

Vance Happenings

September 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.

Legislative Wrap-Up. Sponsored by the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce, Commissioners D. Wright and T. Garrison and the County Manager attended a legislative breakfast on Thursday, September 3, at the Henderson Country Club. The event featured N.C. Senator Doug Berger and N.C. Representatives Jim Crawford and Michael Wray. Each of the three legislative delegates presented an overview of the recent session of the General Assembly and then entertained questions from those attending the breakfast meeting.

Public Safety Committee. This committee, comprised of County Commissioners D. Brummitt, S. Hughes, and T. Pegram, met to discuss several important public safety items. The anticipated impact of the *H1N1 virus* was briefly discussed, including the need for EMS staff to be immunized when the vaccine is made available sometime next month.

Called Commissioners’ Meeting. The Board of Commissioners met in a special called meeting on September 22nd to conduct a required public hearing for input regarding a Community Development Block Grant application for the Julia Avenue area.

Joint Meeting with City Council. The Board of Commissioners left its called meeting on September 22nd and went to The Silo Restaurant for a joint meeting with the Henderson City Council. The meeting was intended to be the beginning of enhanced communication and collaboration between the two governing bodies.

Planning & Environmental Committee. The committee met on September 24 and discussed water negotiations with the City of Henderson, grant funding opportunities, and the interest of the Kittrell Water Association in Phase 1B. Commissioners Brummitt, Garrison, and D. Wright are on the committee.

Kerr Tar Regional Council of Governments Annual Awards Banquet. Commissioners Brummitt, D. Wright, and Garrison, along with the County Manager, attended the COG Annual Awards Banquet in Roxboro the evening of September 24. Town and County officials from the five-county area convened to honor those elected leaders who had excelled during the past year.