

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 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.

Rev. George Speak, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

The first item on the agenda was the Community Hero Award recognition. The recipient of this month's award was from Commissioner Deborah F. Brown's Commission District 1. Chairman Wright and Commissioner Brown recognized Pinkie V. Hayes and asked her to come forward. Chairman Wright and Commissioner Brown presented Mrs. Hayes with a certificate and a \$25.00 check.

Mrs. Hayes is a true treasure to Townsville and its community residents. She is a lifelong resident of the Townsville area. She taught school in Vance County for 40 years and was associated with the GED Program at New Hope Elementary School for over 30 years. She was a bus driver for New Hope students for eight years. All together, she has worked with or served the children of Vance County for over 50 years.

During the initial phase of the first Head Start Program in Vance County, the site for the Townsville area was located in the basement of Mrs. Hayes' home.

Mrs. Hayes is a lifelong member of Antioch United Church of Christ, where she has served in various capacities. She currently serves as a deacon and has been in that role for the past eight years. She is the treasurer for the District Union and has held this position for the last 20 years.

Mrs. Hayes, through the Board of Elections, has worked faithfully at the polls in the Townsville Precinct for many elections, and for the past several elections, has served as the chief judge in Townsville.

It has been Mrs. Hayes' lifelong work to serve her community. When people in the Townsville area are in need of anything, she will always provide service and/or help. Those in need

do not have to seek her out, she will go to them. Whatever their needs are, whether it be financial assistance, transportation or even grass that needs to be mowed, she will find a way to help them.

Mrs. Hayes is truly a pillar of the Townsville community. She is someone who the community can count on. Because of her compassion for others and her determination to lend a helping hand, she is certainly deserving of recognition as a Vance County Community Hero.

Commissioner Brown then read a letter from the Rev. John Sadler, Pastor of Antioch United Church of Christ in honor of Ms. Hayes.

Mr. Gilbert Alligood, Dodson Creek, LLC was next on the agenda and presented a petition and resolution to close Scott Road for the purpose of developing a subdivision. Mr. Alligood stated that he is proposing to build a single family residential subdivision along Scott Road. The first two phases would have about 104 lots. In trying to maintain safety, property values and establish a stable property valuation base, this subdivision is proposed to be gated and have private streets. Therefore, he requested the Board to approve closing this road as a public road. He stated that the subdivision plan has already been approved by the Planning Board. The subdivision can still be built if this request is not granted, but the developer would rather have all of the streets within the subdivision be private streets.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to approve the petition and resolution to abandon Scott Road for the purpose of maintaining a private subdivision and forward same to DOT. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown expressed her concerns with re-naming the road which is named after the Scott family. She asked Mr. Alligood if Scott Road could remain the name of the road since it holds sentimental value to the Scott family. Mr. Alligood replied that he was not aware of the history of the Scott family. The current plan is to re-name the road Waterstone Road, but he would be pleased to incorporate the name "Scott Lane" within the development. Commissioner Brown stated that she could support this change.

Vote to approve the petition and resolution to abandon Scott Road for the purpose of maintaining a private subdivision and forward same to DOT was unanimous.

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RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO ABANDON STATE ROAD 1353

WHEREAS, the Vance County Board of County Commissioners has heretofore received a petition from Dodson Creek, LLC and Carol Johnson, property owners along SR 1353 to abandon the entire road; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to NCGS 136-63, the Board of County Commissioners may, upon receipt of said petition, request the North Carolina Department of Transportation to abandon any road in the secondary road system after a finding that said abandonment is in the best interest of the people of the county will be served thereby; and

WHEREAS, at the time of termination of the maintenance agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, this road will revert back to a privately maintained road by Dodson Creek, LLC or its assigns, pursuant to those representations contained in the aforesaid petition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Vance as follows:

1. Pursuant to NCGS 136-63, the abandonment of SR 1353 is in the best interest of the people of the county served thereby; and
2. The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requested to abandon SR 1353; and
3. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of October, 2008.

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

Clem Seifert, United Way Chairman, appeared before the Board to solicit support for the upcoming United Way Campaign. He gave an overview of this year's campaign and stated that under the current economic times, it is more important than ever to support this campaign. He asked for the Board's support through the County Manager's Office and County Department Heads to allow the United Way to conduct campaigns in various County Departments. The goal is to raise awareness of the campaign and get more people involved this year. A pledge card and brochure were distributed to the Board.

The Board thanked Mr. Seifert and stated that our Human Resources Director would be the County's campaign manager and would distribute the appropriate information to County departments.

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 he had been notified by the Department of Transportation that the public hearing held in August 2008 should have been advertised 14 days

before the hearing instead of 10 days; therefore, a second public hearing is required. Mr. Stanton stated 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 Dan Brummitt 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 Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Brian Short, Emergency Operations Director, was next on the agenda and presented an overview of the Active Shooter Exercise conducted by Vance and Granville public safety agencies. The exercise took place at the main campus of Vance Granville Community College on September 9. Vance and Granville Counties received a federal grant in the amount of \$17,700 to cover the cost of the exercise. Mr. Short stated that the exercise involved a total of three venues. The first venue was the main college campus and the other two consisted of area hospitals that desired to test their medical surge capacity by receiving simulated injuries from the campus - Maria Parham Medical Center and Granville Health Systems.

The intent was to make this exercise as realistic as possible while preserving the safety of those involved. Simulated gun fire was used as well as injury simulation to add realism. The exercise took place on an active school day with the full student body and faculty present.

Mr. Short stated that the exercise was overall very successful and did reveal areas in response that are in need of some improvement. A formal after action review was held on Thursday, October 2 at Vance-Granville Community College which gave the agency participants an opportunity to

discuss response concerns experienced during the exercise.

Through the planning of this exercise, Vance Granville Community College now has lock down procedures in place should an actual event occur. The ultimate goal of this exercise is to develop a site plan to respond to an actual shooter.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown noted that buildings on the campus are not clearly marked. If an actual event were to occur, responding officers would have a difficult time identifying buildings. Mr. Short agreed and responded that this issue will most likely be discussed during the formal after action meeting that is scheduled later this week.

The Board commended Mr. Short, his staff, and all agencies involved for their hard work in coordinating this exercise.

At this time, Chairman Danny W. Wright recognized Mr. Chuck Stires who was present at the meeting. Mr. Stires is a candidate for North Carolina Senate, District 7.

Julie Beichner appeared before the Board and spoke about upcoming fundraising events for the Special Olympics North Carolina, Vance County. Ms. Beichner stated that the Special Olympics strives to provide children and adults with disabilities hope for a healthier, longer, and more fulfilling life through sports training and competition that keeps them engaged in regular physical activity within a structured peer network.

In order to achieve set goals, a chicken dinner fundraiser will be held at Fire Station #1 on Dabney Drive on Monday, October 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

With awareness and support, the community can help to provide sports training and competition opportunities for athletes in our area, including equipment, uniforms, travel expenses to state level competitions, and sports facility rentals.

The Board thanked Ms. Beichner for her passion for those that have special needs and offered its assistance in any way possible.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented: Budget Amendments #3, #4, #5 and #6, September 2008 Refunds, August 2008 Rebates, August 2008 Ambulance Charge-Offs in the amount of \$1,752.42, road petitions to add Pinehill Avenue and Deer Hollow Road to the State system, August 2008 Monthly Reports received and filed, and the minutes of the September 2, 2008 regular meeting and September 9, 2008 special meeting.

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**Budget Amendment #3
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Maintenance - Vehicles	10-510-500017		\$ <u>7,496.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 7,496.00

Revenues

Insurance Reimbursement	10-367-436702	\$ <u>7,496.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 7,496.00	

Purpose: To record receipt of insurance proceeds for repair of wrecked sheriff's vehicle.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
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**Budget Amendment #4
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
ADM Funds	10-681-500095		\$ <u>147,447.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 147,447.00

Revenues

ADM Funds	10-346-434631	\$ <u>147,447.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 147,447.00	

Purpose: To record ADM Funds requested by Vance County Schools for various projects.

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**Budget Amendment #5
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Work First Demo Grant	10-610-500151	\$ <u>7,575.00</u>	
Total Decrease in Expenditures		\$ 7,575.00	

Revenues

Work First	10-348-434851		\$ <u>7,575.00</u>
Total Decrease in Revenues			\$ 7,575.00

Purpose: To reduce Work First Demonstration Grant funds due to notice of reduction from the Division of Social Services.

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Budget Amendment #6
General Fund

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Workers Comp Insurance	10-410-500037		293.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-410-500054	293.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-430-500037		453.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-430-500054	453.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-440-500037		3,407.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-440-500054	3,407.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-450-500037		2,036.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-450-500054	2,036.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-460-500037		277.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-460-500054	277.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-480-500037		988.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-480-500054	988.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-491-500037		3,966.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-491-500054	3,966.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-500-500037		3,560.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-500-500054	3,560.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-501-500037		1,294.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-501-500054	1,294.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-502-500037		536.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-502-500054	536.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-504-500037		473.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-504-500054	473.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-505-500037		7,155.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-505-500054	7,155.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-506-500037		2,426.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-506-500054	2,426.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-510-500037		105,730.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-510-500054	105,730.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-513-500037		2,465.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-513-500054	2,465.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-520-500037		77,703.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-520-500054	77,703.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-530-500037		73,923.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-530-500054	73,923.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-541-500037		7,474.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-541-500054	7,474.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-576-500037		2,137.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-576-500054	2,137.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-599-500037		3,590.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-599-500054	3,590.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-601-500037		172.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-601-500054	172.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-605-500037		4,254.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-605-500054	4,254.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-607-500037		291.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-607-500054	291.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-610-500037		162,850.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-610-500054	162,850.00	

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Workers Comp Insurance	10-611-500037		14,086.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-611-500054	14,086.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-615-500037		401.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-615-500054	401.00	
Workers Comp Insurance	10-621-500037		33,321.00
Insurance and Bonds	10-621-500054	33,321.00	
<u>Facilities Fees</u>			
Workers Comp Insurance	17-515-500037		30.00
Insurance and Bonds	17-515-500054	30.00	
<u>Solid Waste Enterprise</u>			
Workers Comp Insurance	30-608-500037		16,373.00
Insurance and Bonds	30-608-500054	16,373.00	
Total Increase/Decrease in Expenditures		\$ 531,664.00	\$ 531,664.00

Purpose: To reclassify workers comp insurance from insurance and bonds.

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REFUNDS
September 2008

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Cindy Cockrell	2007	208.56	Mobile Home Billed Twice
Glenwood Mayo	2007	4.81	Vehicle Tax
Victor Kearney	2007	33.04	Vehicle Tax
Debbie K. West	2007	104.49	Vehicle Tax
Aldred T. Thompson	2007	2.64	Vehicle Tax
John D. Allen	2007	56.16	Vehicle Tax
Junius W. Loving	2007	47.92	Vehicle Tax
John D. Osborne	2007	23.75	Vehicle Tax
Rhonda O. Tippet	2008	31.68	Vehicle Tax
Audrey E. Lugo	2008	7.20	Vehicle Tax
Anthony W. Mann	2007	3.05	Vehicle Tax
Gertrude Whitney	2008	4.10	Vehicle Tax
Jeana Testerman	2007	4.36	Vehicle Tax
Vivian Yancey	2007	25.47	Vehicle Tax
Jeana Testerman	2008	58.57	Value Reduced
Jennifer B. Privette	2008	63.35	Vehicle Tax
Crystal Johnson	2007	17.64	Vehicle Tax
Hazel Parrish Estate	2008	6.28	Vehicle Tax
Hazel Parrish Estate	2007	17.76	Vehicle Tax
Cindy Cockrell	2007	95.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Cindy Cockrell	2007	6.80	Fire Tax
Glenwood Mayo	2007	.16	Fire Tax
Debbie K. West	2007	3.42	Fire Tax
John D. Allen	2007	1.84	Fire Tax
Junius W. Loving	2007	1.56	Fire Tax
John D. Osborne	2007	.80	Fire Tax

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Rhonda O. Tippet	2008	1.02	Fire Tax
Audrey E. Lugo	2008	.24	Fire Tax
Gertrude Whitney	2008	.10	Fire Tax
Jeana Testerman	2007	.16	Fire Tax
Jeana Testerman	2008	1.91	Fire Tax
Crystal Johnson	2007	.56	Fire Tax
Hazel Parrish Estate	2008	.21	Fire Tax
Hazel Parrish Estate	2007	.60	Fire Tax
Total		\$ 835.21	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 1,677.75

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REBATES
August 2008

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Morris R. Abbott, Jr.	2008	140.45	Value Correction
Alliance Supercenter	2008	916.10	Value Correction
Gabriela Arias	2008	57.94	Listing Correction
Christopher Ayscue	2008	225.60	Value Correction
Kirby Ayscue	2008	52.36	Listing Correction
Lester R. Barham	2008	42.79	Listing Correction
Teresa B. Barnes	2008	59.85	Value Correction
Kelly A. Bell, Jr.	2008	116.96	Listing Correction
Joseph Bishop	2008	341.46	Listing Correction
E.R. Boyd Heirs	2008	167.74	Value Correction
Linda & Stanley Brooks	2008	163.83	Value Correction
Sallie & Stanley Brooks	2008	50.28	Value Correction
Edna J. Brummitt	2008	79.86	Listing Correction
Joseph J. Bullock	2008	73.38	Value Correction
Judith Buzzell	2008	33.02	Listing Correction
R.E. Properties, LLC	2008	485.66	Listing Correction
Ernestine Cannady	2008	558.60	Value Correction
James & Kimberly Champion	2008	791.38	Listing Correction
Steven E. Clagg	2008	126.33	Listing Correction
James O. Cockrell, Jr.	2008	183.60	Listing Correction
Lilly Finch Colmant	2008	578.24	Listing Correction
Kathryn Converse	2008	13.21	Listing Correction
Charles N. Cornish	2008	155.69	Listing Correction
D.D. Residential Services	2008	1,476.30	Tax Exempt - Billed in Error
Eckerd Youth	2008	48.60	Listing Correction
Leonard & Mattie Evans	2008	115.67	Value Correction
Richard R. Evans	2008	51.41	Listing Correction
Faith to Freedom Project, Inc.	2008	85.31	Listing Correction
Charlie M. Floyd	2008	314.41	Listing Correction
Michael P. Floyd	2008	133.98	Value Correction
Macy & Nancy Foster	2008	766.08	Value Correction
Mrs. E.W. Greene	2008	159.60	Value Correction
Mamie L. Greene	2008	153.65	Value Correction
Deborah J. Harris	2008	548.78	Value Correction
Glenn L. Harris	2008	69.42	Value Correction
Abraham & Marie Hazzard	2008	2,611.05	House Double Listed
Carmen M. Isola III	2008	9.57	Value Correction
Daniel G. Jenks	2008	83.38	Listing Correction
Gary L. Kaplowitz	2008	558.60	Value Correction
Key Equipment Finance, Inc.	2008	28.65	Value Correction
Pamela A. King	2008	27.93	Listing Correction

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Nellie P. Knott	2008	267.09	Value Correction
Pieter Kruger	2008	9.10	Listing Correction
Janie H. Lawson	2008	73.06	Value Correction
Jerry L. Leonard	2008	63.04	Listing Correction
Valerie O. Long	2008	159.28	Value Correction
Jane E. Lynch-Brooks	2008	1,383.49	Mobile Home Double Listed
Chadwick & Jodi Massey	2008	71.93	Listing Correction
Shane Massey	2008	360.54	Value Correction
William & Wanda McGhee	2008	41.50	Listing Correction
Martha Messineo	2008	51.81	Listing Correction
Harold J. Mitchell	2008	574.76	Value Correction
Jonathan B. Moss	2008	39.27	Listing Correction
Robert J. Myers	2008	40.86	Value Correction
Carolyn G. Nutt	2008	47.88	Value Correction
Brenda W. Peoples	2008	39.90	Value Correction
George & Betty Pierce	2008	186.69	Value Correction
George & Betty Pierce	2008	138.10	Listing Correction
James & Margie Pierce	2008	85.15	Listing Correction
Deborah F. Poythress	2008	158.96	Value Correction
Walter R. Pugh, Jr.	1998-03	1,189.49	Chapter 13 Discharge
Joseph & Bobbie Rainey	2008	15.96	Value Correction
Catherine Richardson	2008	7.98	Listing Correction
Tasha L. Ricks	2008	472.97	Listing Correction
Anthony L. Riggan	2008	126.56	Listing Correction
Corinne G. Russell	2008	44.29	Value Correction
Pamela Schaad	2008	385.83	Value Correction
Richard & Rebecca Smith	2008	453.10	Listing Correction
Donald M. Solomon	2008	149.05	Listing Correction
SRS of Henderson, LLC	2008	16.96	Listing Correction
Linwood & Judy Stokes	2008	79.80	Value Correction
Jane H. Sullins	2008	12,576.48	Billing Correction - Property Card Keyed Incorrectly
Louise Tarry Heirs	2008	81.87	Value Correction
Randall & Cecilia Teasley	2008	87.64	Listing Correction
Pat Terry	2008	21.21	Value Correction
Charles J. Thomas	2008	39.58	Value Correction
George W. Townsend	2008	72.90	Listing Correction
Tessie M. Vaughan	2008	66.55	Value Correction
Robert & Patsy Wells	2008	279.38	Value Correction
David Wilcox	2008	201.89	Listing Correction
Charlie Williams, Sr. Heirs	2008	155.93	Value Correction
Ferebee F. Williams	2008	63.84	Listing Correction
Larry D. Williams	2008	15.96	Value Correction
Lee Roy Williams, Jr.	2008	223.75	Value Correction
Calvin Wilson	2008	231.42	Value Correction
Marcus & Anna Wilson	2008	224.00	Value Correction
Floyd R. Yancey, Jr.	2008	182.86	Value Correction
Mary R. Yarborough	2008	42.37	Value Correction
Total		\$ 33,958.75	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 34,026.25

See on file monthly report, 911 Emergency Operations

See on file monthly report, Vance County ABC Board

See on file monthly report, Administrative Ambulance Charge-offs

See on file monthly report, Fire and Ambulance Service

See on file monthly report, Human Resources Department

See on file monthly report, Planning and Development Department

See on file monthly report, Tax Office

See on file monthly report, Veterans Service Office

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Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

Jail
Food Service Supervisor

Tax Office
Customer Service Representative

Department of Social Services
Economic Services Caseworker II (two positions)
Social Worker III
Downgrade a vacant Child Support Agent II position to a Processing Assistant V position and fill as a Processing Assistant V

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to fill the position vacancies as requested. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Johen then informed the Board of Commissioners of two position upgrade requests: Department of Social Services: Food Service Supervisor to be upgraded by one grade, and Elections Specialists to be upgraded by two grades.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the upgrades of the two positions presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Planning and Environmental Committee - Tar River Land Conservancy. Mr. Ayscue noted that the Tar River Land Conservancy approached the Board in August regarding entering a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of designating the Tar River as a paddle trail. On August 13, the Committee met with staff from the Land Conservancy, City, and County to discuss the proposed MOU. Commissioner Brummitt suggested that a public information session be held for the owners of property along the Vance County side of the Tar River. The session was held on Tuesday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. at Zeb Vance Elementary School. There were several questions and requests for information for which research was done. A second public information session was

conducted on Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. at Zeb Vance Elementary School to provide a response to questions from the first session. There was consensus at the second session that landowners were comfortable with the County proceeding to approve the Memorandum of Understanding; therefore, the Planning & Environmental Committee recommended approval of the “Memorandum of Understanding Among Certain Local Governments, Tar River Land Conservancy, and the Mid East/Four Rivers RC & D Program Concerning the Tar River Paddle Trail.”

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Planning and Environmental Committee - Economic Development. Mr. Ayscue informed the Board that the Henderson Vance Economic Partnership has renewed its recommendation/request that the County revamp its overall economic development efforts. At Chairman Wright’s direction, the Planning and Development Committee met to discuss the request. Prior to proceeding with a review of this nature, the Committee obviously wishes to obtain the support of the full Board of Commissioners. The recommendation of the Planning and Environmental Committee is to seek the Board of Commissioners’ support to review current economic development efforts and to work to develop a revised economic development strategy for future consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to approve the recommendation and allow the Planning and Environmental Committee to review current economic development efforts and to work to develop a revised economic development strategy for future consideration by the Board of Commissioners. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Planning and Environmental Committee - Request for Road Abandonment. Mr. Ayscue noted that the Committee discussed the requested abandonment by DOT of Scott Road by a developer for the purpose of building a housing subdivision. It was determined that Planning staff should apprise the Commissioner in whose district the proposed development is located. The developer presented his request earlier during this meeting.

Public Safety Committee - Fuel Adjustment for Volunteer Fire Departments. Mr. Ayscue stated that during budget deliberations, County Commissioners decided to establish the fire tax at the revenue neutral rate and to maintain annual allocations to the volunteer fire departments at last

year's level of \$50,000 (\$25,000 each for Drewry and Epsom). As part of that decision, there was discussion regarding potential need by the volunteer fire departments for funds to cover increased fuel costs. That discussion suggested that volunteer fire departments could seek funding from the County to help with increased fuel costs if necessary during the fiscal year. One volunteer fire department has expressed the need for assistance for such costs. This was discussed in committee and it was acknowledged that while the County is a major funding source, it is one of multiple funding sources for the volunteer departments. It was also determined that the departments should be treated equally. The recommendation of the Committee is that the County should provide a temporary allocation of \$1,200 per department (50% for Drewry and Epsom). This represents \$100 per month (retroactive to July 1st) for the entire fiscal year.

Commissioner A. Scott Hughes expressed his concerns with funds being distributed equally. He suggested that additional funding be issued to those departments that have heavier call loads. Commissioner Dan Brummitt echoed these remarks and stated that fuel funding should be distributed based on call activity. Mr. Ayscue stated that this was discussed during the committee meeting, but decided to go this route in order to simplify the issue, but it can certainly be done in whatever way the Board likes.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown suggested that the issue go back to the Public Safety Committee for further review. The Board agreed to this matter going back to the Committee.

Public Safety Committee - Fire Advisory Committee. Mr. Ayscue noted that as part of the Fire and EMS Study completed earlier this year, the Commissioners directed the Public Safety Committee to have recommendations for an advisory committee regarding implementation of the fire portion of the study. The committee will be asked to report back to the Board of Commissioners no later than February 2, 2009. The recommendation of the Committee is to appoint the Vance County Fire Advisory Committee as follows:

- (2) members of the Vance County Fire Commission (the non-Commissioners)
- (1) County Fire and Ambulance Chief
- (3) the Captains of County Fire and Ambulance Department
- (2) citizens at large - Susette McLendon and Ricky Hicks
- (1) representative of insurance industry - Hut Wester
- (1) Vice-president of the Firefighters Association - Charles Holtzman
- (1) VGCC Fire Instructor - Curtis Tyndall

Mr. Ayscue noted that the citizens at large have not yet been contacted, and requested authority from the Board to fill these two positions if those recommended are not able to serve. The Board agreed to this request.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to appoint the Fire Advisory Committee as presented and grant approval for the Public Safety Committee to adjust the citizens at large if necessary. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes and unanimously approved.

Pending Business

County Water Project. Mr. Ayscue reported that an official notice of funding for Phase 1A has been received from USDA, which includes a \$1,000,000 grant and a loan of up to \$5,627,000. There are still several conditions which must be met, and the County is working to meet them. An additional \$1,000,000 application for grant funding has been submitted to the NC Rural Center. Funding decisions from the Rural Center are anticipated by December. The County will also be making an application to the Golden Leaf Foundation for grant assistance as the opportunity develops.

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

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

County Manager's Report

Warrenton Road Sewer Project. Mr. Ayscue explained that this economic development project is designed to provide much-needed relief to several businesses along a short stretch of SR 1001. The County has been pre-approved for grant funds of \$115,132 from the NC Rural Center. The funds require a 50% match, which have been budgeted. County staff members are working with local engineer, John Hamme, and representatives from the businesses in developing the final application. A resolution is required to accompany the final application to the Rural Center, and Mr. Ayscue requested approval of the Authorizing Resolution, including the Memorandum of Understanding, to be included in the final application package to the NC Rural Center for grant funds through the NC Economic Infrastructure Program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the Authorizing Resolution, including the Memorandum of Understanding, to be included in the final application package to the NC Rural Center for grant funds through the NC Economic Infrastructure Program. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, several businesses located along Warrenton Road (SR 1001) in Vance County have demonstrated a critical need for sewer services, and in doing so, have expressed a willingness to create a total of twelve (12) additional jobs as a result of obtaining access to sewer; and

WHEREAS, the County of Vance has submitted a pre-application to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. for grant funds through the North Carolina Economic Infrastructure Program for this project, and as a result has been notified accordingly of pre-approval of grant funds in the amount of \$115,132 and has been provided the opportunity to proceed with submission of the final application; and

WHEREAS, the Vance County Board of Commissioners officially included in its FY 2008-09 Budget Ordinance (as adopted on June 26, 2008) the local funding required to match the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the final grant application requires numerous supportive documents, including a Memorandum of Understanding, in order to qualify for funding; and

WHEREAS, County Commissioner Danny W. Wright is the duly appointed Chairman of the Vance County Board of Commissioners; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that current Chairman Danny W. Wright is authorized to execute the necessary documents for the application for grant funds through the NC Economic Infrastructure Program, including the Memorandum of Understanding, and the County Manager is further authorized and directed to act on behalf of Vance County as needed to cause the application to be submitted in a timely manner to the NC Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. and for proper administration throughout the project.

This, the sixth day of October, 2008.

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

Attest:

Kelly H. Grissom (signed)
Kelly H. Grissom
Clerk to the Board

Adult Establishment Resolution. Mr. Ayscue stated that interest in locating an adult retail business in Henderson has prompted significant concern from local citizens. Chairman Wright has suggested that the Board of Commissioners go on record expressing opposition to the location of any such sexually-oriented establishment here in Henderson and/or Vance County. Mr. Ayscue requested approval of the resolution in opposition to the location of adult establishments in Henderson and/or Vance County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to approve the resolution as presented.

This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown.

Commissioner Eddie L. Wright stated that this is why zoning is needed in Vance County. Chairman Wright stated that zoning would not stop this type of business from entering the County, but would only move the business further away from where it intended to locate.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown stated that land use planning needs to be addressed. The Board needs to be proactive in dealing with this type of issue. She noted that a couple of months ago, it was a junkyard that wanted to locate in the County - now it is an adult establishment. If guidelines were in place, this would be a mute issue.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that zoning would not stop this type of business from entering the County.

After further discussion, vote on the motion was unanimous to approve the resolution in opposition to the location of adult establishments in Henderson and/or Vance County.

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RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
“In Opposition to Adult Establishments ”

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of the Vance County Board of Commissioners to provide a safe and prosperous community and to enhance the quality of life for all citizens therein; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of elected leadership to protect and preserve the character and overall integrity of the community, to deter the spread of urban blight, and to ensure that its citizens have opportunities for a better life; and

WHEREAS, adult establishments, including adult retail businesses, have the potential to undermine the moral fabric of communities by contributing to sexual abuse of children, perpetuating domestic violence, fostering unhealthy concepts of sex, encouraging illegal and high risk sexual behavior, increasing other types of crime, discouraging productive business environments from developing, downgrading surrounding businesses and residential neighborhoods with corresponding reductions in property tax values, and otherwise imposing additional negative impacts on the community; and

WHEREAS, the presence of adult bookstores and other similar establishments sends troubling, confusing, and misguided messages to all persons, particularly our youth, where high rates of teenage sexual activity and pregnancy already exist in Vance County; and

WHEREAS, adult bookstores and other such sexually-oriented businesses which market pornography in various forms are not generally perceived to be positive forces in a community, but instead as negative and highly undesirable; and

WHEREAS, there has been significant expression of concern and opposition by individual citizens, organizations, public officials, and community leaders regarding the possible location of an adult retail business in Henderson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare strong individual and collective opposition to the location of adult establishments within Vance County, and in doing so, wishes to communicate to all citizens that such establishments, although legally required to be permitted, are not the form of economic development and new business desired in the Vance County community.

This, the sixth day of October, 2008.

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

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ADM Request from Schools. Mr. Ayscue reported that the Board of Education acted on September 8th to request \$18,750 of ADM funds (Public School Capital Building Fund) for systemwide repairs to classrooms and offices, and EPA compliance. Mr. Ayscue requested approval of the request from the Board of Education for a joint application to the State for \$18,750 of ADM funds for systemwide repairs to classrooms and offices, and EPA compliance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the allocation of ADM funds in the amount of \$18,750 for systemwide repairs to classrooms and offices, and EPA compliance. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

Audit Committee. Mr. Ayscue noted that this item was reported in the September Commissioners' meeting for action in October. The Local Government Commission recommends that each local government have an audit committee. Commissioners will need to appoint the five members, two of which should be County Commissioners. The proposed charter was presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to approve the Audit Committee charter as presented.

After the Board discussed the appointment of potential members, motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to appoint Commissioners Dan Brummitt and Danny Wright to serve as the Commission members of the Audit Committee and to appoint Timothy Daye, Lynn Harper, and Tom Stevenson to serve as the non-Commission members. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

The following positions were then considered by the Board for re-appointment/appointment:

Vance County Appearance Commission - three-year term
Re-appoint Mary Anderson, Robert Lee Duke, and Linda Vick
No other applications received.

Tourism Development Authority - three-year term

Appoint Milan Patel to fill vacant position.

No other applications received.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to re-appoint Mary Anderson, Robert Lee Duke, and Linda Vick to the Vance County Appearance Commission for a three-year term. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to appoint Milan Patel to the Tourism Development Authority to fill a vacant position.

As there was no further business, at 8:00 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed November 3, 2008.

Chairman