussion.

As advertised, at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing was held to gain citizen input concerning the Proposed Schedule of Standards and Values for the 2008 property revaluation. Chairman Wright noted that this process is being repeated due to an error that was discovered in the Schedule of Values. In order to adopt the Schedule of Values as corrected, a public hearing must be held.

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

Bob Pearson, Pearson Appraisal Services, was presented and explained that the appeal process that began in December is still ongoing. The goal is to hear all appeals by March 28 and send out response notices by April 15.

Terri Hedrick, Appearance Commission, was next on the agenda to assist with the Community Hero Award recognition. The recipient of the award was from Commission District 2. Chairman Wright called upon Commissioner J. Timothy Pegram, District 2 Commissioner and Terri Hedrick, Appearance Commission Chair. Chairman Wright then recognized Mrs. Marion Beatrice Russell-Perry and asked her to come forward. Chairman Wright presented a certificate and a check for \$25.00 to Ms. Perry.

Chairman Wright stated that Mrs. Perry, who resides on Warrenton Road with her husband, Dr. James H. Perry, has been an active citizen of Vance County for 25 years. Marion Perry is an extremely busy lady who is well-known throughout educational circles of Vance County. She has been president of School Parent-Teacher Associations at Carver Elementary, Henderson Middle, and Southern Vance High Schools. She was selected as the Volunteer of the Year at Carver School for three straight years (2005, 2006 & 2007), at Southern Vance for 2000-2001, and as the Vance County Schools Volunteer of the Year for 2005-2006. She received Carver's Outstanding Service Award 1994-1995, Aycock's PTA Service Award 1995-1996, the Henderson Middle School Leadership Award 1997-98, the Vance County Schools Champion of Education Award 2005-2006, and the Vance County Schools Shining Moment Partner 2006-2007. She has also served on the Vance County School Foundation since 2004 and worked on the Early College/High School Innovation Project in 2007.

Marion Perry was on the Friends of Perry Library Board from 1993-1996, has served on the Perry Library Board of Trustees since 1996, and has been Editor of the Friends of the Library newsletter for the past 8 years. She has served on the Franklin-Granville-Vance Partnership for Children Board since 2004 and has been on two different committees there. She has been a member of the Vance County Appearance Commission since 2000 and Secretary for four years. She received the Helen O. Brame Award from the Volunteer Center in 2001 and the United Way Service Award in 2001 and 2004.

She also sponsors numerous programs of her own, including the One Step Above Reading Club at Carver and the Tokens of Love Program and TOL Academic Scholarships.

Chairman Wright noted that with all of these awards, titles, recognitions, and accomplishments, it would be easy to overlook what truly makes Marion Perry such a special person - she loves people. Her compassion for those who have a special problem or need is unsurpassed. An incredible optimist, she sees the potential in our young people and looks for ways to motivate them to achieve goals they may never have thought were possible.

She has three children, Crystal Perry-Willie, Jonathan, and Tiffany; four grand-children; and is mentor to two special students, Jessica and Wilbert. She has been a member of Coley Spring MBC since 1982 where she has taught Sunday School for over ten years.

Chairman Wright stated that Mrs. Perry is one of our shining stars and is quite a Vance County Community Hero.

Terri Hedrick, Appearance Commission Chair, then introduced plans for an anti-litter awareness campaign. Ms. Hedrick explained that the Vance County Appearance Commission, in partnership with the Henderson Appearance Commission, is seeking to establish an Anti-Litter Awareness Campaign in Vance County. Mr. George Rush, on behalf of the Henderson Appearance Commission, was present and spoke in support of and endorsed said plans for the campaign.

Ms. Hedrick explained that the Commission's concerns are as follows in prioritized order:

1. The need for strong enforcement of existing litter/illegal dumping laws and ordinances.
2. The need for the establishment of a county-wide Anti-Litter Awareness Campaign.
3. The need for the establishment of a community-wide recycling program.
4. The need for a Vance County Solid Waste Manager.

Ms. Hedrick stated that the Appearance Commission is seeking assistance from the Board of Commissioners for the following:

- Funding for anti-litter road signs provided through the NC Department of Transportation and to be placed along major roadways in the county.
- Funding for one full-time deputy in the Vance County Sheriff's Department who would deal with litter/illegal dumping violations, issue citations and follow through with consequences for violators to make enforcement more effective (this person would need to work closely with the county compliance officer).
- Support for the establishment of a county-wide anti-litter campaign and recycling program.

Ms. Hedrick noted that the Appearance Commission plans to work with local news media to publicize the campaign and help educate local residents about the seriousness of the litter problem.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown thanked the Appearance Commission for undertaking this major problem within the county. Commissioner Brown made a motion to authorize the County Manager to include the three items mentioned above in the upcoming budget process for consideration. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes.

The Board discussed this matter and Commissioner Brown stated that this motion is not authorizing the County Manager to proceed with the requests, but rather to incorporate the requests into the proposed budget. Once the proposed budget (which will include cost estimates) is presented to the Board, then a final decision may be made during budget deliberations as to approve or deny the requests.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt expressed the need to review the litter ordinance for enforcement. The Board directed the County Manager to research why fines are not being paid. Commissioner Brummitt noted that Wake County is currently undertaking a similar project, on a trial basis, which uses a part-time employee, and asked the County Manager to research this as well.

At this time, vote on the motion to authorize the County Manager to include the funding requests from the Appearance Commission in the upcoming budget process was unanimous.

Public comments were heard next. Susan McLendon spoke and questioned whether comparisons are available to property owners to show how new property values are determined. She also expressed her concerns with delinquent taxpayers.

Bob Pearson, Pearson Appraisal Services, was present and stated that all sales from 2005-2007 are available to the public. He explained that property values are not determined by comparisons, but rather by market value.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented: Budget Amendment #29, February 2008 Refunds, January 2008 Rebates, February 2008 Rebates, February 2008 Ambulance Charge-Offs - \$11,045.38, February 2008 Monthly Reports, and the minutes of the February 4, 2008 regular meeting, the February 18, 2008 special meeting, and the February 27, 2008 special meeting.

**Budget Amendment #29
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Wellness Program Grant	10-555-500170		<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 3,000.00
<u>Revenues</u>			
Wellness Program Grant	10-380-438050	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 3,000.00	

Purpose: To appropriate grant funds for Vance County Wellness Program.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
March 10, 2008

**REFUNDS
February 2008**

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Mary Davis	2007	3.85	Vehicle Tax
Shirley P. Briggs	2007	3.27	Vehicle Tax
Julio Flores	2007	33.20	Vehicle Tax

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Darrell S. Gutshall	2007	1.70	Vehicle Tax
Olin W. Brown	2003-07	709.98	Mobile Home Tax
Parksdon Farm & Rent	2007	10.76	Vehicle Tax
Alfonso L. Bernal	2007	21.18	Vehicle Tax
JMFBTF, LLC	2007	1,942.12	House Not on Parcel as of 1-1-07
Martha O. Hicks	2007	33.32	Vehicle Tax
Minerva A. Hudgins	2007	11.43	Vehicle Tax
George C. Lassiter	2007	8.32	Vehicle Tax
Tonekia N. Johnson	2006	29.05	Vehicle Tax
Dorothy Hope	2005-07	138.00	Land Charged in Error
Ann R. Skipwith	2004-06	687.47	Mobile Home Tax
Clement J. Ellington	2007	49.73	Mobile Home Tax
Durelle Kimball, Jr.	2007	1.12	Vehicle Tax
Donald McCarl	2006	784.94	Incorrect Value on Property
William F. Leake, Jr.	2007	54.85	Vehicle Tax
James H. Peace	2007	5.60	Vehicle Tax
Peggy D. Clark	2007	8.19	Vehicle Tax
Yolanda Baskerville	2008	20.00	Overage Tax
Alice V. Champion	2007	4.24	Vehicle Tax
Derrick L. Hawkins	2007	6.60	Vehicle Tax
Betty J. Seward	2007	42.42	Vehicle Tax
Sha L. Leming	2007	5.11	Vehicle Tax
VFS Loan Residuel	2005	750.68	Equipment Lease Terminated - 2004
William F. Leake, Jr.	2007	51.00	Vehicle Tax
Shereen Ferri	2007	15.08	Vehicle Tax
James D. Wilkerson	2007	29.40	Vehicle Tax
Jessica V. Montez	2007	2.52	Vehicle Tax
Ramon Hernandez	2007	13.50	Vehicle Tax
Lucille B. Chappell	2007	1.38	Vehicle Tax
Heather R. Faulkner	2006	4.80	Vehicle Tax
Brenda L. Zimmerman	2007	20.00	Overage Tax
Joseph R. Turner	2007	8.73	Vehicle Tax
Raymond Evans, Jr.	2007	20.00	Overage Tax
Anna B. Gerber	2007	24.64	Vehicle Tax
Olin W. Brown	2003-07	425.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
JMFBTF, LLC	2007	95.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Ann R. Skipwith	2004-06	255.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Clement J. Ellington	2007	95.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Clarence C. Burwell	2007	95.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Julio Flores	2007	1.12	Fire Tax
Darrell S. Gutshall	2007	.06	Fire Tax
Olin W. Brown	2003-07	23.35	Fire Tax
Parksdon Farm & Rent	2007	.36	Fire Tax
Alfonso L. Bernal	2007	.72	Fire Tax
JMFBTF, LLC	2007	63.33	Fire Tax
Martha O. Hicks	2007	1.08	Fire Tax
Minerva A. Hudgins	2007	.36	Fire Tax
George C. Lassiter	2007	.28	Fire Tax
Dorothy Hope	2005-07	4.50	Fire Tax
Ann R. Skipwith	2004-07	22.59	Fire Tax
Clement J. Ellington	2007	1.62	Fire Tax
Donald McCarl	2006-07	25.60	Fire Tax
William F. Leake, Jr.	2007	1.80	Fire Tax
James H. Peace	2007	.20	Fire Tax
Peggy D. Clark	2007	.28	Fire Tax
Alice V. Champion	2007	.16	Fire Tax

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Derrick L. Hawkins	2007	.22	Fire Tax
Sha L. Leming	2007	.14	Fire Tax
William F. Leake, Jr.	2007	1.65	Fire Tax
James D. Wilkerson	2007	.96	Fire Tax
Jessica V. Montez	2007	.09	Fire Tax
Lucille B. Chappell	2007	.05	Fire Tax
Heather R. Faulkner	2006	.16	Fire Tax
Total		\$ 6,673.86	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 12,920.13

REBATES
January 2008

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Laurel R. Anthony	2007	42.32	Listing Correction
Kathy B. Barber	2007	81.15	Listing Correction
Annie W. Boyd Heirs	2007	113.71	Value Correction
Cheree & Bradley Collins	2007	57.97	Value Correction
Carlos Corna	2007	76.44	Listing Correction
Lauri S. Crowder	2007	20.30	Listing Correction
Ralph Daniels	2006-07	217.82	Listing Correction
Herman A. Davis, Jr.	2007	29.07	Listing Correction
Dianetta F. Durham	2007	84.18	Listing Correction
Randolph Edwards	2007	15.18	Listing Correction
Gene Ferruzza	2007	138.00	Value Correction
For C's Sons, LLC	2007	1,017.93	Value Correction
			Value of Building/House Reduced
Phillip W. Mace	2007	190.00	Listing Correction
Brenda K. McKnight	2007	69.28	Listing Correction
Mead Land Company	2007	266.15	Value Correction
David L. Rainey	2007	25.89	Listing Correction
Bill Ruggirello	2007	35.53	Listing Correction
Ann Skipwith	2007	230.83	Listing Correction
Total		2,711.75	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 38,965.81

REBATES
February 2008

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Beatrice Champion	2007	220.71	Listing Correction
Rubin A. Creech, Jr.	2006-07	154.31	Listing Correction
Daniel Ray Hairfield	2007	47.45	Listing Correction
Earl M. Harris	2007	54.86	Listing Correction
John M. Keller	2007	80.54	Listing Correction
Total		\$ 557.87	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 39,523.68

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. 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)

Department of Social Services

Human Resource Aid

Economic Services Caseworker III

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

Pending Business

County Water Project. The Board of Commissioners continues to take the necessary actions to authorize a \$27 million bond referendum to be placed on the ballot for May 6. The referendum must be passed in order to secure adequate long-term funding through USDA - Rural Development. A public hearing was conducted at the beginning of this meeting (March 10). At least six public information sessions will be held throughout the County during late March and April.

Filling of Key Positions. Mr. Ayscue explained that the Finance Director's position has been filled. The County continues to advertise and interview for the Environmental Manager position.

Commissioner A. Scott Hughes questioned if this would be an appropriate time to discuss the position of County Attorney. Mr. Robert S. Hight held the position of County Attorney until his death in early February. Mr. Jonathan Care is currently serving as Assistant County Attorney.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to appoint Jonathan S. Care as County Attorney to fill the position formerly held by Robert S. Hight. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown noted that this position is an appointed position which is open for re-appointment each December. Commissioner Brown asked Mr. Care to be mindful of County requests and respond in a timely manner.

Commissioner Eddie L. Wright expressed his desire to advertise the position for other attorneys to apply for the position.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown reiterated that this is an appointed position that is filled each December. Since it is an unexpired position at this time, she suggested that any advertisement of the position be done closer to the time of appointment.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue stated that it is critical at this point in time that Mr. Care remain as the County's legal counsel due to the current bond referendum. To make a change at this time could have a devastating affect on the bond issue

Chairman Wright stated that it is his intent to retain Mr. Care as legal counsel now and beyond the new appointment in December. He stated that he has been serving as Assistant County Attorney for over 18 months and is satisfied with the quality of work produced by Mr. Care.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison stated that Commissioner Eddie L. Wright raised a good point, but at the same time, can attest to the quality performance of Attorney Care. He suggested to continue with Attorney Care at this time and, if the Board desires to do so, advertise for the position in the fall.

Vote on the motion to appoint Jonathan S. Care as County Attorney to fill the unexpired term formally held by Robert S. Hight was ayes - six (6); noes - one (1), with the dissenting vote being cast by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright.

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

County Manager's Report

VWGF Resource Center Resolution. Mr. Ayscue explained that each year the four participating counties (Vance, Warren, Granville, and Franklin) are required to agree by resolution to continue the joint program arrangement and that Vance County will remain as the fiduciary agent for the Criminal Justice Partnership Program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to adopt the following resolution as presented:

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RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
Continuation of the VWGF Resource Center

Upon a duly made and seconded motion, a majority of the Commissioners seated on the Vance County Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolution at a public meeting on this the 10th day of March, 2008.

RESOLVED, that the VWGF Resource Center is operating according to design and meeting identified criminal justice service needs throughout the local Judicial District; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners is fully satisfied with the managerial configuration presently being employed and also approves of the Vance County Manager continuing to serve in FY 2008-2009 as the financial administrator of this very important regional project.

Danny W. Wright (signed)
Chairman, Vance County Board of Commissioners

March 10, 2008
Date

Jerry L. Ayscue (signed)
Vance County Manager

March 10, 2008
Date

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Spring Planning Retreat. Mr. Ayscue noted that during its last planning retreat, the Board of Commissioners decided to have one annual planning session that will be held in the spring of each year. During that planning session, the Commissioners are to establish goals and objectives for the coming fiscal year. Mr. Ayscue recommended Tuesday, April 29 as the date for the planning retreat. The Board decided to schedule the spring retreat for Tuesday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mobile Home Park Modification. Mr. Ayscue reported 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to approve the recommendation of the Vance County Planning Board to change the community well lot in the South Chavis Mobile Home Park #2 to one for an additional mobile home. This motion was seconded by Commissioner J. Timothy Pegram and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown asked if the County has any policy in place to certify that wells have been abandoned properly with no liability issues. Commissioner Dan Brummitt responded that this particular case has been performed under the supervision of the Health Department and the certification statement has been submitted from the NC Department of Natural Resources.

Well Closure at Schools Site. Mr. Ayscue explained that there are six wells that have been discovered at the future school construction site. Unless one (or more) could be helpful for future

construction and could be safely protected until then, it is advisable to close the wells by filling them with concrete or a similar substance. Mr. Ayscue requested authorization to have the wells closed in an appropriate manner, using funds from the Capital Reserve Funds - Schools (total rough estimate of \$5,000 to \$6,000).

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to authorize the County Manager to have the wells closed in an appropriate manner, using funds from the Capital Reserve Funds - Schools.

Joint Resolution - 100 Years of County Unity. Mr. Ayscue noted that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is celebrating its 100th anniversary. NCACC has requested that each county adopt a resolution acknowledging the strong unity which exists between the Association and its 100 member counties.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to adopt the following resolution in honor of the 100 years of operation by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners:

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RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
Joint Resolution Celebrating 100 Years of County Unity in
Recognition of Our Association's Centennial

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is an advocacy and service organization made up of all one-hundred (100) North Carolina counties; and

WHEREAS, the active participation and engagement of all 100 counties have directed, strengthened and enhanced our Association; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and talents of individual county commissioners and county staff have led our Association's success in advocacy, county-centered services and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, an informal agreement to form our Association was made by a handful of county commissioners who, at the behest of Craven County Commissioner C.E. Foy, met in New Bern in 1908, to discuss county issues of common interest; and

WHEREAS, the first session of our unofficial Association was held at the Atlantic Hotel in Morehead City on August 19, 1908, where C.E. Foy was elected as president; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly passed an act on March 8, 1909 establishing our Association on behalf of counties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and each Board of County Commissioners jointly recognize and celebrate "100 Years of County Unity" in tribute to our Association's Centennial.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association communicate its copy of this joint resolution to each Board of County Commissioners.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners communicate its copy of this joint resolution to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

This, the tenth day of March, 2008.

Danny W. Wright (signed)
Chairman, Vance County Board of Commissioners

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At this time, Commissioner A. Scott Hughes excused himself from the meeting.

Fire & EMS Study Public Forums. Mr. Ayscue stated that part of the requirements for the study was to solicit public input for provision of fire and emergency medical services. Two public forums are scheduled to be held. The first will be Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. at New Hope Elementary School and the second at the Bearpond VFD on Thursday, March 13, also at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Ayscue reported that the study is scheduled to be submitted to the Board by the end of this month. The consultant has asked if the Board would like a final copy of the report by March 31 or would the Board rather receive a preliminary report and schedule a work session shortly thereafter to discuss the report. After the Board has reviewed the report and made any necessary changes, the consultant would present a final study.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to receive a preliminary report from the consultant, followed by a work session to review the report, with the final report to be presented to the Board thereafter. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown asked when the final report might be submitted. Mr. Ayscue replied that it would depend on how the work session goes. If the Board asks the consultant to complete additional work, that will obviously take time that will delay the submission of the report. If the Board is satisfied with the preliminary report or has minimal changes, then it may be possible for the final report to be approved during the Board's regular meeting in April.

At this time, vote on the motion was unanimous to receive a preliminary report from the consultant, followed by a work session to review the report, with the final report to be presented to the Board thereafter.

Tiny Broadwick Letter of Support. Mr. Ayscue explained that this is the 100th anniversary of Tiny Broadwick's first jump from a hot air balloon. Bonnie Ayscue, Tiny Broadwick's great-granddaughter, has asked the Department of Agriculture to conduct a re-enactment of that feat at this year's State Fair. Ms. Ayscue requested a letter of support from the Board endorsing her request to the Department of Agriculture for the re-enactment to take place at the Fair.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the letter of endorsement to the Department of Agriculture. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

As there was no further business, at 8:35 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed April 7, 2008.

Chairman