

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 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 Wilbur M. Boyd, Deborah F. Brown, Terry E. Garrison, Danny W. Wright and Eddie L. Wright.

Absent: Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr.

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

Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd gave the invocation.

As advertised, at 6:00 p.m. a Public Budget Hearing was held to gain citizen input into the Proposed FY 2006-2007 Budget Estimate.

The following persons were heard:

Randy Newman, Vance County Rescue Squad Chief, requested the Board to consider funding the Rescue Squad in the same amount as volunteer fire departments.

Danny Wilkerson, Fire Chief, stated the Fire Department is very pressed for additional manpower and asked the Board to keep in mind his request for additional positions when reviewing the budget.

As there were no other persons who wished to speak, Chairman J. Timothy Pegram declared the public hearing closed.

Finance Officer Jerry L. Tucker then presented budget amendments, refunds, and ambulance charge-offs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board approve Budget Amendments #35 and #36 as follows for the purposes noted therein:

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**Budget Amendment #35
General Fund**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
JCPC Administrative	10-600-500255		\$ <u>4,102.00</u>

Total Increase in Expenditures \$ 4,102.00

Revenues

JCPC Administrative 10-380-438009 \$ 4,102.00
 Total Increase in Revenues \$ 4,102.00

Purpose: To appropriate additional State funds to JCPC Program. No County funds needed.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
 June 5, 2006

Budget Amendment #36
Sheriff's Department

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Non-Capitalized Outlay	10-510-500085		\$ 8,400.00
Uniforms	10-510-500036		20,760.00
Maint/Repair Vehicles	10-510-500017		<u>900.00</u>
Total Increase in Expenditures			\$ 30,060.00

Revenues

Sheriff's Interdiction Funds 10-359-435917 \$ 30,060.00
 Total Increase in Revenues \$ 30,060.00

Purpose: To appropriate funds to purchase new uniforms and emergency lights for six vehicles in the Sheriff's Department.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
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Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board approve the following Refunds as requested by the Tax Office:

REFUNDS
May 2006

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Leslie Baskerville	2005	177.28	Acreage Overcharged
David M. Barnett, Sr.	2005	20.00	Collection Fee
Teresa B. Currin	2005	4.96	Vehicle Tax
Claudia B. Hernandez	2005	2.56	Vehicle Tax
J.H. Johnson	2003	798.93	Mobile Home Tax

NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
J.H. Johnson	2004	798.93	Mobile Home Tax
J.H. Johnson	2005	816.68	Mobile Home Tax
Chad Stevenson	2005	106.49	Boat Tax
Roger E. Hersom	2005	11.80	Vehicle Tax
Michael D. Floyd	2005	20.00	Overage Tax
Julian B. Oakes	2005	54.16	Vehicle Tax
Vanessa Denton	2005	12.74	Vehicle Tax
Louise S. Miller	2005	24.33	Vehicle Tax
Julian B. Oakes	2005	2.34	Vehicle Tax
Calvin R. Kearney	2005	54.16	Vehicle Tax
Chase Manhattan Auto	2005	21.64	Vehicle Tax
Kissa K. Harris	2005	7.68	Vehicle Tax
Stacy B. Wright	2000	211.55	Mobile Home Tax
Stacy B. Wright	2001	360.53	Mobile Home Tax
Stacy B. Wright	2002	316.28	Mobile Home Tax
Hemandrakumar Patel	2005	13.92	Vehicle Tax
Cecilia E. Gay	2005	66.36	Vehicle Tax
Frances G. Brame	2005	6.37	Overage Tax
Ann F. Bartholomew	2005	19.30	Vehicle Tax
Larry E. Brewer	2005	1.84	Vehicle Tax
J.H. Johnson	2003	150.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
J.H. Johnson	2004	150.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
J.H. Johnson	2005	180.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Stacy B. Wright	2000	75.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Stacy B. Wright	2001	75.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Stacy B. Wright	2002	75.00	Solid Waste Household Fee
Leslie Baskerville	2005	5.78	Fire Tax
Teresa B. Currin	2005	.16	Fire Tax
Claudia B. Hernandez	2005	.10	Fire Tax
J.H. Johnson	2003	26.64	Fire Tax
J.H. Johnson	2004	26.64	Fire Tax
J.H. Johnson	2005	26.64	Fire Tax
Chad Stevenson	2005	3.47	Fire Tax
Roger E. Hersom	2005	.39	Fire Tax
Andrew Fitzgerald	2005	.26	Fire Tax
Vanessa Denton	2005	.35	Fire Tax
Stacy B. Wright	2002	7.72	Fire Tax
Total		\$ 4,733.98	

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison that the Board approve Ambulance Charge-offs in the amount of \$7,729.06 for those persons deceased with no estate listing. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue requested the Board to allow filling the vacant position of Correctional Officer at the Jail. He noted that this request had been endorsed by the Human Resources Committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to approve the position request as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayscue then discussed the Property and Liability Insurance Annual Participation Agreement. He explained that the NCACC Risk Management Pools require annual approval of participation by the Board of Commissioners prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. He requested authorization to execute the appropriate documents to renew coverage by the NCACC Risk Management Pools for Property and Liability coverage.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to authorize the County Manager to execute the appropriate documents to renew coverage by the NCACC Risk Management Pools for Property and Liability coverage. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayscue noted that The Vance Economic Development Commission has had a lease agreement with Barnett Properties, LLC, for office space at 1775 Graham Avenue. It has been structured in increments of five years, with the third five-year extension beginning July 1, 2005. At the time of renewal last year, there were discussions about the possibility of relocating the EDC office to the previously acquired School Administration Office; however, the Council of Governments fully occupied the remaining space. Therefore, this extension is for the remainder of the four years, with the rent to remain at the current level for FY 2006-07 and to increase by \$50 per month for each of the subsequent years. The County has the option to terminate the agreement at the end of any fiscal year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd to approve the extension of the lease agreement for the Vance EDC with Barnett Properties for office space through FY 2009-10. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayscue then presented a resolution for Medicaid relief. He explained that Medicaid Relief remains as the highest legislative priority for Vance County (and many other counties as well). The County continues to lobby all state legislators to remove this extreme financial burden from the local level by using funds available during the time that surplus funds exist at the state level. North Carolina is the only remaining state that requires its counties to shoulder a portion of the non-federal share of Medicaid programs. If adopted, the resolution will be distributed to all state legislators and other appropriate individuals and organizations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, to adopt the resolution for Medicaid relief as follows:

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RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
Urging State Assumption of County Share of Medicaid

WHEREAS, Vance County will pay over \$3.3 million annually or more than 8.1% of its General Fund budgeted expenditures for services to Medicaid eligible citizens and also pays 50% of program administration costs; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina counties' aggregate share of Medicaid services has increased over 67% in the past five years and now totals approximately \$459 million, with the cost expected to exceed \$480 million in FY 2006-07; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the only state in the entire nation that require counties to pay a share of all Medicaid service costs; and

WHEREAS, Vance County is a Tier 1 County, is usually in the top five counties with high unemployment rates, and 33.6% of its citizens are deemed as Medicaid eligible; and

WHEREAS, approximately 19¢ of the Vance County tax rate is currently dedicated to the County's share of Medicaid service costs and the per capita cost of Medicaid in Vance County is over \$74.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the House of Representatives and the Senate of the North Carolina General Assembly to collaborate in devising a mutually acceptable strategy to provide immediate Medicaid relief to Vance County and all other counties in North Carolina.

This, the fifth day of June, 2006.

J. Timothy Pegram _____ **(Signed)**
J. Timothy Pegram, Chairman
Vance County Board of Commissioners

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David Parham was next on the agenda and gave an overview of the ABC's monthly report. He went over the report in detail and explained that Vance County was authorized to sell alcoholic beverages in 1935. Two ABC stores have operated in the County since the late 1960s. When the stores began, the profit distribution was set up by a legislative act which gives 85% of the profit to the County and 15% to the City of Henderson. The report reflects the amount due to the County each month.

Public comments were heard next. Robert Lee Duke explained that when he appeared before the Board during last month's public comment period, he asked two questions. 1) Is there a law which states that property taxes are uncollectible after 10 years and therefore written off? 2) If there is such a law, what is the amount that has been written off? He further asked if he could obtain the names of those whose taxes were written off.

The Board directed the administration staff to respond to Mr. Duke in writing regarding these questions.

The next item discussed was the scheduling of a budget work session to review the FY 2006-07 Proposed Budget. After a brief discussion, the Board set Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. for the work session.

Mr. Ayscue then explained that the Zeb Vance Ruritan Club recently celebrated its 50th anniversary of service to the community. Commissioner Wilbur Boyd has asked for a resolution of recognition and appreciation in honor of the civic club.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, that the Board adopt the following resolution in recognition of the Zeb Vance Ruritan Club.

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RESOLUTION
of
Appreciation and Recognition
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
to the
Zeb Vance Ruritan Club

WHEREAS, the Zeb Vance Ruritan Club was established and organized on April 24, 1956 by a group of dedicated and civic-minded individuals in the Kittrell area of Vance County; and

WHEREAS, in April of this year, led by its current club president, Joe Sears, the Zeb Vance Ruritan Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, during those fifty years of faithful service, the Zeb Vance Ruritan Club dutifully dedicated itself to the goals of its national club organization to bring rural and urban areas together in order to improve community life; and

WHEREAS, the Zeb Vance Ruritan Club is credited with numerous civic projects and accomplishments, including many acts of support for Zeb Vance School, initiating the Kittrell Volunteer Fire Department and the Bearpond Volunteer Fire Department, and other similar actions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vance County Board of Commissioners does recognize and express its appreciation to the Zeb Vance Ruritan Club for its unprecedented dedication to the community throughout its rich history of fifty years of civic service to the citizens of Kittrell and Vance County, and **FURTHER** applauds the club members for their steadfastness in promoting harmony and citizenship throughout Vance County.

This, the fifth day of June, 2006.

J. Timothy Pegram (Signed)
J. Timothy Pegram, Chairman
Vance County Board of Commissioners

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Chairman J. Timothy Pegram recognized officials with the Zeb Vance Ruritan Club and asked them to come forward. Chairman Pegram read the resolution and presented the officials with the original signed resolution.

Grady Bell remained absent for his 6:15 appointment, so Mr. Ayscue explained that the CDBG staff recommended that Sanders Construction Company be awarded the bid for rehab of the Perry Davis house located at 2021 Julia Avenue. Mr. Sanders was the low bidder in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to award the bid to Sanders Construction Company in the amount of \$25,000 for work to be performed at 2021 Julia Avenue. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd that the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 2006 and the special called meeting held May 25, 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 Danny W. Wright, vote unanimous, that the Board approve the following Rebates for April 2006 as requested by the Tax Office:

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REBATES			
April 2006			
NAME	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Donna A. Jones	2005	146.41	Error in Listing
James E. Jones, Jr.	2005	16.74	Error in Listing
Lula Mae Kelly Heirs	1996-2005	1,045.03	SCE Removed in Error
Donna L. Roberts	2005	579.60	Released to Warren County
David M. Robinson	2003	139.61	Mobile Home Repo'd 12/02
Total		\$ 1,927.39	

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Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, vote unanimous, that Vernon Brown be re-appointed to the Recreation Commission for a four-year term.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the following 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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At this time, motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and seconded by Commissioner Danny W. Wright that the Board go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Vote on this motion was unanimous.

At the end of the closed session, motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to return to regular session. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

As there was no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Wilbur M. Boyd, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed July 3, 2006.

Chairman J. Timothy Pegram