

Vance Happenings

June 2010

“Vance Happenings” is a brief monthly report regarding highlights of activities occurring in Vance County government. It is an overview of events specifically associated with activities involving the Board of County Commissioners.

Budget Work Sessions. The month of June is typically a busy one for local elected officials as work on budgets picks up significantly. County Commissioners met numerous evenings during the month at 6:00 p.m. and worked long hours to develop a budget that had no tax increase while trying to meet the needs of its citizens. The formal budget hearing was held on Monday, June 7th.

Technology Study Presentation. An IT consulting firm, Enterprise Network Services, presented the results of a technology study to the Commissioners on the afternoon of Thursday, June 3. The comprehensive report outlined current status of automation in county government and identified a strategy for improvement.

Public Safety Committee. The Public Safety Committee met on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 16 to discuss needed changes in the law enforcement and judicial process to prevent habitual criminals from being set free so easily and frequently. Sheriff Peter White and District Attorney Sam Currin joined the committee in a roundtable discussion of the problems and how to measure performance.

Planning & Environmental Committee. The committee met on the afternoon of Thursday, June 17 to discuss the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a sewer feasibility study. The committee directed staff to run the RFQ through a newly appointed citizens advisory committee.

Technology Committee. This committee, comprised of Commissioners Brown, Brummitt, Hughes, and County Department Heads met at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 18 with the consultant who conducted the technology study. Several action steps were identified that were recommended to the Board of Commissioners in its July meeting.

Properties Committee. At 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 18, the Properties Committee met to discuss several property matters, including two properties jointly owned with the City of Henderson - the Armory and the old Southern National Bank building. Also discussed was the Vance Manor property.

Called Meeting. On Monday, June 21, the Commissioners met to adopt the budget for FY 2010-11. It was approved unanimously and without a tax increase for the second year in a row.

Education Committee. After a walking tour of the new elementary school that is nearing completion, the Joint Education Committee met at the new school to discuss the need to enhance communication between the two boards. The joint committee decided to meet again in early September.