

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners reconvened its May 5, 2008 meeting and continued in regular session on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 4:30 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 Manager Jerry L. Ayscue, Finance Director Steven C. Stanton, and Clerk to the Board Kelly H. Grissom. County Attorney Jonathan S. Care was absent.

Committee Reports and Recommendations - (continued)

Public Safety Committee Report - Animal Control Advisory Committee. Mr. Ayscue stated that during the Board's April meeting, Mr. Rudi Abate spoke during the public comment period and asked that the Board consider disbanding the current, inactive members of this committee and appoint new, proactive members. The Public Safety Committee reviewed this request and acknowledged that matters are going extremely well in the Animal Control Department which is due to the hard work of the staff. The Committee recommends that the inactive committee be disbanded and the following persons be appointed, all of which have agreed to serve: Rudi Abate, Leroy Anderson, Audrey Currin, Jamie Janke, Janet Loyd, Angie Moss, and Frankie Novells.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to approve the recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to disband the current, inactive members of the Animal Control Advisory Committee, to appoint the seven named persons to the Animal Control Advisory Committee as presented, and allow said Committee to choose its Chairperson. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Public Safety Committee - Deer Hunting with Dogs. Mr. Ayscue reported that the Deer Hunting Advisory Committee has met several times and developed a Landowner/Still Hunters and Dog Hunting Club Agreement. There are 18 items listed which is basically a good faith agreement. The Advisory Committee would like to begin using this agreement in the fall of 2008 and meet with the Public Safety Committee in February 2009 to evaluate the hunting season to see if the agreement was affective. The Public Safety Committee endorses this agreement. Mr. Ayscue stated that no

formal action is necessary, but the Board may want to acknowledge the agreement in some way.

Chairman Wright stated that whenever citizens can work out problems among themselves, that is the direction in which he would like to proceed.

Having just received the agreement, Commissioner Deborah F. Brown stated that she would like to take the document under advisement in order to have more time to review it. The Board agreed to place this item on the June agenda.

Public Safety Committee - Fire and EMS Study. The final Fire and EMS Study was presented to the Board, and Mr. Ayscue requested that the Board officially act to receive said Study.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to officially receive the Fire and EMS Study. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayscue stated that the Board had discussed, during its recent work session, the appointment of an advisory committee per the recommendation of the consultant. The consultant provided an ordinance that Pitt County has used which could serve as a model for Vance County to pattern its committee.

The Board, by consensus, directed the Public Safety Committee to begin reviewing the Pitt County ordinance in order to begin the process of forming an advisory committee.

Public Safety Committee - Kerr Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Ayscue stated that at the April Commissioners' meeting, Kerr Lake VFD requested that its one-year contract with the County be extended for another year, that it receive funds for the coming fiscal year, and that the County approve a contract with DOT for up to \$25,000 for paving at its station. In a meeting in April, the Committee decided to recommend the one-year extension on the contract, to approve funding whenever the VFD was certified by the State, and not to proceed with the DOT contract at this time. During the Planning Retreat, the Kerr Lake Volunteer Fire Department was asked to delay its construction, at least until after Monday night.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to extend the contract between Vance County and Kerr Lake VFD for a period of one year (expiring April 30, 2009) contingent upon State certification, with no stipulation of funding by the County. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Concerning the funding request, motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to allow funding contingent upon Kerr Lake VFD receiving State certification within the next fiscal year. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt expressed his concerns regarding the results of the fire study which revealed that Kerr Lake VFD, as currently being planned, was not in the best location to maximize services to the citizens. The Study also showed that Station 3 was not in the best location. Commissioner Brummitt stated that to continue with the development of the station at its current location would not be in the best interest of the County.

Commissioner A. Scott Hughes echoed these remarks and stated that the current location is not where the Station should be built.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown stated that the Kerr Lake Volunteer Fire Department is just that - volunteers that are trying to help their community, and the Board of Commissioners needs to support them and not put a damper on their efforts by telling them they cannot build their station on the land that they have already purchased on their own.

Commissioner J. Timothy Pegram and Commissioner Eddie L. Wright echoed these remarks.

Vote on the motion to allow funding to Kerr Lake VFD contingent upon State certification being received within the next fiscal year was unanimous.

At this time, Chairman Wright stated that the Board needs to give the volunteers some direction as to whether or not they are to proceed with construction of their station. Commissioners Brown, Pegram, D. Wright, and E. Wright, agreed that the Kerr Lake VFD should proceed with building its station at the current location. Commissioners Brummitt and Hughes disagreed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to grant authorization to the Kerr Lake VFD to proceed with construction of its station at its current site. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue stated that it may be appropriate to simply rescind the Board's informal request that construction be delayed.

Commissioner Brown then withdrew her original motion and moved to rescind the Board's previous action which instructed the Kerr Lake VFD to delay construction of its station. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright.

Commissioner Brummitt stated that this is a difficult situation being that it involves volunteers that have worked hard to promote the safety of its community, but stated that the citizens of the county could be served better by the station being in another location.

Vote on the motion to rescind the Board's previous action which instructed the Kerr Lake Volunteer Fire Department to delay construction of its station was ayes - five (5); noes - two (2),

with the dissenting votes being cast by Commissioners Brummitt and Hughes.

Concerning the request from Kerr Lake VFD that the County approve a contract with DOT for up to \$25,000 for paving at its station, motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to approve the contract as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and vote was ayes - five (5); noes - two (2), with the dissenting votes being cast by Commissioners Brummitt and Hughes.

Properties Committee - Social Services. Mr. Ayscue stated that the Committee met to review the need to relocate the Child Protective Services Unit by September 30, 2008. The former School Central Office was looked at and determined not to be an option. The County Office Building was also looked at and was determined to have more potential, although it would require some minor renovations. Mr. Ayscue stated that the Properties Committee has not yet toured the County Office Building, so the Board directed them to do so and report back to the full Board with a recommendation. The Committee was also directed to form a recommendation regarding the disposition of the former School Central Office building on Church Street.

Sheriff Peter White appeared before the Board and presented an update on repairs at the jail. Referring to the most recent inspection report dated December 2007, he stated that all items have been corrected with the exception of major repairs that need funding. This includes the central smoke detector system.

Pending Business

County Water Project. Mr. Ayscue noted that the Board of Commissioners had taken the necessary steps to place a \$27 million bond referendum for water on the May 6th ballot. The referendum passed which will secure adequate long-term funding through USDA - Rural Development. One of the next steps will be to enroll participants in the Phase I area. The following means of disseminating information to the public have been carried out:

- Six (6) public information sessions were conducted throughout the County
- A television interview was taped and shown repeatedly through April
- Numerous newspaper articles were run
- An informational brochure was developed and mailed to water district residents
- A "Fact Sheet" was developed and distributed
- A "Frequently Asked Questions" handout was distributed
- An "Advantages of a Central Water System" was developed and distributed
- Information was made available on the County's website
- Informational material was placed at all County offices and other strategic places
- A radio talk show was conducted on May 1st

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

Environmental Manager position.

County Manager's Report

Proposed Junkyard Ordinance. This item was handled during the May 5th Board meeting.

Fire and EMS Study. This was officially received earlier during the current meeting.

Henderson-Vance-Oxford-Granville Airport Authority Resolution. Mr. Ayscue reported that the Airport Authority is currently seeking federal funds for runway improvements at the Oxford-Henderson Airport. A resolution of support will reinforce their funding application.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution of support for federal funding for runway improvements at the Oxford-Henderson Airport:

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RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
Supporting Henderson-Vance-Oxford-Granville Airport Authority
Capital Improvement Program Funding

WHEREAS, the Henderson-Vance-Oxford-Granville Airport Authority (Airport) has for many years successfully operated the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Airport is a major asset to both Vance and Granville Counties as well as the Cities of Henderson and Oxford; and

WHEREAS, the volume of traffic flow at the Airport is increasing annually; and

WHEREAS, the Airport has the 21st highest number of based aircraft of North Carolina's 63 airports; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to meet growing air traffic service at the Airport in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson-Vance-Oxford-Granville Airport Authority is seeking funding for a Capital Improvement Program which involves runway improvements and upgrading the facility to accommodate corporate turboprop and jet traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vance County Board of Commissioners endorses and supports the Henderson-Vance-Oxford-Granville Airport Authority's funding request to State and Federal Agencies for funding of the Capital Improvement Program.

This, the eighth day of May, 2008.

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

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Preliminary Engineering Report Update. Mr. Ayscue stated that in order to apply for CDBG

funding for the final phase of the Julia Avenue Project, it is necessary to update the existing Preliminary Engineering Report. The cost to do so is \$1,760. Mr. Ayscue recommended the appropriation of \$1,760 from the Contingency to update the Preliminary Engineering Report for the Julia Avenue Project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to approve the recommendation as presented and appropriate \$1,760 from the Contingency to update the Preliminary Engineering Report for the final phase of the Julia Avenue Project. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Cell Phone Donation. Mr. Ayscue reported that the Planning & Development Department has suggested that the County donate any outdated cell phones to an organization that is recycling them to be sent to American military personnel across the globe so they can have contact with their families. Mr. Ayscue recommended that the Board act to allow the County to donate outdated surplus cell phones to Cell Phones for Soldiers, ensuring that all phones are decoded and all legal requirements are met.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to allow the County to donate outdated surplus cell phones to Cell Phones for Soldiers, ensuring that all phones are decoded and all legal requirements are met and also encourage any employees to donate their outdated cell phones as well. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Schools Request for ADM Funding. Mr. Ayscue stated that the Schools have requested ADM funds in the amount of \$4,050 to be used for structural treatment of Aycock Elementary School as a result of subterranean termite damage. The Board of Education has approved the application. As required, both boards must approve the request.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to approve the application for \$4,050 for structural treatment of Aycock Elementary School. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Schools Request for Lottery Proceeds. Mr. Ayscue stated that lottery funds were recently approved in the amount of \$216,000 for expansion of the E.O. Young Elementary School cafeteria. The request was based on initial architectural estimates. When the actual design work was completed and bids were received, it was determined that an additional \$42,298 is needed. As required, the Board of Education has approved the request for use of lottery funds and the same action is needed by the Board of Commissioners.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, to approve the use of \$42,298 of lottery proceeds to complete the expansion of the E.O. Young Elementary School cafeteria.

Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs). Mr. Ayscue stated that this matter would be addressed during the June meeting.

Mr. Ayscue then informed the Board that the County's pre-application for a sewer grant for the Warrenton Road area was recently approved. The grant is in the amount of approximately \$115,000.

The following appointments were presented to the Board for consideration:

911 Advisory Board - three-year term

Re-appoint Deborah Brown and Tommy Dale

Vance-Granville Community College - four-year term

Re-appoint Sara Wester

Adult Care Advisory Committee

Appoint Pamela Hester to fill vacant position.

FGV Partnership for Children (Smart Start Board)

Appoint alternate member for position currently held by Dan Brummitt. This position must be held by a County Commissioner.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the appointments for the 911 Advisory Committee, the Vance-Granville Community College, and the Adult Care Advisory Committee as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

At this time, motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to appoint Terry E. Garrison to hold the alternate position for Dan Brummitt for the Smart Start Board. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

As there was no further business, at 5:50 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed June 2, 2008.

Chairman