

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners and the Henderson City Council met in special joint session on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Silo Restaurant, Graham Avenue, Henderson, NC. Those Commissioners present were as follows: Chairman R. Dan Brummitt, Commissioners Eddie L. Wright, Deborah F. Brown, Terry E. Garrison, A. Scott Hughes, J. Timothy Pegram, and Danny W. Wright. Those City Councilmembers present were as follows: Mayor James D. "Pete" O'Geary, Garry D. Daeke, Lonnie Davis, Jr., George M. Daye, Mary Emma Evans, Michael C. Inscoe, Brenda Peace, and D. Michael Rainey.

Absent: Councilmember D. Bernard Alston and City Attorney John Zollicoffer.

Also present were County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue, City Manager Ray Griffin, County Attorney Jonathan S. Care, County Clerk Kelly H. Grissom, and City Clerk Pamela E. Glover.

Chairman Brummitt and Mayor O'Geary began by welcoming everyone to the meeting. They stated that this is a time for both units of government to focus on getting to know each other and to working together for the betterment of the community.

Commissioner Eddie L. Wright gave the invocation.

At the conclusion of dinner, Ms. Julie Reid, Council of Governments, gave a presentation regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. She stated that Vance County has received federal grant funds in the amount of \$2.1 million for this program. NSP funding is designed to provide assistance to state and local governments to acquire and redevelop foreclosed and/or abandoned properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within the community. The grant will allow Vance County to purchase foreclosed and/or abandoned homes to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes.

She stated that houses in the program will first be made available to community service workers such as police officers, firefighters, teachers, city and county employees, nurses, etc. Once the offer has been made to the community service workers, the offer will then be expanded to the remainder of the community. Housing counseling will also be offered to those that qualify.

Ms. Reid distributed maps of the first three target areas for this program which include the Parkway Drive area, the Orange-Breckenridge area, and the Kittrell area. These areas were chosen

because of the concentration of blighted and/or foreclosed homes.

Several Commissioners and Councilmembers asked questions regarding the program and stated that the program is one that will help enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

Commissioners and Councilmembers expressed their pleasure in meeting jointly this evening and stated that they look forward to similar meetings in the future.

Councilmember Evans stated that she was concerned about the spirit of murder within the county and city. She suggested that a committee be formed to address this matter. City Manager Ray Griffin responded that the City's Public Safety Committee is scheduled to discuss this matter at its upcoming meeting.

As there was no further business, at 8:25 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, that the meeting of the Board of Commissioners be adjourned.

Motion was made by Councilmember D. Michael Rainey, seconded by Councilmember Michael C. Inscoe, vote unanimous, that the meeting of the Henderson City Council be adjourned.

Approved and signed October 5, 2009.

Chairman