

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 6, 2020 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 Carolyn Faines, Yolanda J. Feimster, Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Leo Kelly, Jr. and Archie B. Taylor, Jr.

Absent: None.

Also present were County Manager Jordan McMillen, Finance Director Katherine Bigelow, County Attorney Jonathan S. Care, and Clerk to the Board Kelly H. Grissom.

Associate Minister Mary Anderson, Shiloh Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Public comments were heard first. Mr. Frankie Nobles, Chief Animal Control Officer, introduced Ms. Michelle Wood with Ruin Creek Animal Protection Society (RCAPS). Ms. Wood provided information on activities and services provided by RCAPS. She stated that they have begun a new program called "In the Dog House", which will offer 50 new dog houses to all law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency service providers, animal control officers, elected officials and personnel so that when they see a dog that does not have adequate or sufficient shelter to protect them from the weather, the officer or official can give that animal or the owners of that animal a new doghouse provided by Ruin Creek Animal Protection Society of Henderson NC.

Ms. Wood also reported that RCAPS took on 55 cases that totaled \$55,000 in vet bills and she thanked the community for its support over the years. She noted that 1,446 animals left the shelter last year through rescue and 232 were adopted through the shelter. Chairman Wilder thanked Ms. Wood for the update and for all RCAPS does for the community.

As advertised, a public hearing was held to gain citizen input on the FY 2020-21 Budget. As there was no one present who wished to speak on this matter, Chairman Gordon Wilder declared the public hearing closed.

As advertised, a public hearing was held to gain citizen input on a proposed text amendment to the Vance County Zoning Ordinance. The amendment would be to add the Town of Middleburg to the county zoning ordinance and to amend the zoning map accordingly. Middleburg Mayor Ray Bullock spoke in support of the proposed amendment. As there were no other persons present who wished to speak on this matter, Chairman Gordon Wilder declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the following zoning ordinance amendment to include the Town of Middleburg in the Vance County Zoning Ordinance.

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ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VANCE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP TO INCLUDE TOWN OF MIDDLEBURG IN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AND TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP.

WHEREAS, the Middleburg Town Council met and held a public hearing on March 4, 2019 and following the hearing approved a resolution repealing the Town zoning ordinance and requesting the County to enforce the County zoning ordinance within the town limits; and

WHEREAS, the Vance County planning board has reviewed the request and recommended to the Commissioners that the Middleburg Town Limits, as depicted on the ATTACHED zoning map, be added to the Vance County Zoning Ordinance and zoning map.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, that:

A. The Vance County Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows (additions shown as underline text):

- 1) ADD Section 3.2.14 as follows to establish the Middleburg Overlay Zone to include the Town of Middleburg within the County Zoning Ordinance as follows:

3.2.14 Middleburg Overlay Zone: Established to include the Town of Middleburg within the county's zoning jurisdiction as requested by the Middleburg Town Council and approved by the Vance County Board of Commissioners. All current regulations and requirements within the existing Vance County Zoning Ordinance shall apply except as follow:

1. New manufactured homes shall not be allowed within the Middleburg Overlay Zone. Existing manufactured homes may be continued, provided they conform to the provision of section 5.
2. Nonconforming lots, structures or uses within the Town of Middleburg as of the date of this amendment may be continued, provided they conform to the provisions of section 5.
3. Existing junk yards, outdoor storage and signs that do not meet current zoning regulations, will be given an amortization period of 180 days from the date of the adoption of this ordinance amendment to become compliant.

B. The above amendments are effective upon adoption of this ordinance.

Adopted this 6th day of January, 2020.

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

ATTEST:

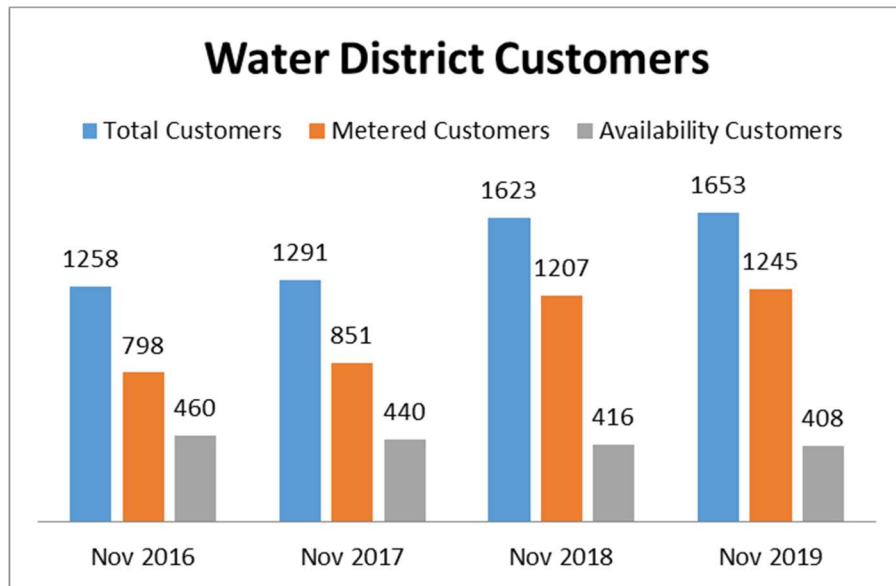
Kelly H. Grissom (signed)
Kelly H. Grissom
Clerk to the Board

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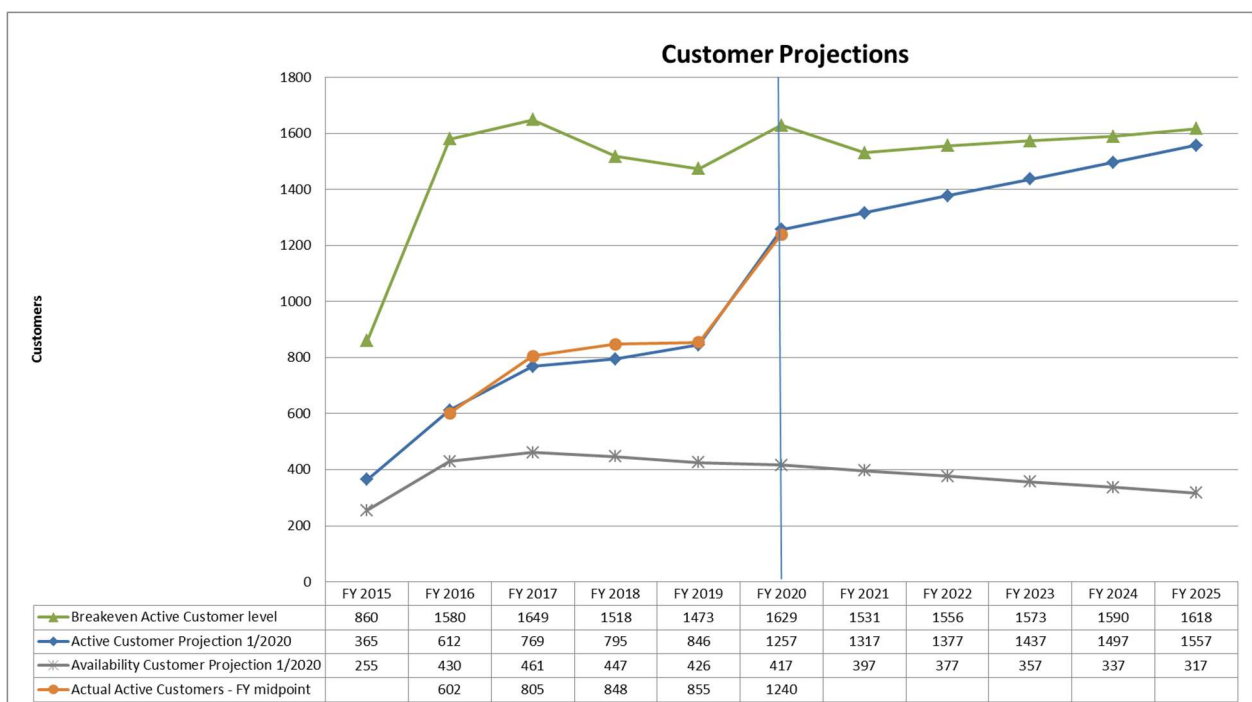
Water District Board

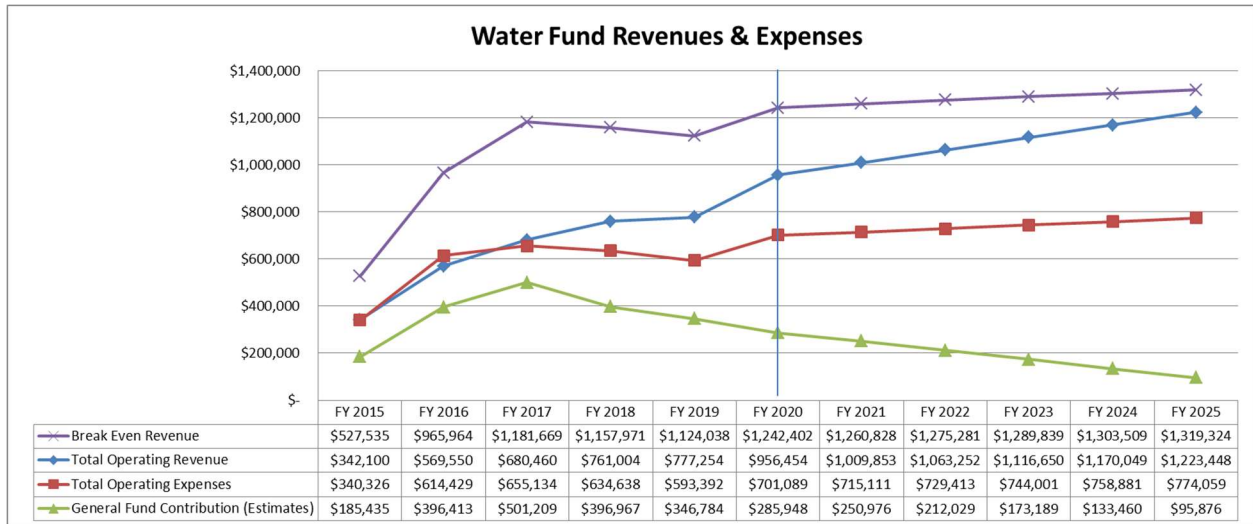
Chairman Gordon Wilder called the Water District Board to order.

Staff Report - Year End Review of Water Customers. County Manager Jordan McMillen reported that the Vance County Water District System has a total of 1,653 customers made up of 1,245 metered customers and 408 availability customers (through November 2019 report). The average user bill is between \$60 and \$65 per month and just over 1,600 metered customers are necessary in order to reach a break-even point. He presented the chart below which shows progression of customers over the past few years.



Since adding the Kittrell customers a year ago, the county is purchasing an average of six million gallons of water per month from the City of Henderson (average cost \$21,400/month or \$257,000/year). Without adding additional debt or additional customers, our current general fund contribution to the water fund is budgeted at \$285,948 for the current year.





The November 2019 monthly operations report was presented to the board for information.

Chairman Wilder closed the Water District Board.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Jordan McMillen informed the board that the space for economic development office on Garnett Street is targeted to be complete in February.

He reported that bids came in for the industrial park expansion and the low bid was \$716,000 over budget. The engineers are looking into changing the scope of the project and will also be researching the possibility of grant funding to assist with the project.

Mr. McMillen also informed the board that the county has received the Abandoned Mobile Home Grant in the amount of \$15,000. The owners of the units must commit \$250 for each unit removed. The county is required to match the grant in the amount of \$7,500. It is anticipated that 10 units can be removed.

Schedule Annual Planning Retreat. Mr. McMillen stated that staff is working with the chairman to plan the annual retreat. Two half days are proposed. The first day will be similar, but a condensed version from this past year where department heads will share two accomplishments from the year and two priorities for the coming year. The second day will include a financial and budget outlook, a review of proposed CIP projects for the coming year, and prioritization of goals for the upcoming year. The agendas and locations are being finalized and staff proposes Wednesday, January 22 for the first day and Monday, February 10 for the second day. The board discussed these dates which did not work for everyone. Following the meeting, the retreat dates were scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st and Monday, February 10th and will be held in the Perry Library Farm Bureau Room.

NCDOT Agreement – Warrenton Road Solid Waste Site Project. Mr. McMillen reported that NCDOT has agreed to reimburse the county up to \$100,000 for installation of a turn lane into the new convenience site to be constructed along Warrenton Road. The project has been in a holding pattern as the state budget was on hold. We have been informed the transportation budget was pulled from the state budget and approved as a mini-bill in early November. Since that time we have been working with NCDOT to receive the necessary agreements guaranteeing the county’s reimbursement. Although the funds have been approved, we are being told the funds are not currently available due to limitations associated with the Department’s on-going cash management challenges. Once approved, the county can seek approval of plans by DOT and begin the preparations for bidding the project. The current solid waste budget includes \$316,216 for completion of the new site and turn-lane, although these estimates are over one year old. Moving to the bidding phase will allow for a final cost estimate to be determined.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the agreement with NCDOT securing a reimbursement for up to \$100,000 for completion of a turn-lane into the newly proposed Warrenton Road Solid Waste Site.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Faines, vote unanimous, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: November 2019 Tax Refunds and Releases, departmental monthly reports, and the minutes of the December 9, 2019 regular meeting.



TAX OFFICE REFUND AND RELEASE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2019

TAXPAYER NAME	TAX YR	REAL	PERSONAL	SOLID WASTE FEE	REASON
JOSEPH BEVERLY LONG	2018	0	7.13	0	situs not Vance
ABBOTT DENNIS RAY	2019	0	44.05	0	correct value
ANSTEAD WILLIAM LEWIS JR	2019	385.88	0	0	correct/grant ex
ANSTEAD WILLIAM LEWIS JR	2019	141.13	0	0	correct/grant ex
AYSCUE WADE EUGENE	2019	444.62	0	0	correct/grant ex
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BECKHAM TIMOTHY RANDALL	2019	1644.48	0	0	correct/grant ex
BULLOCK DAVID	2019	478.32	0	0	correct/grant ex
EVANS KENNETH L	2019	879.62	0	0	correct/grant ex
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Upon return to open session, motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 closed session. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Faines and unanimously approved.

As there was no further business, at 6:45 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr., vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed February 3, 2020.

Gordon Wilder (signed)
Gordon Wilder, Chairman