

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2016 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 Gordon Wilder, Vice-Chairman Dan Brummitt, Commissioners Deborah F. Brown, Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Leo Kelly, Jr. and Archie B. Taylor, Jr.

Absent: Commissioner Terry E. Garrison.

Also present were Interim County Manager Robert M. Murphy, Deputy County Manager Jordan McMillen, Finance Director David C. Beck, County Attorney Jonathan S. Care, and Clerk to the Board Kelly H. Grissom.

Pastor Keith Benze, First Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

The first item on the agenda was public comments. Ms. Sandra Butler Tubbs stated that her comments were somewhat budget related. She noted that she had asked questions before about the impact of seniors receiving a discount on their property tax. She stated that she received a response and was informed that it is less than 1%. She asked the Board to make projections of the aging population and what impact it may have in the future. She also noted that during a prior meeting, she suggested lock boxes, or something similar, for Fire/EMS use during an emergency. She was informed, after that meeting, that County buildings have these lock boxes. She stated that the County needs to think about liability issues if lock boxes are not well secured. She distributed a magazine to the Board, *The Future of Everything*, which shows what is happening in other areas regarding transportation, health care, fast food restaurants, etc. She stated that the County's budget needs to include items to strengthen our county base such as better education for youth, more jobs above minimum wage, expanded preventive health care for all ages, and a serious reduction in crime.

As advertised, a public hearing was held to gain citizen input on the FY 2016-17 Budget. Mr. Mike Breedlove and Ms. Aletha Watkins asked the board to address blighted and dilapidated structures that exist in the city and county. Mr. Michael Bobbitt asked the board to consider establishing an amount of funding that is annually set aside for maintenance of each County building based on its value. Ms. Terri Hedrick asked the board to help our Planning Department and Jason Falls, Solid Waste Manager, with more recycling materials to promote recycling. She

also asked the board to consider employing another anti-litter and illegal dumping officer in the sheriff's office. This position has remained vacant since the last officer retired a few years ago. She asked the board to support the group Citizens Aligned to Take Back Henderson in their efforts to have abandoned structures removed. Commissioner Deborah F. Brown asked that Ms. Tubbs' public comment remarks be noted and included under the Budget Hearing.

As there was no one else who wished to speak on this matter, Chairman Gordon Wilder declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Rob Brink, KARTS Director, was next on the agenda and provided an update to the board on the KARTS' new facility project. He stated that KARTS has experienced tremendous growth over the past few years and is in need of a new operations and maintenance facility. The parcel of land (10.2 acres) is located on Ross Mill Road and was purchased about three years ago. At this point, grant funding has been secured, 50% of the design work is complete and construction should begin within 18 months. The total cost of the project is \$7.5 million.

Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. asked Mr. Brink if KARTS had considered converting their vehicles to compressed natural gas. Mr. Brink responded that they are considering this conversion. The board thanked Mr. Brink for his report.

The group Citizens Aligned to Take Back Henderson appeared before the board and requested the board to consider funding half of the cost to demolish 400 abandoned/blighted properties in the city. They have asked the City to fund the other half of the cost. Ms. Hope Howard stated that she is let down by the appearance of our community. She stated that the school system is the key to success of our county, but it cannot offer competitive salaries to teachers. Until that time, we cannot provide the education our students deserve. Where we lack in education, we should be able to make up the difference in the hometown feel, but we are not. She stated that crime rates are higher in the areas where abandoned structures are located, and the streets around our middle schools are not an environment for anyone to thrive. She recited the goal of Citizens Aligned to Take Back Henderson as follows: to create a better environment for education in our public schools, and to improve the quality of life in and the image of the City of Henderson by having abandoned and dilapidated buildings, both residential and commercial, removed.

Ms. Heidi Owen stated there are many crime statistics associated with abandoned structures, which were presented to the board in an information packet. She stated that in 2005,

there were 200 abandoned structures in the city limits. Today, there are 400 abandoned structures. She stated that 10% of these structures are jointly owned by the City and County. She asked the board to join the City of Henderson and fund half of the cost to demolish these structures within three years. She believes there is a way to hold property owners responsible and place a lien on their other properties to ensure that the properties will not be sold without first paying their debt to the City and County.

Mr. Tommy Haithcock echoed the remarks made by Ms. Howard and Ms. Owen and stated that removing these abandoned structures should be a top priority. He noted that there are many good things in Vance County including Kerr Lake, close proximity to top medical universities, Research Triangle Park, and RDU Airport. He stated that Citizens Aligned believes that Henderson's best days are just ahead, but the 400 abandoned structures will need to be removed before that can happen. He asked for the board's support for this undertaking.

The board referred this matter to the Properties Committee for further review and to include a delegation from the Citizens Aligned group to meet with the committee. Interim County Manager Robert M. Murphy informed the board that the city manager, along with the City's comparable committee, has offered to meet with the Properties Committee regarding this matter.

As advertised, a public hearing was held to gain citizen input on a rezoning request for one parcel located across from 1400 Spring Valley Road. The property owners are Edward and Donna Spain. Planning Director/Deputy County Manager Jordan McMillen stated that the request is to amend the zoning map and to rezone one parcel (23 acres) from Low Density Residential (R-30) to Agricultural Residential (A-R). The surrounding land use is predominantly low density residential on three sides with the Spring Valley Subdivision located to the west. The parcel does have an agricultural residential parcel adjacent to the south, although it is located in a pocket of residences near the end of Spring Valley Road. This parcel is at the edge of a predominantly agricultural area which extends southward to where Spring Valley Lake Road intersects with Spring Valley Road.

This rezoning would change the allowable uses of the property from residential to allowing uses compatible with rural, agriculture areas. The following uses which are not currently permitted in R-30 zoning would be permitted with the change to AR zoning: kennels. The following uses which are not currently permitted in R-30 zoning would be permitted with a

conditional use permit in the AR zoning: junkyards, recycling and storage, cell towers, shooting ranges, and solar energy systems. Overall, the lot standards, setbacks and density requirements are similar between R-30 and AR.

Mr. McMillen stated that the Planning Board recommended approval of the rezoning on January 14 on the basis that the rezoning would cause the property to fit the character of the surrounding agricultural lands.

Mr. Edward Spain spoke in favor of the rezoning.

As there were no other persons who wished to speak on this matter, Chairman Gordon Wilder declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to approve the rezoning request on the basis that it is reasonable and consistent with the County's Land Use Plan by promoting the county's agricultural character. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Ms. Deryl Von Williams, Vance County Learning Center, appeared before the Board and provided an update on activities provided by the learning center. She stated that the learning center partners with families to educate children in academic, entrepreneurship and character development to become future leaders. It is a private school that focuses on working with at-risk students in an academic setting. The center offers K-12 classes and an adult high school diploma program. Classrooms are structured on a 10:1 ratio to give each student more individual instructional time.

Ms. Von Williams noted that the learning center has outgrown its current space and requested the board to consider leasing the Scott Parker Building to the learning center. Ms. Janet Littlejohn, Vance County Learning Center Board member, asked the board for its support and to allow the learning center to lease the Scott Parker Building.

Chairman Wilder thanked Ms. Von Williams and stated that this matter would be referred to the County's Properties Committee for further review. Commissioner Deborah F. Brown noted that another request has been made for the Scott Parker Building and will be addressed tonight under the Committee Reports and Recommendations. Commissioner Brown encouraged the Properties Committee members to highly consider some other facility within the county for use by the learning center.

Water District Board

At this time, Chairman Gordon Wilder called the Water District Board to order.

The January 2016 monthly operations report was submitted to the board members for their information.

Chairman Gordon Wilder adjourned the Water District Board.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Human Resources Committee - Mark III Benefits Consultant. Commissioner Deborah F. Brown reported that the Human Resources Committee (Brown [C], Taylor & Wilder) met Thursday, January 21st to discuss contracting with a benefits consultant who would work on the County's behalf to review, analyze and negotiate the County's annual health insurance renewal. In addition to this, the consultant will undertake a comprehensive review of the County's overall health benefit package, level of coverage, the potential for moving to self-insurance, and other options that will help the County save money while maintaining acceptable coverage and affordable employee contributions. Staff and the committee recommend contracting with Mark III, who provides these services to 30 counties and a number of municipalities in North Carolina. The fee for this service will be \$25,000 paid annually beginning July 1, 2016. No additional fee will be charged for the work that will be done this year reviewing the County's FY 2016-17 renewal proposals. The staff reviewed proposals from two firms, but Mark III had by far the most North Carolina county experience and the more favorable fee arrangement. The committee noted that the County currently pays approximately \$3.5 million annually for health insurance and further noted that just a 1% reduction or containment in insurance premiums would more than pay for the service. The company can broker some of the County's ancillary and voluntary benefits, such as short term disability, if the County chooses. The fees derived from this service would allow the company to manage the County's monitoring and reporting requirements for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) at no additional cost. We will continue to discuss this option with the company. Recommendation: Authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Mark III to serve as the County's benefit consultant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Mark III to serve as the County's benefit consultant. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Properties Committee - County Building Architectural Study (Space Study).

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that the Properties Committee (Brummitt [C], Kelly & Wilder) met Monday, January 11th to review the draft building space study and to consider a lease for the Scott Parker Building. Oakley Collier Architects presented the study and the committee provided input on the initial recommendations. Based on the input from the committee, the architect finalized the plan and presented it to the full board during the annual planning retreat on January 26th.

Properties Committee - Scott Parker Building Lease. The committee reviewed a request from Gang Free, Inc. (Melissa Elliott) to lease the Scott Parker Building. Gang Free, Inc. is a startup organization in need of property and office space to offer anti-gang workshops, mentoring at-risk youth, peer support, and other programs. Ms. Elliott currently has associations with the sheriff's office and the school system to further gang prevention in the county. The committee recommended a no-cost (\$1 per year) lease with the lessee being responsible for all maintenance and insurance costs to prevent the building from deteriorating due to lack of use. Staff feels the property can be bundled with other county property in the vicinity and auctioned in the future. Ms. Elliott is aware of the County's plans to dispose of the property and is willing to proceed on this condition. Recommendation: Authorize the county attorney to prepare and the chairman to execute a \$1/year lease agreement with Gang Free, Inc. for use of the Scott Parker Building upon the condition that the building and grounds are maintained and County insurance costs are covered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, to authorize the county attorney to prepare and the chairman to execute a \$1/year lease agreement with Gang Free, Inc. for use of the Scott Parker Building upon the condition that the building and grounds are maintained and County insurance costs are covered.

Finance Director's Report

Surplus Property. Finance Director David C. Beck presented the following items to be declared as surplus:

Equipment Description	Department	Reason
Wooden Desk	Fire	Broken
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HP DesignJet 1050C Plotter	Planning	Outdated, has been replaced
1981 GMC Dump Truck	Solid Waste	Very poor condition, no longer used

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to declare the equipment as surplus and authorize the finance director to dispose of the equipment according to law. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr. and unanimously approved.

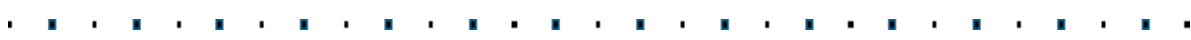
Education Lottery Fund Applications. Mr. Beck stated that a joint application filed by the county commissioners and the board of education must be submitted to the State in order to draw down available North Carolina Education Lottery funds from the Public School Building Capital Fund. The County has budgeted to use lottery funds to pay the debt service for the 2010 QSCB and 2013 QZAB projects. The board of education approved the applications at their January 11, 2016 meeting. Recommendation: Approve the applications to draw down lottery funds to be used for debt service payments on existing school facilities debt.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to approve the applications to draw down lottery funds to be used for debt service payments on existing school facilities debt. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and unanimously approved.

County Attorney's Report

REO Property - 152 S. Bullock Street. County Attorney Jonathan S. Care noted that during its September 2015 meeting, the board of commissioners approved the public sale process for the tax foreclosure property at 152 S. Bullock Street - parcel number 0085 01011. The property was advertised for upset bids and has been in the upset bid process since that time. The final bid amount is \$9,550. 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., seconded by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution accepting the bid for the property at 152 S. Bullock Street, Henderson, NC - parcel number 0085 01011.



**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:

152 S. Bullock Street, Henderson, North Carolina 27536, Vance County Tax Department Parcel Number 0085 01011.

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269 and the Resolution Authorizing Upset Bid Process for Sale of Real Property adopted by the Vance County Board of Commissioners on 28 September 2015, a notice was published in the *Daily Dispatch* on **October 1, 2015**, stating that said offer by Horace P. Bullock in the amount of \$2,800.00 had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, an upset bid was received by Roger Owen, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was republished in the *Daily Dispatch* on **October 7, 2015**, stating that said offer by Roger Owen, Jr. in the amount of \$3,550.00 had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, an upset bid was received by Horace P. Bullock; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was republished in the *Daily Dispatch* on **October 15, 2015**, stating that said offer by Horace P. Bullock in the amount of \$4,300.00 had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, an upset bid was received by Roger Owen, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was republished in the *Daily Dispatch* on **October 17, 2015**, stating that said offer by Roger Owen, Jr. in the amount of \$5,050.00 had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, an upset bid was received by Harrison Ford; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was republished in the *Daily Dispatch* on **October 29, 2015**, stating that said offer by Harrison Ford in the amount of \$5,800.00 had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, an upset bid was received by Roger Owen, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was republished in the *Daily Dispatch* on **October 31, 2015**, stating that said offer by Roger Owen, Jr. in the amount of \$6,550.00 had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, an upset bid was received by Harrison Ford; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was republished in the *Daily Dispatch* on **November 11, 2015**, stating that said offer by Harrison Ford in the amount of \$7,300.00 had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, an upset bid was received by Angela Owen; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was republished in the *Daily Dispatch* on **December 1, 2015**, stating that said offer by Angela Owen in the amount of \$8,050.00 had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, an upset bid was received by Harrison Ford; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was republished in the *Daily Dispatch* on **December 17, 2015**, stating that said offer by Harrison Ford in the amount of \$8,800.00 had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, an upset bid was received by Angela Owen; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was republished in the *Daily Dispatch* on **December 24, 2015**, stating that said offer by Angela Owen in the amount of \$9,550.00 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 *Angela Owen* in the amount of **\$9,550.00** 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 1st day of February, 2016.

Gordon Wilder (signed)
Gordon Wilder, Chairman
Vance County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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

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REO Property - 1214 Epsom Road. Attorney Care stated that during its December 2015 meeting, the board approved the public sale process for the tax foreclosure property located at 1214 Epsom Road - parcel number 0112 06004. The property was advertised for upset bids and one upset bid was received. The final bid amount is \$1,750. Attorney Care stated that as of today, the LLC's (Elite Housing) property taxes have been paid in full; however, the individual behind the LLC has property taxes due in his individual name as well as several of his other LLCs. Attorney Care recommended that the board reject the offer, or accept the offer subject to the balance of the property taxes being paid.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to reject the offer from Elite Housing LLC and resubmit the property for advertising. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved.

REO Property - Lot 27 Hillside Avenue. Attorney Care noted that during its December 2015 meeting, the board of commissioners approved the public sale process for the tax foreclosure property at Lot 27 Hillside Avenue - parcel number 0092 01016. The property was advertised for upset bids and was upset once. The final bid amount is \$1,500 from Hamlett Investments LLC. 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 Lot 27 Hillside Avenue, Henderson, NC - parcel number 0092 01016. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown asked the tax status of Hamlett Investments LLC. Attorney Care responded that based upon a report from the tax office, the taxes are paid up to

date. Commissioner Brown asked that in the future we receive a written statement from the tax office confirming that all taxes are paid in full by LLCs and any individuals behind LLCs.

Vote on the motion was unanimous.



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Lot 27 Hillside Avenue, Henderson, North Carolina 27536, Vance County Tax Department Parcel Number 0092 01016.

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269 and the Resolution Authorizing Upset Bid Process for Sale of Real Property adopted by the Vance County Board of Commissioners on 28 September 2015, a notice was published in the *Daily Dispatch* on **December 17, 2015**, stating that said offer by Elvire A. Lizaire in the amount of \$750.00 had been received and that any person wishing to submit an upset bid should do so within 10 days; and

WHEREAS, an upset bid was received by Hamlett Investments, LLC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 160A-269, a notice was republished in the *Daily Dispatch* on **December 24, 2015**, stating that said offer by Hamlett Investments, LLC in the amount of \$1,500.00 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 **Hamlett Investments, LLC** in the amount of **\$1,500.00** 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 1st day of February, 2016.

Gordon Wilder **(signed)**
Gordon Wilder, Chairman
Vance County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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

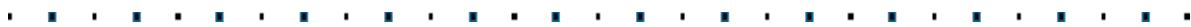


County Manager's Report

Resolution – Black History Month. Interim County Manager Robert M. Murphy stated that February has been observed nationally as Black History Month. Vance County has traditionally encouraged its citizens to participate in related events that create a greater awareness and appreciation of contributions made by African-Americans. Recommendation:

Adopt the resolution in support of the designation of February as Black History Month in Vance County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to adopt the following resolution designating February as Black History Month in Vance County.



RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
in designation of
February 2016 as Black History Month in Vance County

WHEREAS, for 86 years in the United States, at least some part of the month of February has been observed in recognition of black history and the many accomplishments and contributions made to society by African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, the second week of February was selected by Carter Woodson, a noted Washington, D.C. author, editor, historian, and publisher, to defend black humanity and highlight the accomplishments of his ancestors; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 the entire month of February was included in the bicentennial celebration of the United States, and every single American President has since designated February as National Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the Vance County Board of Commissioners has annually established February as a special month to recognize and celebrate the essential roles of African-Americans throughout Vance County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners sincerely desires for all citizens to thoroughly understand and appreciate value added to the local economy and overall community by African-Americans of all socio-economic levels.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does officially designate February 2016 as Black History Month in Vance County, and in doing so, does recognize the accomplishments and countless significant contributions made to society by individuals of African heritage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does encourage businesses, churches, civic organizations, schools, and citizens of all races and color to actively participate in the observance and celebration of Black History Month in Vance County during the month of February 2016.

This, the 1st day of February, 2016.

Gordon Wilder (signed)
Gordon Wilder, Chairman



Resolution – Connect NC. Mr. Murphy noted that a state wide referendum will be held on March 15, 2016 seeking voter approval for the \$2 Billion Connect NC Bond issue that, if approved by the voters, will provide funding for capital improvements to include the UNC

system and community college facilities, state parks, water and sewer projects, Departments of Agriculture and Public Safety projects, and the State's National Guard facilities. Projects funded by the bond that directly benefit Vance County include; \$7,611,910 for various construction, repair and renovation projects for Vance- Granville Community College and \$3,750,000 for Kerr Lake improvements. Listings of the state wide and regional infrastructure projects were provided to the board. State officials have gone on record stating that no tax increase will be necessary to service the debt incurred. Recommendation: Approve the resolution supporting the Connect NC Bond.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to adopt the following resolution Supporting Connect NC Bond to Provide Funding for Projects to Further Economic Development in the State:



RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
*Supporting Connect NC Bond to Provide Funding for
Projects to Further Economic Development in the State*

WHEREAS, the Connect NC bond was approved by the North Carolina General Assembly and Governor Pat McCrory during the 2015 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the voters of North Carolina in the primary election to be held on March 15, 2016, the Act would generate \$2 billion through the sale of bonds to support further economic development in the State; and

WHEREAS, the bond will fund \$350 million in projects for the North Carolina Community College System; and

WHEREAS, the Vance-Granville Community College contributes immensely to Vance County and the City of Henderson as well as the surrounding region by producing a skilled workforce to attract new business and industry and provides citizens the opportunity to increase their earning potential and their quality of life through continuing education classes; and

WHEREAS, the bond will fund other projects for state parks and attractions, local parks, infrastructure, National Guard, agriculture, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Kerr Lake State Park is one of the most viable tourist attractions for our region as well as providing beautiful home sites for our residents and potential residents and is targeted to receive Connect NC Bond funding; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure investments will improve education, quality of life and economic development across the state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the Connect NC Bond Act of 2015 as well as education and advocacy efforts for the statewide voter referendum in March 2016.

This, the 1st day of February, 2016.

**Gordon Wilder (signed)
Gordon Wilder, Chairman**

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Environmental Assessment - Kerr Lake Water Plan Revision. Mr. Murphy informed the board that Nancy Wilson, Vance County Tourism Director, has requested that he sign a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers endorsing the proposed water control plan for Kerr Lake. It would be appropriate for the board to approve the letter before it is signed and sent to the Corps.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown stated that the letter needed to be received by January 29 in order to be considered by the Corps of Engineers. She asked that the record show that the Vance County Board of Commissioners did not submit a letter supporting the environmental assessment for Kerr Lake. She also asked that the record show that the Tourism Development Authority did submit a letter in support of the environmental assessment. Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that he had some concerns with downstream flooding. Commissioner Deborah F. Brown stated that the property owners downstream are in support of this and have submitted letters to the Corps reflecting their support.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the following consent agenda, excluding the recreation report. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and unanimously approved. The consent agenda includes budget amendments #9 and #10, budget transfers #8 and #9, January ambulance charge-offs in the amount of \$5,097.21, December 2015 tax refunds and releases, departmental monthly reports, and the minutes of the January 4, 2015 regular meeting.

Commissioner Dan Brummitt stated that the recreation report contains errors regarding funding of improvements. He stated that the County's participation in grants is not acknowledged in the report and the grant amounts are incorrect. Mr. Murphy stated that the City would be made aware of these errors.

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**Budget Amendment #9
FY 2015-2016
Social Services**

Revenue Amendment Request	Account Number	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
SHIFT DSS Grant	10-380-438016	13,333
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$ 13,333

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
SHIFT DSS Grant	10-610-500416	13,333
Total		\$ 13,333

Purpose: DSS has received a grant from SHIFT, Inc. for pregnancy prevention services for its LINKS clients. No County funds are required.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
February 1, 2016



**Budget Amendment #10
FY 2015-2016
Social Services**

Revenue Amendment Request	Account Number	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
Duke Progress Low Income Assistance	10-348-434826	28,041
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$ 28,041

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
Duke Progress Low Income Assistance	10-610-500139	28,041
Total		\$ 28,041

Purpose: DSS has received a grant from Duke Energy Progress. The funds are to be used for assisting clients with electric and hearing costs. No County funds are required.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
February 1, 2016



**Budget Transfer #8
FY 2015-2016
Social Services**

Transfer From:	Account Number	Amount
Contingency	10-999-500099	7,500
Total		\$ 7,500

Transfer To:	Account Number	Amount
General Assistance	10-610-500020	7,500
Total		\$ 7,500

Purpose: DSS is requesting an additional allocation of County funds to be used for general assistance. General assistance funds are the only funds available to assist seniors and adults without minor children in their homes with emergency needs. The uses for general assistance funds include prescriptions, rent, and utility bills.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
January 4, 2016

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**Budget Transfer #9
FY 2015-2016
Planning & Development**

Transfer From:	Account Number	Amount
Regular Salaries	10-541-500001	2,000
Total		\$ 2,000

Transfer To:	Account Number	Amount
Maintenance Vehicles	10-541-500017	2,000
Total		\$ 2,000

Purpose: Unexpected vehicle repair that has exhausted the funds in this account.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
January 4, 2016

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Tax Office Refund and Release Report for December 2015

Taxpayer Name	Tax Year	Real	Personal	Motor Vehicle	MV Fee	Solid Waste Fee	Reason
Sanford Albert Gene heirs	2011	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Bullock Robert Lee Jr.	2012	0	44.43	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Sanford Albert Gene heirs	2012	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Bullock Robert Lee Jr.	2013	0	48.87	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Hedgecock Madison S.	2013	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Sanford Albert Gene heirs	2013	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Wert William L.	2013	0	158.24	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Hedgecock Madison S.	2014	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Hedgecock Madison S.	2014	0	0	0	0	210.00	remove solid was
Sanford Albert Gene heirs	2014	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Taylor Audrey	2014	0	4.37	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Wert William L.	2014	0	152.16	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Vaughan Frances L.	2015	0	0	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Bradley Mark S.	2015	451.88	0	0	0	0	correct value
Bullock Evelyn B.	2015	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Chep Usa	2015	0	198.70	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Chep Usa	2015	0	575.38	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Chep Usa	2015	0	210.07	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Farlow Patricia B.	2015	2,547.58	0	0	0	315.00	real prop - bill
Fisher Terry Wayne	2015	1,358.43	0	0	0	0	correct value
Genlyte Thomas Group LLC	2015	0	2,116.99	0	0	0	correct value
Guin Daniel	2015	6.79	0	0	0	0	correct ownershi
Hedgecock Madison S.	2015	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Hedgecock Madison S.	2015	0	0	0	0	210.00	remove solid was
Hobbs James V.	2015	748.80	0	0	0	0	real prop - bill
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Hunt Randall L.	2015	1,313.53	0	0	0	0	correct/grant ex
Jefferys Mary	2015	0	0	0	0	0	add solid waste
Johnson Linda L.	2015	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Keeton Marshall D. Jr.	2015	0	337.62	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed

Taxpayer Name	Tax Year	Real	Personal	Motor Vehicle	MV Fee	Solid Waste Fee	Reason
Madrigal Maribel Garcia	2015	0	0	0	0	0	add solid waste
Morales Yuridia Pena	2015	0	42.99	0	0	0	correct value
Robison Wayne Espey	2015	0	17.98	0	0	0	correct value
Satterwhite Daniel C. Jr.	2015	429.34	0	0	0	105.00	adjust val for e
Tarheel Regional Community	2015	107.89	0	0	0	105.00	correct value
Vance Charter School Inc.	2015	21,239.91	0	0	0	0	correct/grant ex
Vance County Water District	2015	6.79	0	0	0	0	government
Vaughan Frances L.	2015	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Vaughan William N. III	2015	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Wert William L.	2015	0	152.16	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Total		28,959.74	4,059.96	-	-	2,520.00	
Total Refunds and Releases	\$35,539.70						

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

Miscellaneous

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

Tax Administrator - two-year term
Re-appoint Porcha Brooks

Henderson Planning Board - three-year term
Re-appoint Phil Walters

Henderson Zoning Board of Adjustments - three-year term
Re-appoint Edward Spain

Henderson-Vance County Human Relations Commission - three-year term
Re-appoint Tracy Mosley and Consuelo Allen

Vance County Planning Board - three-year term
Re-appoint Blake Haley

Vance County Farmers Market Advisory Committee - three-year term
Re-appoint Julia Langston and Angelique Clay

Vance County ABC Board - vacant position

With the passing of Mr. John Fogg, there is now a vacancy on the ABC Board. An application was received prior to his passing. Staff requested direction from the Board on how to proceed with this matter.

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

The board, by consensus, directed staff to advertise for the vacancy on the ABC Board.

At this time, motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to enter into closed session to discuss an economic development/legal matter and a personnel matter.

Upon return to open session, motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to authorize staff to submit a request to NC Commerce to extend the Building Reuse Grant deadline and job creation deadline for Semprius until May 1, 2017. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt and vote was ayes - five (5); noes - one (1), with the dissenting vote being cast by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to authorize staff to submit a request to NC Commerce to extend the CDBG grant deadline and job creation deadline for Semprius until May 1, 2017. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. and vote was ayes - five (5); noes - one (1), with the dissenting vote being cast by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown.

As there was no further business, at 8:35 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed March 7, 2016.

Gordon Wilder (signed)
Gordon Wilder, Chairman