

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2014 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: Chairperson Deborah F. Brown, Commissioners Archie B. Taylor, Jr., Dan Brummitt, Terry E. Garrison, Thomas S. Hester, Jr., and Gordon Wilder.

Absent: Commissioner Eddie L. Wright.

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

Dr. Cassandra A. Sparrow, African Methodist Episcopal Church, gave the invocation.

The first item on the agenda was a special recognition of Mrs. Henrietta Clark in honor of her upcoming 100th birthday on September 14, 2014. Chairperson Deborah F. Brown asked Mrs. Clark to come forward and read aloud the following resolution:



RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
in
Recognition and Honor of the 100th Birthday
of
Henrietta H. Clark

WHEREAS, almost one hundred years ago, Mrs. Henrietta H. Clark was born on September 14, 1914, in Vance County where she attended public schools, graduating from Henderson Institute in 1934 and from Winston-Salem State University in 1938 with a BS Degree in Elementary Education, and then continuing her educational studies at several other acclaimed universities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clark greatly impacted the lives of many local children and young people for 35 years until retirement in 1976 as a teacher in the Vance County Schools, encouraging her students to pursue higher educational goals; and

WHEREAS, soon thereafter, Mrs. Clark spearheaded the restoration of The Henderson Institute Historical Museum, a widely-admired project in which she and the community take great pride; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clark faithfully served as a dedicated member of the Board of Trustees of Vance-Granville Community College for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clark received several prestigious awards, including the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. in 1984, and the 1989 Citizen of the Year from the Henderson-Vance Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, as an upcoming centenarian, she continues to be active in Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church and numerous community organizations.

Benson stated that numerous ideas surfaced during the summit and the GVFICA believes that through continued collaboration with the superintendents' offices of both counties, the implementation of proven educational methods, and the organizing of church volunteers, they can create an educational initiative that will truly move the dial. It is the hope of GVFICA to create a working model that produces a standard across the state. She requested the Board's support and endorsement of GVFICA's efforts.

Dr. Cassandra Sparrow, a GVFICA board member, stated that this is a wonderful organization and she is excited about the direction the program is moving.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gordon Wilder to endorse the efforts of the Granville-Vance Faith Initiative for Community Action. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Chairperson Brown noted that there were no sign-ups from anyone for general comments, legislative goals, or County Manager criteria; however, HR Director Argretta Johen had received one written comment from the public which stated that the new County Manager should be a mature person, have a lot of experience, avoid nepotism, be an educated person, a fresh face, and a dedicated person. Chairperson Brown received a comment from a citizen that suggested the following criteria: the County Manager should live in Vance County, strive to bring new business and industry to the county, and should not have any family connection with current administration. The comment also stated that the new County Manager should be someone with new ideas and will work with all citizens to make Vance County a better place to live and be proud of.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, vote unanimous, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: Budget Amendments #1 and #2, Budget Transfer #1, August Ambulance Charge-offs in the amount \$2,239.32, July 2014 Tax Refunds and Releases, August 2014 Monthly Reports received and filed, and the minutes of the August 4, 2014 regular meeting.



**Budget Amendment #1
FY 2014-2015
Social Services**

Revenue Amendment Request	Account Number	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
Low Income Home Energy Assistance	10-348-434433	11,000
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$ 11,000

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
Reimbursement	10-610-500156	11,000
Total		\$ 11,000

Purpose: Overpayments for LIEAP and CIP clients returned to the County by PSNC. LIEAP vouchers are issued in \$100 increments and if the cost for hearing oil/fuel is less than the voucher amount, the overpayment is returned to the County. These returned funds must be used for LIEAP and CIP purposes.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
September 8, 2014



**Budget Amendment #2
FY 2014-2015
Social Services**

Revenue Amendment Request	Account Number	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
Fund Balance Appropriated	10-399-439900	24,082
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$ 24,082

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
Non-Capitalized Assets	10-610-500085	24,082
Total		\$ 24,082

Purpose: Child Support Incentive Settlement Funds received in FY 2014. Funds are to be reinvested into the Child Support program to supplement County funding. Funds will be used to purchase 12 computers and 12 laptops. The incentive funds are federal dollars.

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**Budget Transfer #1
FY 2014-2015
Admin/Finance**

Transfer From:	Account Number	Amount
Bank Service Charges	10-440-500088	800
Total		\$ 800

Transfer To:	Account Number	Amount
Non-Capitalized Assets	10-440-500085	800
Total		\$ 800

Purpose: Funds needed to replace high use printer in EMS Billing & Collections that is broken down and beyond repair.

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Tax Office Refund and Release Report for July 2014

Taxpayer Name	Tax Year	Real	Personal	Motor Vehicle	MV Fee	Solid Waste Fee	Reason
Alston Mary Elaine Henderson	2013	0	0	3.06	0	0	pro-rate
Balentine Bradley J.	2013	0	0	5.35	0	0	pro-rate
Bell Ruth Perry	2013	0	0	4.90	0	0	pro-rate
Butts Del Eugene	2013	0	0	1.65	0	0	pro-rate
Chabwera Rasheed Durell Waleed	2013	0	0	1.92	0	0	pro-rate
Coghill Dennis M.	2014	0	0.83	0	0	0	correct value
Deans Sabine	2013	0	0	12.58	0	0	pro-rate
Deans Sabine	2013	0	0	1.61	0	0	pro-rate
Edwards Jessica Ann	2013	0	0	6.27	0	0	pro-rate
Edwards Jessica Ann	2013	0	0	2.55	0	0	pro-rate
Fields Latoya Nichelle	2013	0	76.77	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Glosson Patrick Heath	2013	0	0	0.44	0	0	pro-rate
Gooch Ernest Jr.	2013	0	0	8.48	0	0	pro-rate
Harmon Betty Marston	2013	0	0	327.90	0	0	transfer out
Harris Fred W.	2011	0	41.21	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Harris Fred W.	2012	0	41.91	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Harris Fred W.	2013	0	39.82	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Hart Rosa M.	2013	0	83.41	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Jones Joe Sterling	2008	250.74	0	0	0	102.50	remve lease Ind
Jones Joe Sterling	2009	245.87	0	0	0	102.50	remve lease Ind
Jones Joe Sterling	2010	245.87	0	0	0	102.50	remve lease Ind
Jones Joe Sterling	2011	245.90	0	0	0	105.00	remve lease Ind
Jones Joe Sterling	2012	0	67.16	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Jones Joe Sterling	2013	0	73.88	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Jordan Sontisha Vernee	2013	0	0	3.09	0	0	pro-rate
Kearney James Thomas	2014	0	19.38	0	0	102.50	taxpayer decease
Kearney James Thomas	2014	0	18.17	0	0	102.50	taxpayer decease
Kearney James Thomas	2014	0	16.96	0	0	105.00	taxpayer decease
Knox Jmia Chivan	2013	0	0	117.66	10.00	0	correct situs
Lande David John Jr.	2012	0	0	10.17	0	0	pro-rate
Martinez Saul Dominguez	2013	0	0	1.17	0	0	pro-rate
Minor Boris Lamont	2013	0	0	13.29	0	0	pro-rate
Mitchell Dana Jr. heirs	2004	50.13	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Mitchell Dana Jr. heirs	2005	51.21	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Mitchell Dana Jr. heirs	2006	51.21	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Mitchell Dana Jr. heirs	2007	51.21	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Mitchell Dana Jr. heirs	2008	103.58	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Mitchell Dana Jr. heirs	2009	101.57	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Mitchell Dana Jr. heirs	2010	101.57	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Mitchell Dana Jr. heirs	2011	101.54	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Mitchell Dana Jr. heirs	2012	103.30	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Mitchell Dana Jr. heirs	2013	103.30	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Moorefield Janis I.	2007	183.85	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Moorefield Janis I.	2008	167.51	0	0	0	102.50	foreclosure
Moorefield Janis I.	2009	168.01	0	0	0	102.50	foreclosure
Moorefield Janis I.	2010	168.01	0	0	0	102.50	foreclosure
Moorefield Janis I.	2011	168.04	0	0	0	105.00	foreclosure
Moorefield Janis I.	2012	168.04	0	0	0	105.00	foreclosure
Moorefield Janis I.	2013	172.35	0	0	0	105.00	foreclosure

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Mubarez Kelly Ayscue	2012	0	0	8.05	0	0	pro-rate
Taxpayer Name	Tax Year	Real	Personal	Motor Vehicle	MV Fee	Solid Waste Fee	Reason
Nix Betty Travis	2009	202.97	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Nix Betty Travis	2010	202.97	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Nix Betty Travis	2011	202.94	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Nix Betty Travis	2012	206.46	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Nix Betty Travis	2013	206.46	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Riggan Amy Joan	2013	0	0	14.20	0	0	pro-rate
Simes Azure	2012	0	44.43	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Simes Azure	2013	0	48.87	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Smith W. C. Jr.	2012	22.83	0	0	0	0	correct ownershi
Smith W. C. Jr.	2013	23.41	0	0	0	0	correct ownershi
St. Pierre Jennifer Jo	2011	0	0	27.15	0	0	transfer out
Terry Annie Alexander	2013	0	0	8.95	0	0	pro-rate
Webb William Lawrence	2013	0	0	0.72	0	0	pro-rate
West Charles R.	2014	0	1.00	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Williams Angela Marie	2013	0	0	7.19	0	0	pro-rate
Winn Christopher Todd	2010	0	69.19	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Winn Christopher Todd	2011	0	69.19	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Winn Christopher Todd	2012	0	70.39	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Winn Christopher Todd	2013	0	70.39	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Total		4,070.85	852.96	588.35	10.00	6,719.44	
Total Releases and Refunds	\$12,241.60						

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SEE ON FILE MONTHLY REPORTS: 911 Emergency Operations, Administrative Ambulance Charge-Offs, Cooperative Extension, Fire and EMS, Public Health Department, Human Resources Department, Information Technology, Planning & Development, Parks & Recreation, Department of Social Services, Tax Office, and Veterans Service.

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County Attorney's Report

REO Property - 306 Main Street. County Attorney Jonathan S. Care noted that during a previous meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved the public sale process for a tax foreclosure property – 306 Main Street, Henderson, NC. The property was advertised for upset bids and none were received. The Board is now free to sell the property or reject the offer. This should be done by resolution.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to approve the following resolution accepting the bid for the property at 306 Main Street, Henderson, NC. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison and unanimously approved.

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**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID FOR
COUNTY OWNED REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Vance County Board of County Commissioners received an offer for the purchase and sale of County owned real property, which is more particularly described below:

306 High Street, Henderson, North Carolina 27536, Vance County Tax Department Parcel Number 0061-05019. (This address was determined to be a typographical error after the fact. The correct address is 306 Main Street).

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was published in the *Daily Dispatch* on **August 23, 2014**, stating that said offer had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, no upset bids were received within the statutorily prescribed time period;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vance County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269 that:

The bid submitted by **Roger M. Silva** in the amount of **\$750.00** subject to the terms and conditions contained in the submitted bid, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby accepted for the property described herein and the Board's Chairperson shall execute the documents necessary to complete the transfer of title to such property.

Adopted this the 8th day of September, 2014.

Deborah F. Brown (signed)
Deborah F. Brown, Chairperson
Vance County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Kelly H. Grissom (signed)
Kelly Grissom, Clerk to the Board

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As advertised, at 6:30 p.m., a public hearing was held to gain citizen input on a rezoning request for 324 Greystone Road (Margaret and Robert Shearin). Mr. Jordan McMillen, Deputy County Manager/Planning Director, stated that the request is to amend the zoning map to rezone one parcel (1.056 acres) from Residential Low Density (R-30) to Agricultural Residential (AR). The parcel currently includes an existing storage/garage structure and an existing single wide mobile home. The surrounding land use is predominantly residential in a rural setting as well as agricultural in nature. The property has R-30 (low density residential) zoning on the front and sides and is bordered by A-R (Agricultural Residential) zoning to the rear.

Mr. McMillen stated that the rezoning request is a first step to allow an auto repair business to operate within an existing storage/garage structure located on the property. If the rezoning is approved, the applicant will then move on to the conditional use permit approval process with the Board of Adjustment. This is due to the fact that auto repair businesses are not permitted within the R-30 zoning area and are only permitted within the AR zoning area with a conditional use permit. The Vance County Planning Board recommended approval of this request.

Mr. Scott Hamilton, the attorney representing Margaret and Robert Shearin, spoke in support of the rezoning and stated that allowing the property to be used to generate income would be very helpful to Mr. Shearin and his family.

Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. recused himself from this matter because he owns land in this area. Speaking as a citizen, he has no objection to the rezoning.

As there were no other persons who wished to speak on this matter, Chairperson Deborah F. Brown declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the rezoning request for 324 Greystone Road by the following rationale: the existence of both low density residential and agricultural residential zoning within this area corresponds with the character of the area. Therefore, the rezoning from low density residential to agricultural residential is reasonable and consistent with the County's Land Use Plan and continues to maintain the rural character of the county. Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. recused himself from voting on this matter.

Water District Board

Motion was made by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, to call the Water District Board to order.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue stated that the Water Planning Committee met on September 3 and completed a review of the monthly construction and operations reports, considered an amendment to the Water Rules allowing for an account adjustment for a water leak, discussed a desire to meet with the City regarding expansion of waterlines in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and in close proximity to city water lines, and reviewed the established monthly base rate.

Monthly Construction and Operations Reports (Phase 1A and 2A/2B). Mr. Jordan McMillen, Deputy County Manager/Planning Director, stated that as requested by the full Board, the committee has reviewed and fully discussed the reports with the engineers and Envirolink. The committee discussed adding landscaping at the Phase 1A tank site as well as fence slates at the meter vault sites to fulfill zoning requirements. It is anticipated that this matter will be brought back as change orders for consideration by the committee and full Board at a later time. The committee also reviewed the monthly operations report and was informed that progress is being made in updating mailing addresses and collecting availability fees from those customers

in Phase 1A who signed up for water, but have not yet connected to the system. Additionally, the committee discussed the need for a 60 day extension for the Phase 2 construction due to weather and other delays early in the project with a soft goal of having the system operational in 75 days. Mr. McMillen requested approval of the 60 day extension. This would be in the form of change orders for Phase 2A - Contracts 1 and 2; and Phase 2B - Contract 1.

Chairperson Brown expressed her displeasure that the matter of the change orders was not included in the agenda packet for review.

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the 60 day extension for Phase 2A - Contracts 1 and 2; and Phase 2B - Contract 1 due to weather delays. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder and vote was ayes - six (6); noes - one (1), with the dissenting vote being cast by Chairperson Deborah F. Brown.

Amendment to Water Rule #6 - Account Adjustment for a Water Leak. Mr. McMillen explained that during the committee meeting in July 2014, staff was directed to draft a leak policy to help in addressing situations where a resident has a verifiable leak on their side of the water meter. During this month's meeting, the committee reviewed the leak policy as drafted by Envirolink, staff and the County Attorney. The committee discussed and made changes to the draft specifically to clarify that account adjustments would be made based upon billing cycles as opposed to a typical monthly basis.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to approve the water leak policy as reviewed and finalized by the Water Planning Committee.

Expansion of waterlines within the City's ETJ and near existing City of Henderson water lines. Mr. McMillen stated that the committee discussed the impact of current restrictions which limit the ability for expansion of county waterlines within the City ETJ and within proximity to existing city waterlines. The committee pointed out that several commissioner districts have the potential for being affected by these restrictions and expressed a desire to meet and discuss this matter with the City. The committee would like the meetings to be an opportunity to collaborate and cooperate in order to find solutions for providing additional water service to these transitional areas. The committee reiterated their priority to serve as many citizens within the existing water district boundaries while leaving open the possibility of serving additional citizens beyond the district boundaries if it would contribute to the financial stability of the water system.

The committee was made aware that amendments would need to be made to the preliminary engineering report and the environmental reports with approval by USDA before waterlines could be extended beyond the current district boundaries. The Committee recommended that the Board authorize the Water Planning Committee to meet with City representatives to discuss areas for collaboration between the City and County water systems.

Commissioner Terry E. Garrison stated that he is a member of the Water Planning Committee and feels that it is extremely important that we not deviate from the current plan that is in place to provide water to the established water district, and that any available (surplus) funding should be used toward this area first. He asked how much surplus funding is available. Mr. Tim Carpenter, LKC Engineering, stated that there is approximately \$500,000 in Phase 1A and close to \$1.5 million in Phases 2A and 2B. Chairperson Deborah F. Brown stated that we need to take a look at the low-income areas that are in the most need of water. Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. agreed with Chairperson Brown, but stated that those residents have not signed up for water. We cannot run the water lines to them if they do not sign up.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the recommendation of the Committee and authorize the Water Planning Committee to meet with City representatives to discuss areas for collaboration between the City and County water systems. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder. Commissioner Terry E. Garrison amended the motion to include "subject to the Water Planning Committee meeting beforehand to come up with a plan for areas to be serviced". Commissioner Dan Brummitt agreed to this amendment and vote was unanimous.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue asked for clarification on this vote and asked if the Water Planning Committee is to come back to the full Board before meeting with the City. Chairperson Brown stated that she would like the Committee to come back to the Board with specific roads and costs before meeting with the City. Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. stated that policies need to be set with the City before discussing specific roads. Commissioner Dan Brummitt agreed with this suggestion - go ahead and have initial policy discussions with the City. As far as specific roads, bring that matter back to the Board before pursuing conversations with the City. Chairperson Brown stated that the Committee can work on this and come back to the Board during its October meeting with a recommendation as to what the committee comes up with policy-wise as well as identifying the areas that we might want to work on with the City.

Review of the established base fee. Mr. McMillen stated that this item was previously reviewed by the committee in April 2014 and June 2014. At the request of the Chairperson, the committee reconsidered adjusting the base fee from \$30 to \$20. The committee discussed the adverse financial impact to the water system and the general fund that could add an additional debt of approximately \$117,000 per year with the reduction in base rate from \$30 to \$20. The committee directed staff to prepare a comparison of deficits for the full board review showing base fees of \$20 per month, \$25 per month, and \$30 per month. This was presented to the Board for review. The committee voted 2-1 to recommend maintaining the current base rate of \$30. If desired, the full board can take action on this item. Chairperson Deborah F. Brown expressed her displeasure with the committee's recommendation and stated that this will continue to be an issue. Commissioner Dan Brummitt explained that \$30 is not the actual cost. We are supplementing that tremendously. If the base fee was changed to \$20 and more people are added to the system, you are adding more costs that will need to be supplemented. The water is paid for in the variable cost, which is about break-even. As you put more people on the system at a loss, the loss becomes greater.

At this time, motion was made by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to adjourn the Water District Board.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Human Resources Committee - Position Vacancies. Human Resources Director Argretta Johnen requested authorization to fill the following position vacancies which have been endorsed by the HR Committee:

Jail

Detention Officer - two positions

Sheriff's Office

Deputy Sheriff

911

Telecommunicator I

Social Services

Social Worker IAT

Social Worker III

Processing Assistant IV

Fire and EMS

Paramedic I

There is also a position vacancy for the EMS Director/Fire Marshal. The Committee recommended that this position be held until further review.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the position requests as presented.

County Manager Recruitment Update. Ms. Johen provided the following report outlining the HR Committee's recommendations for the recruitment process for the County Manager position:

Advertisements for Manager position using online sources: County Website, NC Association of County Commissioners, NC League of Municipalities, County Manager's Listserv, Human Resources Listserv, International County Manager's Associations (ICMA), MPA Programs at UNC-CH, Appalachian SU, East Carolina University, NCSU, National Association of Counties (NACo), TriangleJobs.com.

1. Direct applicants to Candidate Profile on County's website.
2. Direct applicants to Visitors tab on county website (selling Vance County).
3. Have a county manager search link from the County's website homepage with possible way to track number of clicks by unique IDs.
4. *Board action to approve the timeline as presented to Board of Commissioners by emailed letter dated August 28, 2014:*

Sept 10	Begin to advertise
Oct 15 – 22	Application review and evaluation process
Oct 27 – Nov 15	Interviewing
Nov 15	Applicant vetting to begin
Dec 1	Vetting update, Board recommendation, employment offer

Board action utilizing Former Commissioner Danny Wright to guide and oversee the process.
5. *Board action - Use of Capital Associated Industries (CAI) for the vetting process of the selected candidate.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Gordon Wilder to approve the timeline as presented, to approve the utilization of former commissioner Danny Wright to guide and oversee the process, and to approve the use of Capital Associated Industries (CAI) for the vetting process of the selected candidate. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr.

Chairperson Deborah F. Brown suggested that the item under Special Requirement "must reside in Vance County", be changed to "must reside in Vance County or be willing to relocate to Vance County within six months".

Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Assistant Finance Director Position. Ms. Johen explained that the Finance Director presented an initial justification at the August HR Committee Meeting for adding an Assistant Finance Director to his department's staff. The Committee requested more information be brought to the next Committee meeting. Finance Director David Beck made this presentation at the September 4th committee meeting. The Committee's recommendation is to hire an Assistant Finance Director as requested by Finance Director David Beck.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to authorize the hiring of an Assistant Finance Director as requested. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

General Government Committee - Legislative Goals. Mr. Ayscue noted that the Board of Commissioners advertised for suggestions to be considered for submission to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) for inclusion in its biennial legislative goals as it works with the NC General Assembly. The General Government Committee reviewed the suggested goals and developed the following timeline:

Sept. 19	Deadline for proposals to NCACC
Sept. 19 – Oct. 1	NCACC Steering Committee review of proposals/goals
Nov. 18-20	Legislative Goals Committee review/submit goals
December	Board of Directors finalize goals package
Jan. 15-16	Membership adopts goals at Leg. Goals Conference

Goals Submitted. There were six suggestions offered for consideration. The General Government Committee met on September 2nd and recommends that the proposals be submitted to the NCACC in the order of priority as indicated below. One additional item was suggested by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to improve the regulation of mopeds. Mr. Ayscue recommended that this goal be listed first.

1. *Improve Regulation of Mopeds*
2. *Reinstatement of the Earned Income Tax Credit*
3. *Financial Incentives for Economic Development in Rural Counties*
4. *Reversal of Changes for the Child Care Program*
5. *Restoration of Funding for State Aid for Public Libraries*
6. *Authority for Tourism Development Authorities to Finance Projects*
7. *Attestation of Ad Valorem Tax Status for Local Elected Officials*

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, to forward the proposed legislative goals as listed above to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for consideration.

County Manager's Report

Proclamation – Fall Litter Sweep. Mr. Ayscue stated that in the spring and fall of each year, the NC Department of Transportation sponsors cleanup campaigns to beautify the roadsides of the State. In support of the upcoming Fall Litter Sweep, the Board of County Commissioners

is asked to approve a proclamation urging all citizens to become involved in making Vance County cleaner, safer, and more aesthetic. A proclamation was presented to the Board for consideration.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the following proclamation designating September 20 – October 4, 2014, as Fall Litter Sweep in Vance County:



PROCLAMATION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
in
Recognition of the 2014 Fall Litter Sweep

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of this State and County, along with a clean environment, are a source of great pride for all Vance County residents, attracting tourists and aiding in the recruiting of new industries; and

WHEREAS, the Fall 2014 Litter Sweep roadside cleanup drive will take place during the period of September 20 – October 4, Vance County wholeheartedly encourages communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families, youth groups, and individual citizens to participate in the cleanup effort by sponsoring and organizing roadside cleanup teams; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Vance County supports participation of citizens in the annual fall roadside cleanup effort to ensure clean and beautiful roads throughout the County, and

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, community service workers, community leaders, civic and community organizations, youth programs, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct local cleanups during Litter Sweep; and

WHEREAS, the Litter Sweep helps to educate the youth of the County regarding the value of a clean environment to the quality of life in Vance County and to provide them with an opportunity to become civically involved; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup effort will also increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of anti-litter campaigns, encourage the recycling, and ultimately enhance community pride and social responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize September 20 – October 4, 2014, as “Fall Litter Sweep” in Vance County and encourages all citizens to take a direct and active role in creating a cleaner and more attractive community.

THIS, the 8th day of September, 2014.

Deborah F. Brown (signed)
Deborah F. Brown, Chairperson



Recycling Day. Mr. Ayscue informed the Board that the Vance County Appearance Commission has scheduled a Recycling Day for Saturday, September 27th at the Henderson

Operations Center on Beckford Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Rock Bridge Cemetery Association. Mr. Ayscue explained that the Rock Bridge Cemetery Association has now been approved as a 501(c)3 organization. This group was developed in partnership with the Vance County Appearance Commission and has accomplished a significant amount of clean-up and landscaping work in the past year at the cemetery. In addition, the group has made improvements to the cemetery grounds, markers, tombstones, etc. The Rock Bridge Cemetery Association is requesting a \$100 donation from the County in support of its renovation efforts at the cemetery. Mr. Ayscue noted that this cemetery was once owned by Harriet & Henderson Yarns, Inc., eventually given to the County which later transferred ownership to a local church, which was unable to adequately maintain the facility.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to grant \$100 from the Contingency to the Rock Bridge Cemetery Association to assist in its renovation efforts at the Rock Bridge Cemetery. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

Middleburg Steakhouse Project. Mr. Ayscue reported that the renovation of the Middleburg Community Building is being undertaken to accommodate a restaurant operation and creation of 25-30 full-time and part-time jobs. This economic development project is moving forward now that a USDA grant of \$75,000 has been received and is being administered. Bids for construction of a sewer system have been received, with the low bid exceeding available funds. There are additional costs for other items such as building renovations, parking improvements, etc., all of which total \$69,000. Commissioner Archie Taylor has worked closely with the Town of Middleburg on the project. Mr. Ayscue recommended that the Board appropriate up to \$69,000 from Golden LEAF Foundation Economic Catalyst Grant repayment funds (subject to GLF approval) for the Middleburg Steakhouse economic development project, of which \$45,000 would be a grant and \$24,000 would be a loan to the Town of Middleburg. The no-interest loan will be paid back to the County at \$300.00 per month, beginning July 1, 2015.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. to appropriate up to \$69,000 from Golden LEAF Foundation Economic Catalyst Grant repayment funds (subject to GLF approval) for the Middleburg Steakhouse economic development project, of which \$45,000 will be a grant and \$24,000 will be a loan to the Town of Middleburg. The no-

interest loan will be paid back to the County at \$300.00 per month, beginning July 1, 2015. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder and unanimously approved.

Middleburg Mayor Ray Bullock was present and thanked the Board for this action.

Grant Extension for Semprius. Mr. Joe Carr, Semprius CEO, appeared before the Board and provided an update on the operations of the company since locating to Vance County. He provided highlights on market conditions and the general status of Semprius. He noted that the solar market environment has struggled over the last couple of years due to significant investment by Western investors and the Chinese government combined with a temporary market slowdown in 2011-12. This created a significant oversupply of modules, which caused the prices of solar modules to drop by 65% and the large solar company stock index dropped 90%. As a result, investors fled from the solar market. The biggest impact to Semprius was the exiting of Siemens from the solar business.

The good news is that in 2014 the fundamentals are improving. Stock prices have rebounded as well as market prices for solar hardware. Mr. Carr stated that this is very encouraging. Semprius has an amazing set of investors and partners who remain 100% committed to making Semprius a success. He stated that the State of North Carolina, Vance County, and Henderson have been graciously patient as they have weathered the storm. He believes that Semprius will be able to close a deal that will allow plant expansion that enables profitability. Coming off of the worst capital market imaginable, he respectfully requested an 18-month extension for the State Building Reuse Grant in order to allow more time to create the 58 jobs that are required by the grant.

After discussion, Chairperson Brown referred this matter to the Planning and Environmental Committee for further review and to bring a recommendation back to the full Board.

Adoption of Board of Health Rule. Mr. Ayscue stated that the Granville-Vance Health District Board recently amended its 2008 Board of Health Rule that banned the use of tobacco products in County-owned buildings. In August 2008, the Vance County Board of Commissioners voted to support the efforts of the Public Health Department. The recent amendment to that Board of Health Rule includes the ban of the use of electronic cigarettes in County-owned buildings and public vehicles. Mr. Ayscue recommended that the Board act to

support the Granville-Vance Health Department's Board of Health Rule amendment that includes a ban on the use of electronic cigarettes in County-owned buildings and public vehicles.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, vote unanimous, to support the Granville-Vance Health Department's Board of Health Rule amendment that includes a ban on the use of electronic cigarettes in County-owned buildings and public vehicles.

At this time, motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, vote unanimous, to enter into closed session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter.

Upon return to open session, and as there was no further business, at 8:55 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed October 6, 2014.

Chairperson