

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 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, and J. Timothy Pegram.

Absent: Eddie L. Wright.

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

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison gave the invocation.

Royster Washington, Division of Community Corrections, was first on the agenda and presented the annual report for Judicial District 9. The report summarized funds collected for FY 2007-08 for Vance, Warren, Granville, and Franklin Counties and services provided by the VWGF Resource Center.

Mr. Washington noted that there was a slight decline in the total number of those on probation as compared to last year.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt noted that the ratio of driving while impaired violations as compared to other traffic violations in Vance County is significantly less than in other counties and asked what reason might cause this. Mr. Washington attributed this to the police department being more visible and deterring citizens from committing felonies and misdemeanors.

Anne Williams, Five County Mental Health Authority, was next on the agenda and presented a proclamation for approval which would recognize September 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Vance County.

(Commissioner Eddie L. Wright was now present for the meeting.)

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, that the following proclamation be approved as presented:

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PROCLAMATION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
in
Recognition of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

WHEREAS, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.2 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer, or Alzheimer's disease combined; and

WHEREAS, people who receive treatment for substance use disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of recovery; and

WHEREAS, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable, yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Five County Mental Health Authority invite all residents of Vance County to participate in *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the month of September 2008 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Vance County and calls upon its citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Real People, Real Recovery.*"

THIS, the second day of September, 2008.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L.

Wright, vote unanimous, that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented: August 2008 Refunds, July 2008 Rebates, August 2008 Ambulance Charge-Offs in the amount of \$8,367.29, a road petition to add Oak Hill Loop to the State system, August 2008 Monthly Reports received and filed, and the minutes of the July 7, 2008 regular meeting.

REFUNDS
August 2008

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Scottie R. Rooker	2007	3.68	Vehicle Tax
Scottie R. Rooker	2007	8.19	Vehicle Tax
Dorothy Dennis	2007	12.06	Vehicle Tax

Name	Year	Amount	Reason
Christopher Wallace	2007	43.96	Vehicle Tax
Penelope C. Gerken	2007	87.92	Vehicle Tax
Felix M. Rodriguez	2007	23.20	Vehicle Tax
Michael D. Riggan	2007	42.85	Vehicle Tax
Rebecca Perkinson	2007	63.35	Vehicle Tax
Fannie J. Branch	2008	3.36	Vehicle Tax
Stacey E. Allen	2007	85.64	Vehicle Tax
Deloris Chavis	2007	2.22	Vehicle Tax
Eugene H. Robertson	2007	8.64	Vehicle Tax
Tabitha Satterwhite	2007	5.04	Vehicle Tax
Sylvia Montelongo	2007	6.64	Vehicle Tax
Scottie R. Rooker	2007	.12	Fire Tax
Scottie R. Rooker	2007	.27	Fire Tax
Christopher Wallace	2007	1.47	Fire Tax
Penelope C. Gerken	2007	2.80	Fire Tax
Michael D. Riggan	2007	1.40	Fire Tax
Rebecca Perkinson	2007	2.05	Fire Tax
Fannie J. Branch	2008	.14	Fire Tax
Stacey E. Allen	2007	2.80	Fire Tax
Eugene H. Robertson	2007	.27	Fire Tax
Tabitha Satterwhite	2007	.16	Fire Tax
Total		\$ 408.23	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 842.54

REBATES
July 2008

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Lindy M. Marshall	2007	67.50	Listing Correction
Total		\$ 67.50	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 67.50

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- See on file monthly report, 911 Emergency Operations
 - See on file monthly report, Vance County ABC Board
 - See on file monthly report, Administrative Ambulance Charge-offs
 - See on file monthly report, Fire and Ambulance Service
 - See on file monthly report, Human Resources Department
 - See on file monthly report, Planning and Development Department
 - See on file monthly report, Tax Office
 - See on file monthly report, Veterans Service Office
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Committee Reports and Recommendations

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

Jail

Detention Officer

Department of Social Services

Economic Services Caseworker II

Transfer a Social Worker I position from the Family and Individual Support Services unit to Food and Nutrition and fill the position as an Economic Services Caseworker II position.

Sheriff's Department

Anti-Litter Enforcement Deputy

Community Watch/Crimestopper Deputy

Fire Department

EMT-I/Firefighter

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

Planning and Environmental Committee - Tar River Land Conservancy. Mr. Ayscue reported that the Committee met with staff from the Land Conservancy, City, and County to discuss the proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding the development of the Tar River as a Paddle Trail. 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 is being done. Franklin and Granville Counties have voted to sign the MOU. The Committee recommended that action on the Memorandum of Understanding be tabled until the October County Commissioners meeting, pending further response to requests for information from property owners along the Tar River.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to follow the recommendation of the Committee and table the matter until the October meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

General Government Committee - Investment Policy. Mr. Ayscue noted that the General Government Committee discussed the investment policy as proposed by the Finance Director and expressed its desire to continue to maximize the County's investment earnings while adequately securing and protecting the County's funds. In that context, the Committee agreed that a formal policy is prudent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, that the Investment Policy be adopted as presented.

General Government Committee - Audit Committee. Mr. Ayscue stated that as recommended by the NC Local Government Commission to counties and cities, and as further recommended by the County's local independent auditor, the County has included the appointment of an audit committee in its annual work plan. The role of this committee is to be solely advisory, as the responsibility for adequate control of public funds lies with the Board of County Commissioners. The General Government Committee recommended a committee of five members to work with the Finance Director and County Manager. Members are to be two Commissioners and three members of the public with experience and/or education in banking, finance, law, and/or local government. The Committee recommended that the Board of Commissioners take this proposal under consideration and be prepared in the October 6th meeting to appoint the five members to serve on the Audit Committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to follow the recommendation of the Committee and appoint members of the Audit Committee as will be presented by the County Manager during the October meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

At this time, the Board recognized the Community Hero recipient for the month of September. Chairman Wright stated that the Board, along with the Vance County Appearance Commission, established a program in recognizing heroes from different commission districts. Each month a commissioner recognizes someone from his or her district, but this month, the Board as a whole recognized the Henderson-Vance Girls 16 and Under All Stars Softball Team. Several members of the team, along with coach Tony McGhee were present and were asked to come forward to accept their award.

The team players are Morgan Adcock, Precious Avent, Lindsey Carroll, Lauren Dunn, Rebekah Edwards, Jordan Garrett, Ashley McGhee, Natalie Reavis, Kristen Sanford, Julia Sumner, Ciarea Thompson, Hannah Thompson, Kendall Wilson. Head Coach, Tony McGhee and Assistant Coaches Keith Adcock and Randy Garrett.

- District Tournament (Henderson, NC) - The team lost their first game and then won two straight games to defeat Garner and advance to the Eastern North Carolina State Tournament (2-1).
- Eastern NC State Tournament (Henderson, NC) - The team won five straight games without a loss and defeated Pitt County to win the State tournament and advance to the Southeast

Regional (5-0). This is the first State Championship team for the Henderson-Vance Recreation and Parks Department.

- Southeast Regional Tournament (Wilson, NC) - The team won their first two games before losing to Pitt County. They then won the loser's bracket and then defeated Pitt County twice to win the Southeast Regional and advanced to play in the World Series (5-1).
- World Series (Pittsville, MA) - In World Series play the team won three games to just one loss in pool play to advance to the Double Elimination Bracket Play (3-1). In the bracket play the team won their first game before losing. In the loser's bracket the team won two straight games before losing (3-2). This put the team finishing in 3rd place in the World Series.

Several players received special recognition for their play during the World Series

- Jordan Garrett - Most Valuable Player of the World Series
- Jordan Garrett – All World Series Team as Pitcher, set a World Series record with 107 strikeouts.
- Hannah Thompson – Batting Champion of the World Series with a batting average of .500
- Hannah Thompson – All Defensive Team as Catcher
- Kendall Wilson – All Defensive Team as Outfielder

The team finished Babe Ruth All-Star play with an overall record of 18 wins and 5 losses.

Each and every member of the Henderson-Vance Girls 16 and Under All Stars Softball Team is to be recognized as a true Vance County Community Hero.

Chairman Wright presented an engraved plaque to the team to be placed in the trophy case at the Recreation Center and each team member and coach was presented a framed certificate which was a replica of the plaque. The team and coaches will also be treated to a steak dinner at Middleburg Steakhouse on October 11.

Terri Hedrick of the Vance County Appearance Commission thanked the Board for recognizing people within the county as community heroes. She briefly presented a sign for the Commission's Anti-Litter Campaign. A sign will be placed at each manned site throughout the county which reads "Keep Vance County Clean". Ms. Hedrick asked for support of the Board in funding more signs to be placed around the county and also small decals to be placed on trash cans throughout the county.

Chairman Wright stated that he believed the County would be able to help fund more signs and asked the Planning and Environmental Committee to work with the Finance Office on this matter.

Committee Reports and Recommendations - continued

Joint Education Committee - Construction of Elementary School. Mr. Ayscue reported that upon receipt of a letter from the Board of Education that construction of an elementary school is its top priority, there was unanimous agreement among committee members to move forward with construction. Once the Schools updates its cost estimates and provides related information as requested by Commissioner Brummitt, the County will proceed as rapidly as possible to develop a funding analysis and related proposal. A school debt service analysis was presented to the Board for review which showed that the County can support building a new elementary school with no tax increase. The Committee has asked for an operating cost projection from the Schools regarding closing out Clark Street School and its mobile units and the financial impact in changing facilities. Once that information is received, the Committee would like to meet again and then have a special called meeting of the full Board with the Committee's recommendation.

Joint Education Committee - Approval of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB's). Mr. Ayscue stated that the Schools and County approved submission of an application for \$2 million of QZAB's, with the condition that if funding was approved by the State that the funds could not be spent until further and final approval by the County. Instead of the full \$2 million, the State approved the amount of \$1,781,354. One of the more significant proposed uses is for the NVHS hvac system. The Committee endorsed approving the QZABs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt that the County proceed with the issuance of the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Joint Education Committee - Barnhill House. Mr. Ayscue noted that the Schools have requested that the vacant house at the school construction site be demolished or offered to a volunteer fire department to burn in a training exercise. In order to proceed with this plan of action, the County must declare the building as surplus. The Committee's recommendation is to declare the residential building at 980 Rock Mill Road, Henderson, NC as surplus and authorize the demolition and/or burning by a local volunteer fire department as part of a fire-training exercise.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to approve the recommendation of the committee as presented and declare the residential building at 980 Rock Mill Road as surplus and authorize the demolition and/or burning by a local volunteer fire department as part of a fire-training exercise. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

County Manager's Report

Schools ADM Requests. Mr. Ayscue reported that on August 11, the Board of Education approved applications totaling \$128,697 from the Public School Building Capital Fund (ADM). The various projects include cabinet replacements and multipurpose room repair at Aycock, replacement of exterior doors at Carver, restroom renovations at Dabney, gym door replacement and locker renovations at Eaton-Johnson, boiler repairs at Henderson Middle, cabinetry replacement and restroom repairs at E.O. Young, restroom renovations at New Hope, carpet replacement at Pinkston, extension of a covered walkway at Rollins, renovations of the gym floor and building entrance at Southern, renovations in the cafeteria and air conditioning replacement at Western, locker renovations and retractable wall replacements at Northern, playground fencing and interior door replacements at LB Yancey, and repairs to the teachers' lounge, restrooms, kitchen, and cafeteria at Zeb Vance. The ADM Fund program requires approval by both the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, to approve the joint application for \$128,697 of ADM funds as requested by the Board of Education.

Committee Reports and Recommendations - continued

Properties Committee. Mr. Ayscue stated that at the direction of the Board of Commissioners, the Properties Committee met and approved the final plans for renovations of the County Office Building. Further, the Board requested that the architect obtain cost estimates for replacing the hvac system on the top floor of the building as a change order to the construction contract. This information was hand-delivered Friday afternoon. The cost to replace the hvac system is estimated to be \$38,379 which would need to be allocated from the Contingency.

Note: this item is included as Item C in the County Manager's Report.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to appropriate \$38,379 from the Contingency to replace the heating and air conditioning system on the top floor of the County Office

Building as a change order to the existing construction contract. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Public Safety Committee. This Committee met today at noon to address the appointment of the EMS Advisory Committee for review of the comprehensive study. The purpose of the Committee is advisory in nature and is to review the study and recommend a strategy for implementation of the Emergency Medical Services component of the study to the Board of Commissioners by no later than January 31, 2009. The proposed members of the Advisory Committee are as follows: Three EMS representatives which are County Fire Captains - Robert Overton, Mark Pitzing, and Lattimore Wright; Two citizens at large - Heather Young (ER experience), and Steve Kincaid (paramedic); Chief Danny Wilkerson; Dr. Michael Smith, Medical Director; Dr. Charlton, Maria Parham representative (or his designee); Mike Coghill, President of the Vance County Firefighters Association; and Randy Owen, VGCC training instructor.

It was noted that this Committee will review the EMS portion of the study only.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to approve the committee structure as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown asked if a Fire Advisory Committee would be formed. Mr. Ayscue replied that this should be done as quickly as possible in order to have information by next year's budget process. The Public Safety Committee will need to reconvene to discuss this matter and form a structure recommendation to be presented at the October meeting.

Vote on the motion to approve the committee structure as presented was unanimous.

County Manager's Report

Fall Litter Sweep Proclamation. Mr. Ayscue noted that twice a year, the Governor promotes cleaning roadsides and other areas across North Carolina. One of the means of promoting the statewide effort is for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or proclamation encouraging participation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to approve the following Fall Litter Sweep Proclamation, encouraging Vance County citizens to help clean up the community:

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

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

WHEREAS, the Fall 2008 Litter Sweep roadside cleanup will take place September 20 through October 4, 2008. The County encourages communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families, and individual citizens to participate in the cleanup effort by sponsoring and organizing roadside cleanup teams; and

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, community service workers, community leaders, civic and community organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct local cleanups during Litter Sweep and may receive Certificates of Appreciation for their participation; and

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our State and County in addition to a clean environment are a source of great pride for all Vance County residents, attracting tourists and aiding in the recruiting of new industries; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup effort will increase the awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of anti-litter campaigns, and encourage the recycling of solid wastes; and

WHEREAS, the Litter Sweep cleanup will be a part of educating the children of the County regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Vance County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize September 20 through October 4, 2008 as “Fall Litter Sweep” in Vance County and encourages citizens to take an active role in making this community a cleaner place.

THIS, the second day of September, 2008.

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

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Pending Business

County Water Project. Interaction with USDA Rural Development continued during the month of August as the County responded to questions and requests for additional information. An acknowledgment was received from the NC Rural Center regarding the receipt of the County’s application for grant funding. Funding decisions from the Rural Center are anticipated by December.

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

CDBG Application. Vance County’s application for \$850,000 of Community Development Grant Funds was submitted by the deadline of August 29, 2008. The Kerr Tar Regional Council of Governments completed the lengthy application on behalf of the County. Funding decisions will be made later in the fall.

Miscellaneous

The following appointments were presented to the Board for consideration:

Economic Development Commission - three-year term

Reappoint R.G. Young, Jr, Terry E. Garrison, and Dennis Tharrington

Applications were received by Thomas Hester, Raymond Hight and Thomas Badger to fill a vacant position formerly held by Cliff Rogers.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous to re-appoint R.G. Young, Jr., Terry E. Garrison, and Dennis Tharrington to the Economic Development Commission for a three-year term.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to appoint Thomas Hester to fill the vacant position formerly held by Cliff Rogers. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

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

Vance County Housing Authority - five-year term

Reappoint Zandra Crews

No other applications received.

Transportation Advisory Committee - three-year term

Reappoint George Wortham, Dennis Tharrington, and Annie Newkirk

No other applications received.

Research Triangle Regional Partnership - two-year term

Reappoint Andrea Harris

No other applications received.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to appoint those members as presented to the Vance County Housing Authority, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Research Triangle Regional Partnership. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

As there was no further business, at 7:05 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed October 6, 2008.

Chairman