

## **Vance Happenings**

### **February 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.*

***Library Luncheon.*** County Commissioners and staff were guests, along with City counterparts, of the Board of Trustees of the H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library on Monday, February 9. Soup and sandwiches were on the menu and program statistics and related needs were on the agenda, as local and state officials were updated on library activities for the past year.

***Audit Committee.*** County Finance Director Steve Stanton convened the first meeting of the newly formed Audit Committee. Comprised of Timothy Daye, Commissioners Danny Wright and Dan Brummitt, Tom Stevenson, and Braxton Poythress, the Committee met to discuss audit-related matters, including compliance issues contained in the most recent audit, the overall financial condition of the County, and selection of an auditor for the next three years.

***Annual Planning Retreat.*** Commissioners met with County staff on Friday, February 20, for their annual planning retreat. The most pertinent topic discussed during the day was that of the current economic situation and its impact on the current and upcoming budgets. The Board also reviewed the annual work plan for FY 2008-09 and began to develop one for the coming fiscal year.

***Annual Employee Recognition Event.*** Held on Friday evening, February 20, at the Vance-Granville Community College Civic Center, County Commissioners helped to recognize County employees for their many years of experience. Seven employees received plaque awards for their contributions to the County.

***Meeting with EDC and Author.*** County Commissioners and select staff were invited to meet with the Vance County Economic Development Commission on Wednesday afternoon, February 25, at the Farm Bureau Room of the H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library. Part of the program was provided by Michael Walden, economist and author of *North Carolina in the Connected Age*, a book that looks at the North Carolina economy and its transition over the past fifty years, with an eye toward what the future holds.

***Public Safety Committee.*** This Committee, comprised of Commissioners Brummitt, Hughes, and Pegram, met on Friday, February 27, to discuss fire and emergency medical services issues.