

## **Vance Happenings**

### **March 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.*

***NACo Legislative Conference.*** County Commissioners and the County Manager attended the annual legislative conference of the National Association of Counties in Washington, D.C. on March 6-10. Federal officials led pertinent workshops regarding current issues of concern to county government. Also, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners conducted an afternoon session on state legislative issues. A breakfast meeting with Congressional leaders was held.

***Work Session.*** Chairman Danny Wright called a special work session of the full Board of County Commissioners that was held on Tuesday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m. to develop a comprehensive response to the City of Henderson regarding issues raised at the February 11<sup>th</sup> Intergovernmental Committee meeting, and to discuss the Strategic Plan that was proposed by the Henderson - Vance County Economic Development Commission. During the lengthy session, the Board developed its position on joint ventures and made some changes to the proposed EDC Strategic Plan.

***Intergovernmental Committee.*** The committee met on Thursday, March 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners’ Meeting Room. Commissioners Terry Garrison, Scott Hughes, and Tim Pegram were present, along with the County Manager and Finance Director. The joint committee discussed the County’s response to the City’s requests regarding funding of joint programs. At the meeting, the County requested that the City Council formalize its position on the bulk sale of water to the County.

***Ethics Training.*** A webinar was held on Thursday, March 25, at the H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of providing required ethics training for local elected officials. The training must be undertaken prior to the end of December 2010 for all local elected officials. All Commissioners except Danny Wright (whose term will end in early December and will not run for re-election) were present. Also in attendance were Sheriff Peter White, several council members from the Town of Middleburg, the County Manager, County Attorney, and numerous County Department Heads. The webinar was conducted by the UNC School of Government.

***Leadership Vance County Day.*** Some of the Commissioners met at an “icebreaker” reception at the beginning of County Day for the Leadership Vance program on Tuesday, March 30. About 17 members of the program spent the day learning about various County services, touring some of the facilities, and observing a mock emergency sponsored by the Vance County Fire and EMS Department.