

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, 122 Young Street, Henderson, NC. Those Commissioners present were as follows: Chairman J. Timothy Pegram, Commissioners Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Wilbur M. Boyd, Deborah F. Brown, Terry E. Garrison, Danny W. Wright and Eddie L. Wright.

Absent: None.

Also present were County Attorney Robert S. Hight, County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue, and Finance Officer Jerry L. Tucker.

Commissioner Eddie L. Wright gave the invocation.

Ken Krulik was first on the agenda and presented the revised draft zoning ordinance. He explained that the latest revisions were agreed upon by both the Planning Board and the Citizens Advisory Committee. He noted that the draft zoning map is currently under revision.

Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. questioned the process from this point forward. Mr. Krulik replied that an additional joint meeting of the Planning Board and Citizens Advisory Committee may need to be held in order to obtain a consolidated recommendation on the document. Public information sessions may also be held in order to get the information out to citizens. At the appropriate time, the Board of Commissioners will need to schedule public hearings.

Commissioner Danny W. Wright suggested that once the Board has received a final draft document, the Board should hold several work sessions to review the document in detail. Once the Board agrees on a final document, then the public information sessions and public hearings should be scheduled.

The Board then directed Mr. Krulik to submit a final draft of the document to the Board at its September 5th meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd to receive the draft document of the zoning ordinance. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Deryl von Williams was next on the agenda and presented information on the Vance County Learning Center. She explained that the program will be implemented August 25. The plan proposes to encourage parents and students to participate in a program which offers the standard

North Carolina course of studies along with cultural experiences, life skills, hands-on learning labs, self-employment and parental involvement components. She explained that the Center will serve full-time students who are habitually suspended or are not performing at grade level. It will also serve drop-outs, older students, and parents in need of literacy classes or GED.

Ms. von Williams requested funding of 25% of the \$221,438 needed to run the Center annually.

After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to refer the matter to the Education Committee, which will collaborate with the School Board’s Education Committee, and come back to the full Board with a recommendation. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Dera Adair, Council of Governments, addressed the Board with a request to award bids for the demolition and replacement of two houses in the Scattered Site Program. The following is the Bid Tabulation for the demolition:

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	House #1 Herley Vaughan 185 Bumpers Lane	House #2 Marie Allen 131 Chinaberry Lane
J.R. Raymond - Louisburg, NC	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,495
Ventures Housing Center - Henderson, NC	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,200

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The following is the bid tabulation for replacement of the houses:

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	House #1 Herley Vaughan 185 Bumpers Lane	House #2 Marie Allen 131 Chinaberry Lane
Greenfield Housing Center - Garner, NC	\$ 90,100	\$ 82,650
Ventures Housing Center - Henderson, NC	\$ 78,581	\$ 75,400
Home Headquarters - Henderson, NC	\$ 73,450	\$ 76,450
Oakwood Homes - Henderson, NC	\$ 65,701	\$ 66,901

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Ms. Adair noted the low bidder for demolition is J.R. Raymond in the amount of \$6,000 for House #1 and \$5,495 for House #2. The low bidder for replacement of the houses is Oakwood Homes in the amount of \$65,701 for House #1 and \$66,901 for House #2.

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to award the bid to the lowest bidder as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Ms. Adair then informed the Board that a substantial rehabilitation request has been sent to the State for a home in the CDBG Program. Water is seeping into the basement of the home at an additional spot other than where CDBG work had already been completed, so the homeowners have asked that additional work be performed to alleviate the problem.

At this point, the County has not received a reply from the State stating that this request has been approved. In the event approval is granted, action by the Board is required to authorize the County Manager to sign the contract for up to \$10,000 of additional work.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to authorize the County Manager to sign the contract accepting up to \$10,000 for additional work to be performed on the home. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Sam Jones, Tax Administrator, presented the second quarterly collection report as follows:

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2005 Tax Collected Y-T-D	\$ 19,727,514	
2004 Tax Collected Y-T-D	\$ 958,663	
All Other Years Collected Y-T-D	\$ 659,537	
Quarterly Ending June 30, 2006 Collected Y-T-D All Years	\$ 21,345,714	

2005 Levy Collected - 1% of 2005 Levy is \$ 194,330
 As of Sept. 30, 2005 - 17.55%
 As of Dec. 31, 2005 - 68.78%
 As of March 31, 2006 - 89.92%
 As of June 30, 2006 - 92.90%

<u>2004 Levy Collected</u>		
As of Sept. 30, 2004 - 15.89%	As of Sept. 30, 2005 - 94.71%	
As of Dec. 31, 2004 - 70.45%	As of Dec. 31, 2005 - 95.92%	
As of March 31, 2005 - 89.45%	As of March 31, 2006 - 96.97%	
As of June 30, 2005 - 93.03%	As of June 30, 2006 - 97.42%	

<u>2003 Levy Collected</u>		
As of Sept. 30, 2003 - 14.38%	As of Sept. 30, 2004 - 93.85%	As of Sept. 30, 2005 - 97.01%
As of Dec 31, 2003 - 65.40%	As of Dec. 31, 2004 - 95.32%	As of Dec. 31, 2005 - 97.25%
As of March 31, 2004 - 88.75%	As of March 31, 2005 - 96.19%	As of March 31, 2006 - 97.51%
As of June 30, 2004 - 92.04%	As of June 30, 2005 - 96.78%	As of June 30, 2006 - 97.72%

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Commissioner Danny W. Wright stated that he was disappointed that the collection rate decreased from last year. Mr. Jones replied that the State had changed the way in which large trucks are taxed. The values that are usually received in July, August and September were received in

March, April and May which resulted in the decrease of the collection rate. Because of the shift in time in which these values are collected, this will likely result in an increase in the collection rate for the coming year.

Anne Bunch and Vincent Jefferson, Vance County Appearance Commission, appeared before the Board and presented information on the Autumn Education Project 2006. In September, "Beautifully" will visit each Kindergarten with a skit on putting litter in its place and distribute a bag of recycling goodies for each student.

In October, middle and high school students will be invited to participate in an art and/or essay contest. The theme is "Recycling - Bring It On". Judges will be citizens not associated with the Appearance Commission or the schools. First Place winners will receive \$250; second place, \$100; and third place, \$50. The request of the Board is to recognize the winners of the contests during its November meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to recognize the winners of the Art and Essay Contests during the November Board meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd and unanimously approved.

Benny Finch was next on the agenda and requested authorization to proceed with two grant applications and requested funding of a local match for a prospective client.

Mr. Finch stated that an application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the amount of \$400,000 will be for Economic Development Road Improvement funds. The funds would be used for road improvements around the Vance County HUB site.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd to authorize Benny Finch and other County staff as appropriate to apply for grant funding for road improvements. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Mr. Finch then requested approval of a \$25,000 local match of Commerce - NC ONE funds for a prospective client. He explained that funds are only provided to the client after jobs are brought to Vance County and can only be used for new equipment, building improvements, utility upgrades, etc. The funds would need to be included in the FY 07-08 budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board intends to fund a local match of \$25,000 in the FY 07-08 budget.

Mr. Finch then requested authority to pursue a \$30,000 grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce for water and sewer meter and taps for the shell building.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, vote unanimous, to authorize Benny Finch to apply for grant funding for water and sewer meter and taps for the shell building.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, that the Board approve Budget Amendments #1, #2, and #3 as follows for the purposes noted therein:

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**Budget Amendment #1
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Departmental Supplies	10-514-500033		\$ <u>6,333.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 6,333.00

Revenues

Justice Assistance Grant	10-380-438022	\$ <u>6,333.00</u>	
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 6,333.00	

Purpose: To appropriate funds to Sheriff's Department for Justice Assistance Grant. No County funds required.

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**Budget Amendment #2
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Salaries	10-606-500001		\$ 20,555.00
FICA Expense	10-606-500005		1,592.00
Group Insurance	10-606-500006		5,544.00
Retirement	10-606-500007		1,026.00
Telephone	10-606-500011		1,700.00
Travel/Training	10-606-500014		1,880.00
Office Supplies	10-606-500032		300.00
Program Expense	10-606-500033		<u>1,995.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 34,592.00

Revenues

Parenting Program	10-333-433004	\$ <u>34,592.00</u>
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 34,592.00

Purpose: To appropriate State and United Way funds for Parenting Program. No County funds required.

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**Budget Amendment #3
Sheriff's Interdiction Program**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Telephone/Postage	10-517-500011		\$ <u>29,087.51</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 29,087.51

Revenues

Sheriff's Interdiction Program	10-359-435917	\$ <u>29,087.51</u>
Total Increase in Revenues		\$ 29,087.51

Purpose: To appropriate Sheriff's Interdiction funds to purchase cell phone contract for 20 units. No County funds needed.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, that the Board approve the following Refunds as requested by the Tax Office:

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**REFUNDS
July 2006**

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Stewart Rooker	2005	8.75	Vehicle Tax
Claudia Davis	2005	1.58	Vehicle Tax
Bessie L. Bullock	2005	56.91	Vehicle Tax
Gladys E. Faucette	2005	29.55	Vehicle Tax
Audrey A. Jiggetts	2005	8.28	Vehicle Tax
Sergio C. Reyes	2005	10.11	Vehicle Tax
Lettice Robinson	2004	22.72	Vehicle Tax
Dorothy F. Ragland	2005	5.20	Vehicle Tax
Ulyses Evans, Jr.	2005	9.66	Vehicle Tax
Evelyn Mitchell	2001-03	67.83	Acreage Refund
Robert A. Barnard	2005	7.39	Vehicle Tax
Mack H. Collier	2005	2.14	Vehicle Tax

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Mark D. Brown	2006	89.60	Vehicle Tax
Susan L. Robertson	2005	23.31	Vehicle Tax
Stewart Rooker	2005	.30	Fire Tax
Claudia Davis	2005	.05	Fire Tax
Gladys E. Faucette	2005	1.00	Fire Tax
Audrey A. Jiggetts	2005	.27	Fire Tax
Sergio C. Reyes	2005	.33	Fire Tax
Ulyses Evans, Jr.	2005	.15	Fire Tax
Evelyn Mitchell	2002-05	2.99	Fire Tax
Robert A. Barnard	2005	.24	Fire Tax
Mack H. Collier	2005	.08	Fire Tax
Mark D. Brown	2005	2.96	Fire Tax
Total		\$ 351.40	

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Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. that the Board approve Ambulance Charge-offs in the amount of \$4,715.70 for those persons deceased with no estate listing. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright and unanimously approved.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue was next on the agenda and requested the Board to allow filling the following position vacancies which have been endorsed by the Human Resources Committee:

Social Services
Social Worker IA&T

Jail
Correctional Officer I - (four positions)

911
Telecommunicator I - (existing position)
Telecommunicator I - (two new positions)

Fire and Ambulance
Firefighter II/EMT-P - (existing position)
Firefighter I/EMT-B - (two new positions)

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to approve the position requests as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayscue explained that as with other utility lines installed by County outside the City limits, the lines on Vicksboro Road, Franklin Road, and Julia Avenue need to be dedicated to the City of Henderson.

Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd made a motion to convey and dedicate to the City the water line on Vicksboro Road and Franklin Road and the water/sewer lines on Julia Avenue. This motion

was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayscue noted that during the most recent Intergovernmental Committee meeting, County representatives agreed to present a proposal to the Board of Commissioners regarding the future of the Henderson-Vance Armory and the former library facility. Upon action by the Commissioners, the official proposal will be presented to the City. The proposal is as follows:

Overview. The City of Henderson and County of Vance jointly own (on a 50/50 basis) the former H. Leslie Perry Memorial Library located at 134 Rose Avenue and the Henderson-Vance Armory on Dabney Drive. There have been ongoing discussions by the Intergovernmental Committee about the ownership, disposition, and/or future use of the two properties, but no clear and mutual sense of direction has evolved. Both of these facilities are now empty and in need of varying degrees of repair. Continued lack of maintenance, repair, and use of the buildings may adversely affect their future potential and value. It is the desire of County members of the Intergovernmental Committee to make an official proposal from the Board of County Commissioners to the City Council regarding future use and ownership of the two pieces of property.

Scenario #1. Sell each piece of property outright at the appraised values, with proceeds accruing equally to the City and County.

Scenario #2. The County can assume full ownership of the library at the appraised value and the City will take full ownership of the Armory at its appraised value. Thus, the County would owe the City \$102,500 for the library and the City would owe the County \$550,000 for the Armory, or a net difference of \$447,500. The net difference can be worked out by the Intergovernmental Committee or other representatives of the two entities.

Scenario #3. The City can purchase the County's half ownership of Armory at its appraised value and/or the County can purchase the City's half ownership of the library at its appraised value.

Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. made a motion to offer all three scenarios to the Henderson City Council as an official proposal regarding future use and ownership of the two aforementioned pieces of property and request a response within thirty days. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayscue then requested approval to adjust the ambulance mileage allowance to \$9.17 effective September 1, 2006. He explained that recent increases in ambulance mileage allowances by Medicare are intended to reflect higher fuel costs. The maximum amount has been raised from \$9.00 to \$9.17 per mile.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd to adjust the ambulance mileage allowance to \$9.17 effective September 1, 2006. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright and unanimously approved.

The Board then scheduled the Fall Planning Retreat for Thursday, October 5. The location of the retreat will be determined at a later date.

Mr. Ayscue explained that three bids have been received for the wage classification and

salary study. The amount budgeted for this process is \$27,000. The bids are as follows: The MAPS Group - \$27,428; Springstead - \$32,500; and Sarah Benson - \$33,920. The recommendation from the Human Resources Committee is to award the bid to the MAPS Group. This would require \$428 from the Contingency or, since they are the low bidder, the County has the authority to negotiate the bid.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., to enter into a contract with The MAPS Group to perform the wage classification and salary study and authorize the County Manager to negotiate the bid down to \$27,000. Vote on this motion was Ayes-six (6); Noes-one (1). The negative vote having been cast by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright that the Board approve the minutes of the special meeting held June 28, 2006 and the regular meeting held July 3, 2006 as presented by the Clerk to the Board. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, that the Board approve the following Rebates for June 2006 and July 2006 as requested by the Tax Office:

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**REBATES
June 2006**

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Frank & Ruth Bissette	2005	304.24	Error in Billing
Daisy R. Carliles	1998-2000	378.12	Chapter 13 Discharge
Torisa Evans	2005	186.53	Mobile Home Repo'd 2003
Charles L. Gardner	2005	26.97	Value Reduced
Total		\$ 895.86	

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**REBATES
July 2006**

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Lillian Morton	1998-05	2,031.34	Did not own mobile home
Shoe Corp of America	1999-00	113.13	Chapter 7 Released
Total		\$ 2,144.47	

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Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown that the Board appoint Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. as voting delegate to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference to be held in September. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to change the September Board meeting to Tuesday, September 5th as Labor Day would be observed on Monday. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the following monthly reports be received and filed:

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- See on file monthly report, Vance County ABC Board
- See on file monthly report, Fire and Ambulance Service
- See on file monthly report, Human Resources Department
- See on file monthly report, Planning and Development Department
- See on file monthly report, Sheriff's Department
- See on file monthly report, Veterans Service Office

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Mr. Ayscue then noted that there are a couple of vacancies on the Tourism Development Authority Board and Commissioner Brown has expressed her interest in serving on that Board.

Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. moved to appoint Deborah F. Brown to fill an unexpired term. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

At this time motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown that the Board go into closed session to discuss a property matter. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

At the end of the closed session, motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to return to regular session. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to authorize the County Attorney to enter into an option to purchase property. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. Vote on the motion was Ayes-six (6); Noes-one (1). The negative vote having been cast

by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown.

At this time, motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, vote unanimous, to appoint Deborah F. Brown as Chairperson of the Tourism Development Authority.

As there was no further business, at 8:20 p.m. motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed September 5, 2006.

Chairman