

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, 122 Young Street, Henderson, NC. Those Commissioners present were as follows: Chairman Dan Brummitt, Commissioners Eddie L. Wright, Deborah F. Brown, Terry E. Garrison, A. Scott Hughes, J. Timothy Pegram, and Danny W. Wright.

Absent: None.

Also present were County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue, Finance Director Steven C. Stanton, County Attorney Jonathan S. Care, and Clerk to the Board Kelly H. Grissom.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue gave the invocation.

Chairman Dan Brummitt stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to sit as a Board of Equalization and Review to receive recommendations regarding property tax appeals made during the May 4 regular meeting. The Board of Commissioners will then meet to receive the FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget and to adopt a resolution to close Mt. Carmel Church Road.

Cindy Lloyd, Interim Tax Administrator, stated that after reviewing the appeals made on May 4, she found no information that would justify a reduction in property values. A review of the assessed values shows that they are in line with January 1, 2008 market value, and are in line with assessments of similar properties. Therefore, she recommended that there be no change in values of said properties.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown directed Ms. Lloyd to provide information on each piece of property that was appealed. Specifically, a breakdown of all analyses based on information that was provided by the taxpayer. Commissioner Brown also directed Ms. Lloyd to inform each taxpayer to submit any appraisals they may have on their property.

Chairman Brummitt stated that he had met with Ms. Lloyd to review these properties and analyses are available on each property. He suggested that the Board not act on the matter until those analyses are reviewed by each Board member.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and Review.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue then presented the FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget and stated that it includes a recommended budget, a supplemental budget, a two-year budget, and figures for

a 5% and 10% reduction. There is no tax increase proposed, so the current tax rate of 79.8¢ remains. The fire tax also remains the same at 2.6¢. The Solid Waste Household Fee is proposed with no change at \$102.50. No funding is included for frozen positions and no employee salary increases are included.

The budget does include a 25% City participation in funding for Economic Development which translates to approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Ayscue stated that this proposed budget is 8% lower than the previous year's budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright to receive the FY 09-10 Proposed Budget and schedule the Budget Hearing for the June 1, 2009 regular meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

The Board then set the following dates for budget work sessions. All sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m.: Tuesday, May 19; Wednesday, May 20; Tuesday, May 26; and Wednesday, May 27.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for viewing at the County Manager's Office and the H. Leslie Perry Library. The budget will also be posted on the County's website.

The next item addressed was a resolution to close Mount Carmel Church Road. Action was taken on this matter during the March 2009 meeting, but the Department of Transportation has requested a more standard resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Danny W. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to adopt the following resolution which requests the Department of Transportation to abandon Mount Carmel Church Road (state road 1539):

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**RESOLUTION**  
**by the**  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
***REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF***  
***TRANSPORTATION TO ABANDON STATE ROAD 1539***

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Board of County Commissioners has heretofore received a petition from the County of Vance and Mount Carmel United Methodist Church, property owners along SR 1539 to abandon the entire road; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to NCGS 136-63, the Board of County Commissioners may, upon receipt of said petition, request the North Carolina Department of Transportation to abandon any road in the secondary road system after a finding that said abandonment is in the best interest of the people of the county will be served thereby; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of termination of the maintenance agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, this road will revert back to a privately maintained road by

the County of Vance or its assigns, pursuant to those representations contained in the aforesaid petition.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Vance as follows:

1. Pursuant to NCGS 136-63, the abandonment of SR 1539 is in the best interest of the people of the county served thereby; and
2. The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requested to abandon SR 1539; and
3. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.**

**R. Dan Brummitt (signed)**  
**R. Dan Brummitt, Chairman**  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**

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At this time, motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to enter into closed session in order to discuss legal matters. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Upon return to regular session, and as there was no further business, at 6:10 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed June 1, 2009.

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Chairman