

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, 122 Young Street, Henderson, NC. Those Commissioners present were as follows: Chairman Eddie L. Wright, Commissioners Terry E. Garrison, Dan Brummitt, Thomas S. Hester, Jr., J. Timothy Pegram, and Gordon Wilder.

Absent: Commissioner Deborah F. Brown.

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 Gordon Wilder gave the invocation.

The purpose of the special meeting was to receive the FY 2011-2012 Proposed Budget, schedule a budget hearing, award of bid for New Hope Elementary School, and reconvene the Board of Equalization and Review to provide a decision on appeals that were heard on May 2, 2011.

FY 2011-2012 Proposed Budget Estimate. County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue presented the FY 2011-2012 Proposed Budget and stated that this has been the most challenging budget of his public service career thus far. The proposed budget was presented with no tax increase. The current tax rate of 78.2¢ remains. The fire tax also remains the same at 2.6¢. The Solid Waste Household Fee is proposed to increase from \$102.50 to \$105.00 annually. Library funding is proposed at a 5% increase from last year. For the third year in a row, no funding is included for employee salary increases or the remaining portion of the salary study that was conducted in 2007. An item included in this budget for the first time is funding for paving of subdivision roads in the amount of \$780,000 for two miles.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to receive the FY 2011-2012 Proposed Budget. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. asked how much funding was being used from the fund balance and Mr. Ayscue responded \$3.36 million. Of that, \$780,000 is for subdivision road paving.

The Board then set Tuesday, May 31; Thursday, June 2; Tuesday, June 7; and Thursday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. for budget work sessions.

Schedule of Budget Hearing. Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, to schedule a Budget Hearing for the June 6, 2011 regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Award of Bid - New Hope Elementary School. Mr. Ayscue stated that significant plumbing problems have developed in recent months at the New Hope Elementary School which require extensive repairs throughout the building. Temporary measures have been implemented in order to finish out the current school year. The proposed plumbing repair work will also enhance handicapped accessibility. The majority of the work has to be done while the building is unoccupied, making the upcoming summer months critical for work completion.

On Monday, May 9, the Board of Education acted to approve this project and to request funds from the County in the amount of \$142,566. The cost breakdown is as follows:

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| Construction | \$118,700 |
| Contingency (10%) | 11,870 |
| Engineering Fees | 9,496 |
| Printing Costs | <u>2,500</u> |
| Project Total | <u>\$ 142,566</u> |

Mr. Ayscue's Recommendation: ① Approve the sum of \$142,566 from remaining funds in the recent issuance of Qualified School Construction Bonds to be used for major plumbing repairs at New Hope Elementary School, which includes \$118,700 for construction, \$11,870 for contingency needs, \$9,496 for engineering fees, and \$2,500 for printing costs; and further, in the event that the State does not approve the use of QSCB funding for the project, approve \$142,566 from the Capital Reserve Fund - Schools. ② Award the bid to H.G. Reynolds, Inc. (low bidder and local company) in the amount of \$118,700 for plumbing repairs at New Hope Elementary School and authorize the Chairman to execute the necessary contracts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to approve the sum of \$142,566 from remaining funds in the recent issuance of Qualified School Construction Bonds to be used for major plumbing repairs at New Hope Elementary School, which includes \$118,700 for construction, \$11,870 for contingency needs, \$9,496 for engineering fees, and \$2,500 for printing costs; and further, in the event that the State does not approve the use of QSCB funding for the project, approve \$142,566 from the Capital Reserve Fund - Schools. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to award the bid to H.G. Reynolds, Inc. (low bidder and local company) in the amount of \$118,700 for plumbing repairs at New Hope

Elementary School and authorize the Chairman to execute the necessary contracts. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

At this time, Chairman Eddie L. Wright reconvened the Board of Equalization and Review to provide a decision on appeals that were heard on May 2, 2011.

Ms. Porcha Brooks, Tax Administrator, presented the following recommendations:

Michael Moon
136 Edgewood Drive
Valuation Under Appeal: \$196,210
Recommendation: \$189,355

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that he would like to see comparables before rendering a decision on this appeal.

Henry Dickerson
3412 Raleigh Road
Valuation Under Appeal: \$225,000
Recommendation: No Change

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, vote unanimous, to approve the recommendation as presented.

Ralph and Betty Johnson
148 Standstone Road
Valuation Under Appeal: \$182,290
Recommendation: No Change

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to approve the recommendation as presented.

Jerry's Artarma
Penalty Appeal

Ms. Brooks stated that the appellant failed to list correctly, and is appealing the late listing penalty for tax years 2006-2009 business personal property. The Board decided to allow Jerry's Artarma the opportunity to pay past due taxes by May 31, 2011 in order to avoid the penalty.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to allow Jerry's Artarma the opportunity to pay past due taxes by May 31, 2011 in order to avoid the penalty. If the taxes are not paid, the penalty will stand.

Ms. Brooks was instructed to deliver the tax bill to Jerry's Artarma the next day.

Harper Prints
Penalty Appeal

Ms. Brooks explained that Harper Prints was late in listing its business personal property for 2010 and is appealing the late listing penalty. The taxes were paid on time.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, vote unanimous, to waive the penalty for Harper Prints.

Patricia Ellington
Penalty Appeal

Ms. Brooks stated that Ms. Ellington simply overlooked the listing forms and did not submit them on time. She has never been late listing in the past.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, vote unanimous, to waive the penalty for Patricia Ellington.

Colortyme Rent to Own
Penalty Appeal

Chairman Wright stated that he will abstain from discussions on this matter as he is neighbors with the owners of this company.

Ms. Brooks stated that Colortyme has been in Henderson since 1999 and has never listed personal property as required.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, to allow Colortyme the opportunity to pay past due taxes by May 31, 2011 in order to avoid the penalty. If the taxes are not paid, the penalty will stand.

Ms. Brooks was instructed to deliver the tax bill to Colortyme the next day.

The Board requested Ms. Brooks to provide a list of guidelines to the Board in dealing with penalty appeals in the future.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to recess the Board of Equalization and Review until Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved.

At this time, motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to enter into closed session to discuss personnel matters. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder and unanimously approved.

Upon return to open session, and as there was no further business, at 5:15 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed June 6, 2011.

Chairman