

Vance Happenings

July 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. On Wednesday, July 1, County Commissioners Brummitt, Hughes, and Pegram met with the County Manager, Fire/EMS Chief, Fire/EMS Captains, and others to discuss several important public safety items. Long-time *EMS Medical Director* Dr. Michael Smith had recently resigned his position with regrets. The committee instructed the Manager to seek interested candidates and make a recommendation back to the committee. *Bearpond VFD* presented a request for additional funding due to extraordinary financial demands. The committee agreed to place the request on the July Commissioners’ agenda for action by the full Board. *Ambulance rates* were briefly discussed to determine how the County compares to surrounding counties.

Golden LEAF Foundation Forum. Several Commissioners, the County Manager, and some Department Heads participated in the Golden LEAF planning session at the Civic Center on the Vance-Granville Community College campus on Monday, July 20. Golden LEAF officials led a group of about 125 citizens and community leaders through another stage of the ongoing planning process intended to determine how to disperse up to \$2 million of funding to meet community needs.

NACo Annual Conference. Commissioners Brown, Brummitt, Garrison, Hughes, D. Wright, and E. Wright and the County Manager attended the annual conference of the National Association of Counties in Nashville, Tennessee, July 25-28. This year’s focus was on restoration of the federal-county partnership, with emphasis on ARRA funding.

Planning & Environmental Committee. Friday, July 31, was the date that this committee met with the County Manager to determine a methodology of appointing county representatives on the new Economic Development Commission. Commissioners Brummitt, Garrison, and D. Wright agreed on an appointment process to propose to the full Board in its August meeting.