

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 7, 2010 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 Danny W. Wright, Commissioners Eddie L. Wright, Deborah F. Brown, R. Dan Brummitt, Terry E. Garrison, A. Scott Hughes, and J. Timothy Pegram.

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.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison gave the invocation.

As advertised, at 6:00 p.m. a public hearing was held to gain citizen input into the Proposed FY 2010-11 Budget Estimate. County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue stated that the proposed budget is presented with no tax increase, so the tax rate would remain the same at 78.2¢. The fire tax would also remain the same at 2.6¢. The solid waste household fee is proposed with no increase at \$102.50.

There was no one present who wished to be heard on the matter. Chairman Danny W. Wright left the hearing open until a later time in the event someone wanted to speak on the matter.

At this time, Mr. Ayscue introduced Mr. Guido Essleborn as the County's new Economic Development Director. Mr. Essleborn addressed the Board and stated that he has studied the newly adopted Economic Development Strategic Plan and was impressed by the Plan in that it encompasses all aspects of economic development. He stated that he looks forward to working with the Board as the Economic Development Director as we enter a new phase under difficult economic times.

The Board welcomed Mr. Essleborn and expressed its confidence in his capabilities as the County's Economic Development Director.

Mr. Jim Hinkle, Interim Economic Development Director, was present and provided the Board with an overview of projects he has worked on during his tenure. He thanked the Board for its support and for the opportunity to work in Vance County.

At this time, Chairman Wright reminded those present that the public hearing for the FY 2010-11 Budget was still open. As there was still no one present who wished to speak on the matter, Chairman Wright declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Henry King appeared before the Board and proposed a possible site for the new farmer's market. He stated that he owns the building that currently houses the Raleigh Road Flea Market and offered part of that building to be used for the farmer's market if the County is interested. The location currently offers 9,000 sq. ft. with future expansion if needed. He also offered acreage as another option if the County would like to build.

Mr. Pete Burgess, Farmer's Market Advisory Committee Chairman, was present and stated that the Committee was aware of this property and determined that the Raleigh Road Flea Market site would not be an appropriate site because they are looking for a site that can grow and become an agricultural community center. Mr. Burgess then provided an update on the project and stated that he is excited about the project moving forward.

Ms. Julie Reid, Council of Governments, was next on the agenda and presented two bid tabulation sheets for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. One is for five different properties - two demolition/reconstruction and three new construction as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Address</b>
	Hawkins Street Demo/Const	Horner Street	Poplar Street #1	Poplar Street #2	Cross Street Demo/Const
<b>Bennett &amp; Bennett</b>	98,121.00				
<b>Valley View Development</b>	90,990.00	82,952.00	86,740.00	83,952.00	87,052.00
<b>L. Roberts</b>	112,965.00	107,775.00	104,545.00	107,775.00	113,295.00
<b>CHI Construction</b>	93,720.00	85,720.00	85,720.00	85,720.00	89,720.00
<b>Herman Rouse LLC</b>	104,600.00	98,000.00	100,750.00	98,000.00	98,750.00
<b>Humphries Construction</b>	94,108.81	88,113.84	86,863.81	87,538.84	90,873.84
<b>D.B. Williams</b>	93,334.00	84,606.00	82,148.00	81,400.00	88,926.00
<b>Dickerson Builders</b>	103,600.00	92,570.00	97,200.00	92,570.00	94,490.00

Ms. Reid recommended the bids be awarded as follows:

Hawkins St. Demo/Construction	Valley View Development	\$ 90,990.00
Horner Street	Valley View Development	\$ 82,952.00
Poplar Street #1	D.B. Williams Construction	\$ 82,148.00
Poplar Street #2	D.B. Williams Construction	\$ 81,400.00
Cross St. Demo/Construction	CHI Construction	\$ 89,720.00

Ms. Reid explained that the Poplar Street property is large enough to accommodate two houses. The intent is to subdivide the existing parcel to meet local construction standards. CHI Construction, the third lowest bidder, was recommended for the Cross Street construction due to the fact that both the lowest bidder and the second lowest bidder are already being recommended for two properties under this award.

The second bid tabulation is for a demolition for 211 Hawkins Drive and 533 Spring Street as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Address</b>
	211 Hawkins Drive and 533 Spring Street
<b>Herman Rouse LLC</b>	9,500.00
<b>Faulkner Grading</b>	6,400.00
<b>L. Roberts Repairs</b>	11,000.00
<b>Humphries Construction</b>	4,900.00

Ms. Reid recommended that the bid be awarded to Humphries Construction in the amount of \$4,900.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to award the six bids as recommended by Ms. Reid and all grant conditions must be met prior to execution of contracts. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Public comments were heard next. Mr. Charlie Champion spoke and recommended that the Armory be restored and used to honor service men and women of the armed services with a memorial chapter for the County Veterans Association and Commitment Center. Mr. Champion suggested that the building could also be used for the new farmer's market and a community center for various events.

Chairman Wright referred this suggestion to the Properties Committee.

Sara Coffey spoke regarding the condition of Martin Creek Road which is the access road in front of the Wal-Mart Distribution Center. She stated that the roadsides in front of the distribution center are in terrible condition as a result of large trucks parking there. She distributed pictures of the roadsides to the Board showing deep ruts, trash, etc.

Chairman Wright directed the County Manager to contact DOT regarding this matter.

Tom Stevenson, Chex Truck Stop, stated that his facility is always available for these truckers so that they do not have to park on roadsides.

The next item on the agenda was the Community Hero Award recognition. The recipient of this month's award was Ms. Terri Hedrick. Chairman Wright recognized Ms. Hedrick and asked her to come forward. He presented her with a certificate and a check for \$25.00.

Chairman Wright stated that Ms. Terri Hedrick resides in the Dabney Community with her husband, Joe and children Kelley and Ryan. She has been an active citizen of Vance County for

many years. She is an extremely busy lady who is well-known throughout educational circles of Vance County.

Ms. Hedrick has served as Public Information Officer with Vance County Schools for the last 12 years. She is the President of the Vance County Volunteer Center Advisory Board. She is past-president of the North Carolina Association of Community Educators and currently serves on several boards and committees which include the NC School Public Relations Association, the NC Association of School Administrators, the Henderson Weed & Seed Steering Committee, the Vance County Teacher Executive Institute Steering Committee, the Vance County Schools' PTA Council, and the United Way of Vance County Board of Directors.

As the Chair of Vance County's Appearance Commission, Ms. Hedrick's efforts over the last two years in partnering with the Henderson Community Appearance Commission for Spring Litter Sweep have brought together over 500 volunteers to work the Litter Sweep to pick up litter and debris along our streets and roadsides.

Ms. Hedrick is also very active with the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Chamber's Education Committee to plan the annual Vance County School of Excellence. The Life Skills Program is coordinated through the Education Committee to solicit local business representatives to speak to high school sophomores offering them helpful tips on how to apply and interview for a job. Ms. Hedrick is a member of the SAFE KIDS Coalition which promotes safety issues for children and involves public service agencies and organizations in our community. She is also a member of the PAGE organization which is a parent support group for our schools' Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Program.

For all these titles and accomplishments, it is easy to see that Ms. Terri Hedrick is a special person that genuinely cares about her community. She is to be recognized as a true community hero.

Consent agenda items were addressed next. Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the following consent agenda items be approved as presented: May 2010 Refunds, April 2010 Rebates, May 2010 Ambulance Charge-Offs in the amount of \$2,101.89, May 2010 Monthly Reports received and filed, and the minutes of the May 3, 2010 regular meeting and the May 20, 2010 special meeting.

**REFUNDS**  
**May 2010**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Tara R. Dunston	2009	41.72	Vehicle Tax
Tara R. Dunston	2009	1.36	Fire Tax
Robert J. Alexander	2009	5.45	Vehicle Tax
Robert J. Alexander	2009	.20	Fire Tax
Ricky Steed	2009	7.04	Vehicle Tax
Ricky Steed	2009	.24	Fire Tax
Donald Y. Hoyle	2009	44.34	Vehicle Tax
Donald Y. Hoyle	2009	1.47	Fire Tax
Sharon G. Sweeney	2009	4.97	Vehicle Tax
Sharon G. Sweeney	2009	3.78	Fire Tax
Robert T. Williams	2009	9.32	Vehicle Tax
Alfonso L. Bernal	2009	11.20	Vehicle Tax
Glenn R. Moss, Jr.	2009	3.52	Vehicle Tax
Julius C. Mitchell	2009	37.45	Vehicle Tax
Jaime R. Ascaylujan	2009	15.48	Vehicle Tax
Joseph B. Testerman	2009	20.20	Vehicle Tax
Donald C. Seifert, Jr.	2009	40.00	Vehicle Tax
Rita H. Novellino	2009	6.87	Vehicle Tax
Dorene L. Alexander	2009	12.92	Vehicle Tax
Howard W. Rudd	2009	2.08	Vehicle Tax
Danette D. Edwards	2009	1.98	Vehicle Tax
Ricky Steed	2009	1.98	Vehicle Tax
James C. Elliott	2009	1.45	Vehicle Tax
Marsha C. Wallace	2009	8.99	Vehicle Tax
Donna M. Rivera	2009	1.09	Vehicle Tax
Brenda Cooke	2009	14.12	Vehicle Tax
Robert T. Williams	2009	.32	Fire Tax
Alfonso L. Bernal	2009	.40	Fire Tax
Glenn R. Moss, Jr.	2009	.12	Fire Tax
Jaime R. Ascaylujan	2009	.54	Fire Tax
Joseph B. Testerman	2009	.66	Fire Tax
Dorene L. Alexander	2009	.44	Fire Tax
Howard W. Rudd	2009	.06	Fire Tax
Danette D. Edwards	2009	.06	Fire Tax
Ricky Steed	2009	.06	Fire Tax
James C. Elliott	2009	.05	Fire Tax
Marsha C. Wallace	2009	.29	Fire Tax
Donna M. Rivera	2009	.04	Fire Tax
Brenda Cooke	2009	.48	Fire Tax
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 302.74</b>	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 8,894.04

**REBATES**  
**April 2010**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Verlian R. Bailey	1999-2009	1,715.18	Foreclosure
Mary Henderson	1999-2009	480.46	Foreclosure
Zelton D. Steed	2004-2009	1,439.82	Foreclosure
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,635.46</b>	Fiscal y-t-d - \$ 97,055.82

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See on file monthly report, 911 Emergency Operations  
See on file monthly report, Administrative Ambulance Charge-offs  
See on file monthly report, Department of Social Services  
See on file monthly report, Fire and Ambulance Service  
See on file monthly report, Human Resources  
See on file monthly report, Planning and Development  
See on file monthly report, Public Health Department  
See on file monthly report, Tax Office  
See on file monthly report, Veterans Service Office  
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Finance Director's Report

*Tax Office Collections.* As previously directed by the Chairman, Finance Director Steven C. Stanton provided a report to the Board regarding procedures for cash management in the Tax Office. Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that other departments that handle cash should also be assessed. He suggested that the Audit Committee look into cash management of other departments as well.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

*Human Resources Committee - Position Vacancies.* Argretta Johen, HR Director, requested the Board to allow filling the following position vacancies which have been endorsed by the Human Resources Committee:

Department of Social Services

Social Worker III  
Social Worker IAT

Jail

Detention Officer

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to approve the position requests as presented.

*Public Safety Committee - Ambulance Rates Proposal.* Mr. Ayscue stated that fees for emergency medical services have not changed in several years. The Public Safety Committee endorsed the new schedule of rates for emergency medical services as follows: BLS - \$400; ALS - \$450; ALS2 - \$562.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to approve the increase in ambulance rates as presented, effective July 1, 2010. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

*Public Safety Committee - Fire Department Name Change.* Fire Chief Harold Henrich addressed the Committee and proposed a name change to the Vance County Fire and Ambulance Department. He suggested that the name be changed to Vance County Fire and EMS since the area of emergency services provided by the department has broadened over time. This would only require administrative changes and the Public Safety Committee endorses this request.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to change the name of the Vance County Fire and Ambulance Department to Vance County Fire and EMS. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

*Public Safety Committee - Extension of Golden Belt District Map Lines.* Chief Henrich stated that with the merger of Kerr Lake VFD and the Golden Belt District, a small portion of the Willow Creek Run subdivision on Kelly Road is now included within the Golden Belt Fire District, but not reflected on the district map. He requested approval of the new district map which includes this area in the Golden Belt District. Expansion of the district to include this area will eventually allow insurance classifications to improve and thus reduce insurance premiums.

Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to approve the expansion of the Golden Belt Fire District to include the portion of the Willow Creek Run subdivision on Kelly Road and to look into options to cover all residents within the County. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Chairman Wright directed Chief Henrich to produce a list of all areas that are currently outside of a fire district and the number of residences that are affected.

Before pending business items were addressed, Chairman Wright stated that he would like to form a Technology Committee in order to review the technology study that was submitted to the Board a few days ago and to handle any matters associated with the study. He appointed Commissioners Brown, Brummitt, and Hughes to meet with the County Manager, Finance Director, and Department Heads.

#### Pending Business

*County Water Project.* Mr. Ayscue stated that discussions continue with the City of Henderson for purchase of water and for operation and maintenance. *Phase IA.* A total of 619 sign-ups have been received (out of 1275 potential customers). Engineers are now working to determine the best strategy for the County based on the sign-ups thus far. The engineers are also working with

several mobile home park owners to determine the optimal means of serving them. County staff and engineers are reviewing various areas for location of an overhead water storage tank to serve this part of the District. *Phase 1B*. The Kittrell Water Association and USDA continue to work with KWA to apply for funding for Phase 1B later this year, consistent with action taken by the Commissioners in December 2009. *Phases 2A & 2B*. Funding from USDA Rural Development has been established for both of these phases. Phase 2A will be funded with \$2.2 million in loans and \$1.62 million in grants. Phase 2B has \$3.94 million in loans and \$1.99 million in grants. Three sign-up meetings for Phases 2A and 2B were held during April at Hicksboro Volunteer Fire Department, Western Vance School, and New Hope Elementary School. There was a significant amount of interest demonstrated during those sign-up meetings. The end of August has been set as the deadline for interested citizens to sign up for service.

*Warrenton Road Sewer Project*. Mr. Ayscue reported that his project has been completed. Re-paving of cut areas has been finalized. Erosion control measures have been in place for quite some time and with recent rains, growth has been good. De-activation of one final well is being completed by the contractor, at which time DENR will be contacted by the engineer for final approval, and sewer service can then be activated.

*Technology Study*. Mr. Ayscue reported that Enterprise Network Services, Inc. has completed its study and conducted a study review with the Board of Commissioners on Thursday, June 3.

*US #1 South Sewer Project*. Mr. Ayscue stated that the County has been funded by the NC Rural Economic Development Center for a feasibility study for a sewer line to serve the US #1 South corridor. The \$44,000 project consists of the \$40,000 grant and \$4,000 of local match. Input from citizens and businesses along US #1 Highway South will be sought through the Citizens Advisory Committee, for which appointments were made by the Commissioners in the May regular meeting. A Request for Qualifications is being developed for distribution to engineering and/or planning firms, with Commissioners to approve the selection of a firm to conduct the study. A contract for the grant from the Rural Center is forthcoming.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that he would like the Planning/Environmental Committee be utilized in developing the RFQs for this project.

County Manager's Report

*Resolution-HCCS Lease Agreement.* Mr. Ayscue stated that the lease agreement has been finalized, including advertising, and is ready for final approval by the Board of County Commissioners by resolution. He recommended that the Board approve the resolution which includes the proposed lease agreement between the County and Henderson Collegiate, Inc. for the purpose of operating a charter school.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution which includes the proposed lease agreement between the County and Henderson Collegiate, Inc. for the purpose of operating a charter school.

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**RESOLUTION**  
**By the Vance County Board of Commissioners**

*Authorizing the lease of County owned property to Henderson Collegiate, Inc.  
pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-272*

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Board of County Commissioners has been requested to lease a 1.950 acre, vacant parcel of land as shown in Plat Book X, Page 943, Vance County Registry, to Henderson Collegiate, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed lease would be for a term in excess of one year; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the proposed lease has been published in the Henderson Daily Dispatch in excess of ten (10) days of the date of this meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed lease, attached hereto, are the terms and conditions upon which Henderson Collegiate shall be bound under the terms of the lease.

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

1. The attached lease is hereby approved and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the Board.
2. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.**

*Danny W. Wright* (signed)  
**Danny W. Wright, Chairman**  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**

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*Subdivision Road Conditions.* Mr. Ayscue stated that Commissioner Brown had asked how the County can work to help with some of the road conditions in our subdivisions. A list of affected

areas is being compiled as well as determining the correct methodology to be used. The Planning and Environmental Committee will need to be involved. This is a potential budget item because it would require expenditure of County funds up front, with a means of recapturing those funds later on. Mr. Ayscue stated that he has had some preliminary discussions with DOT and how this can be implemented. He asked the Board to let him know of any areas that they would like reviewed.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that he has also had some discussions with DOT and was provided a range of costs depending on each circumstance.

*Abandoned Mobile Home Disposal.* Mr. Ayscue reported that the second batch of five (5) abandoned mobile homes has been completed at a cost of \$1,000 per unit. Faulkner Grading & Landscaping has performed its work satisfactorily and has shown a willingness to reduce the price with quantity. Therefore, it is in the County's best interest to continue this arrangement for the remainder of the grant. Mr. Ayscue recommended that Faulkner Grading & Landscaping be used for the remainder of the project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to authorize the Planning Services Director to negotiate and contract with Faulkner Grading & Landscaping for future abandoned mobile home disposals at a price not to exceed \$1,000 per unit. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

*Approval of Application for QSCB's.* Mr. Ayscue explained that the Vance County Schools is applying for another round of Qualified School Construction Bonds in excess of \$1 million. At this point in time, it is possible that this would be an interest-free loan; however, that is determined by the market on the actual date of sale. The deadline for submitting the application is June 15. The application was distributed to the Board for review and approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to approve the application for QSCB's with the understanding that the Board of Commissioners will have to authorize the sale of the bonds before the debt is obligated. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison asked what the status of the old Clark Street School is. Mr. Ayscue responded that the school superintendent has indicated strong support of using the building for a community center.

*Update on Bank Deposit Bag Investigation.* Mr. Ayscue reported that the investigation is ongoing. There are no new developments in the case.

Miscellaneous

*Appointment of NACo Voting Delegate and Alternate.* Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to appoint Danny W. Wright as voting delegate for the NACo Annual Conference in July and Eddie L. Wright as his alternate.

*Appointments.* The following appointments were presented to the Board for consideration:

Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees - 4 year term

Re-appoint Ronald Gregory - appointed 03/2007

*Two applications received from Bill Tippett and Eddie Vick*

Henderson-Vance Recreation Commission - 4 year term

Re-appoint Vernon Brown - appointed 07/1994

*Two applications received from Irvin Robinson and Eddie Vick*

Social Services Board - 3 year term

Re-appoint David Harrison - appointed 02/2007

*One application received from Eddie Vick*

Research Triangle Regional Partnership - 2 year term

Re-appoint Andrea Harris - appointed 04/2001

*No other applications received*

*VGCC Board of Trustees.* Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to re-appoint Ronald Gregory to the Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees for a four-year term. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

*Recreation Commission.* Commissioner Eddie L. Wright moved to re-appoint Vernon Brown to the Henderson-Vance Recreation Commission for a four-year term. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt pointed out that Mr. Brown's initial appointment was in 1994 which far exceeds the 10 year limit as stated in the County's appointment policy. Mr. Irvin Robinson is very active in our community and would make an excellent addition to our Recreation Commission. Commissioner A. Scott Hughes agreed with Commissioner Brummitt, but stated that Mr. Brown is the only minority County appointee.

Vote on the motion was ayes - six (6); noes - one (1), with the dissenting vote being cast by Commissioner Dan Brummitt.

*Board of Social Services.* Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to re-appoint David Harrison to the Board of Social Services for a three-year term.

*Research Triangle Regional Partnership.* Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to re-appoint Andrea Harris to the Research Triangle Regional Partnership for a two-year term.

*July Meeting Date.* Motion was made by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes to change the July meeting from July 5, 2010 to July 6, 2010 due to the Independence Day holiday. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown and unanimously approved.

Before entering into closed session, Mr. Ayscue reminded the Board of its budget session scheduled for tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner A. Scott Hughes, vote unanimous, to enter into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Upon return to regular session, and as there was no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed July 6, 2010.

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Chairman