

Vance Happenings

April 2009

“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.

Planning & Environmental Committee. Members of the Planning & Environmental Committee met with County staff and engineering consultants to discuss the Water Project. An update on design work and discussions with City officials were presented.

NCACC District Meeting. Commissioners Danny Wright and Terry Garrison attended a district meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners on April 9 in Rocky Mount. Commissioners from the central and northeastern part of the State gathered to learn about pending legislation and other pertinent matters of interest to counties.

Golden LEAF Foundation Forum. The second planning session of the Golden LEAF Foundation for how to best use the \$2 million available to the County was attended by several County Commissioners, the County Manager, and other staff. The community-based planning process is being led by Golden LEAF staff.

NCACC County Assembly Day. On Wednesday, April 29, several Commissioners, the County Manager, and the Finance Director traveled to Raleigh to receive briefings on legislative issues of concern to counties. The event is conducted by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Vance County Commissioners met with Representative James Crawford and Senator Doug Berger to discuss the County’s legislative priorities. The day ended with a reception with all state legislators and department secretaries.

Breaking New Ground. A groundbreaking ceremony for a new elementary school was attended by all Commissioners, the County Attorney, the County Manager, the Finance Director, and others. Held on April 30th at the new school site, the ceremony evolved into somewhat of a celebration led by young students at Clark Street School. There was a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm as grading and site preparation work was already underway.