

Vance Happenings

January 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.

Public Safety Committee. This committee, comprised of Commissioners Tim Pegram, Eddie Wright, and Dan Brummitt, met on January 5th to discuss a request from the Fire and Ambulance Department to receive a FEMA grant.

Planning & Environmental Committee. On Wednesday, January 21, the Planning & Environmental Committee and staff met with representatives from the City of Henderson and housing-related agencies in Vance County to discuss application strategies for a \$2 million plus Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant. The program is designed to address foreclosed properties in areas such as Vance County which have been hit hard by mortgage foreclosures. The Committee agreed to recommend that Commissioners proceed with an application on behalf of the County and City.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Commissioners and staff attended the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet on Tuesday evening, January 27, at the Vance-Granville Community College Civic Center. The keynote speaker was the NC Secretary of Labor, Cherie K. Berry.

Education Committee. This committee met on Friday, January 30, to discuss the need for an allied health facility on the Vance-Granville Community College campus. VGCC President Randy Parker and staff presented a request for the County Commissioners to consider funding the operating costs of such a new facility, which are anticipated to be about \$240,000 annually. Also, the Committee discussed a payback plan for construction of a new elementary school.