

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 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, Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Leo Kelly, Jr. and Archie B. Taylor, Jr.

Absent: Commissioner Yolanda Feimster.

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

Pastor Bobby Fletcher, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Chairman Gordon Wilder recognized the chiefs and representatives of the volunteer fire departments throughout the county. Several months ago, they undertook the task of lowering their ISO ratings. This shows the level of training they have achieved, but also means a lowering of homeowner insurance rates which Vance County residents will benefit from. Chairman Wilder sincerely thanked the volunteers for all they do for the community and stressed the importance of this achievement. He then presented a plaque to each volunteer department representative. Each department was also presented with a pet oxygen mask which was donated by Mona Pants Foundation in Zebulon, North Carolina.

Ms. Irene Johnson, Executive Director of KARTS, was next on the agenda and provided an update on the new facility as well as recent activities. She stated that KARTS (Kerr Area Rural Transportation System) is a four county transportation system that operates in Vance, Warren, Granville and Franklin counties. It is funded by state and federal grants along with a 10% local match that is split between the four counties. Ms. Johnson reported that during the month of February, KARTS provided over 10,600 trips for various reasons including dialysis and medical appointments, employment, senior center, Vance-Granville Community College, general public and Around Town Shuttle. She stated that KARTS recently began a partnership with Vance-Granville Community College to help students travel to and from any of the college's four campuses at no cost. The college will use grant funds and donations to the VGCC Endowment Fund to pay for students to use KARTS.

The new facility was opened in July 2019 and includes a full maintenance facility, including a wash bay, a four bay garage, and 55 vehicles.

Commissioner Gordon Wilder, who serves on the KARTS Board, stated that the cost of the building was \$7 million and only \$700,000 of that was local dollars which was split between the four counties over a five year period. Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr. commended KARTS for the new partnership with the community college and stated that this is a great asset for students.

Ms. Porcha Brooks, Tax Administrator, was next on the agenda and presented two untimely exemption applications as follows:

**Untimely Exemption**

Name	Exemption Requested	Tax Administrator's Recommendation
Marty R. Owens Parcel 0551 02011	Present Use Agriculture	Approve Application
Mt. Calvary Holiness Church Parcels 0318A01009 and 0318A02002	Religious Exemption	Approve Application

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to approve the present use agriculture exemption for Marty R. Owens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to approve the religious exemption for Mt. Calvary Holiness Church. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Faines and unanimously approved.

**Water District Board**

Chairman Gordon Wilder called the water district board to order.

The January 2020 monthly operations report was presented to the board for information. Chairman Wilder adjourned the water district board.

**Finance Director's Report**

*Surplus Property.* Finance Director Katherine Bigelow requested that the following items be declared as surplus and authorize the finance director to dispose of the items as allowed by state statute.

Description	Reason No Longer Needed	Department
3 File Cabinets	no longer in use; poor condition	Tax Office

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the property presented as surplus and authorize the finance director to dispose of said property accordingly as allowed by

state statute. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Faines and unanimously approved.

*Finance Agreement & Reimbursement Resolution – New Vehicles.* Ms. Bigelow stated that the county budget contains funds for the purchase of new sheriff office vehicles and an ambulance in the current fiscal year. Bank financing was solicited and the rates came back as follows:

- Benchmark 1.99%
- First Citizens Bank 2.19%
- Regions 1.62%
- Bank Funding LLC 2.06%
- Signature Public Funding 2.24%
- Union Bank 3.2%

Ms. Bigelow recommended the use of Regions Equipment Finance Corporation for 1.62% for a term of 5 years (60 months), for \$441,000. The payment will be around \$23,000 per quarter, or \$92,000 annually. The resolution allows the county to be reimbursed for any initial expenditures through the financing proceeds once they are secured.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Faines, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to authorize the Finance Director to execute a finance agreement between the County and Regions Equipment Finance and the reimbursement resolution allowing the county to be reimbursed by Regions Equipment Finance Corporation through financing proceeds for expenses incurred towards the purchase of new vehicles as budgeted for in FY 2019-2020.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES UNDER UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY REGULATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the County of Vance, North Carolina (the “County”) as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared by the Board as follows:

(a) Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations (the “Regulations”) prescribes specific procedures which will be applicable to certain bonds or notes issued by the County including, without limitation, a requirement that the County declare its official intent to reimburse certain expenditures with proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County prior to, or within sixty (60) days of, payment of the expenditures to be reimbursed.

(b) This declaration of official intent is made pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to expressly declare the official intent of the County to reimburse itself

from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the County for certain expenditures paid by the County on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

(c) The County desires to expend its own funds for the purpose of paying certain expenditures in relation to the purchase and equipping of four (4) police vehicles, one ambulance,(the “Equipment”), for which expenditures the County reasonably expects to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County.

(d) \$441,000 is the maximum principal amount of debt expected to be incurred for paying the costs of the Vehicles/Equipment as specified in (c) above.

**Adopted this 9th day of March 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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County Attorney’s Report

*REO Properties – New Offers.* Attorney Jonathan S. Care stated that offers had been received from Maria Apolinar for real property located at 695 Adams Street – Parcel 0079 05008; from Kevin Martinez-Galmiche for real property located at Nicholas Street – Parcel 0111 03022; and from Dietrich Ware for real property located at 129 Henry Street – Parcel 0055 05006. He noted that these offers meet the requirements established by the board. He stated that the Board needs to vote on whether or not to proceed with the sale by advertising for upset bids and recommended approval of the resolutions to begin the upset bid process for the properties. He noted that 695 Adams Street and 129 Henry Street are jointly owned with the City of Henderson, so any action will need to be contingent upon the City taking similar action. Following the meeting, it was learned that the City of Henderson rejected the bids for 695 Adams Street and 129 Henry Street.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the following resolutions authorizing the upset bid process for real property located at 695 Adams Street – Parcel 0079 05008; Nicholas Street – Parcel 0111 03022; and 129 Henry Street – Parcel 0055 05006, contingent upon City approval.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS  
FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY  
695 Adams Street, Henderson, NC 27536**

**WHEREAS**, Vance County owns certain real property with an address of **695 Adams Street, Henderson, North Carolina**, and more particularly described by the Vance County Tax Department as Parcel Numbers **0079 05008**; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 permits the county to sell real property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer for the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has received an offer to purchase the real property described herein above in the amount of **\$1,215.00** subject to the terms and conditions as included in the submitted offer to purchase bid, submitted by *Maria Apolinar*; and

**WHEREAS**, *Maria Apolinar* has paid the required deposit in the amount of **\$750.00** with her initial offer.

**THEREFORE, THE VANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners declares the real property described above surplus and authorizes its sale through the upset bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.

2. A notice of the proposed sale shall be published which shall describe the property and the amount of the offer and shall require any upset offer be subject to the same terms and conditions as contained therein except for the purchase price.

3. Any person may submit an upset bid to the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners within 10 days after the notice of sale is published. Once a qualifying higher bid has been received, that bid will become the new offer.

4. If a qualifying upset bid is received, a new notice of upset bid shall be published, and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received. At that time, the amount of the final high bid shall be reported to the Board of County Commissioners.

5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by the greater of \$750 or ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 of that offer and five percent (5%) of the remainder of the offer and is subject to the same terms and conditions of the previous bid.

6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of the greater of \$750 or five percent (5%) of the bid, which may be made by cash, cashier's check or certified funds. The County will return the deposit of any bid not accepted and will return the bid of an offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received.

7. The terms of the final sale are that the Board of County Commissioners must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed and the buyer must pay with certified funds or wire transfer the bid amount and any other amounts as required pursuant to the terms and conditions of the bid at the time of closing, which shall be no later than 30 days following the approval by this Board of the final bid. The real property is sold in its current condition, as is, and the County gives no warranty with respect to the usability of the real property or title. Title will be delivered at closing by a **Non Warranty Deed**, subject to exceptions for ad valorem taxes, assessments, zoning regulations, restrictive covenants, street easements, rights of others in possession and any other encumbrances of record. Buyer shall pay for preparation and recording of the Deed and revenue stamps.

8. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted **and the right to reject all bids at any time.**

9. If no qualifying upset bid is received, the Board of County Commissioners will accept or reject the bid submitted within 60 days after the close of the 10-day upset period.

**This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**

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

**ATTEST:**

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



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS  
FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY  
1 +/- acre off Nicholas Street, Henderson, NC 27536**

**WHEREAS**, Vance County owns certain real property with an address of **1 +/- acre off Nicholas Street, Henderson, North Carolina**, and more particularly described by the Vance County Tax Department as Parcel Numbers **0111 03022**; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 permits the county to sell real property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer for the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has received an offer to purchase the real property described herein above in the amount of **\$1,073.00** subject to the terms and conditions as included in the submitted offer to purchase bid, submitted by **Kevin Martinez-Galmiche**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Kevin Martinez-Galmiche** has paid the required deposit in the amount of **\$750.00** with his initial offer.

**THEREFORE, THE VANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners declares the real property described above surplus and authorizes its sale through the upset bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.
2. A notice of the proposed sale shall be published which shall describe the property and the amount of the offer and shall require any upset offer be subject to the same terms and conditions as contained therein except for the purchase price.
3. Any person may submit an upset bid to the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners within 10 days after the notice of sale is published. Once a qualifying higher bid has been received, that bid will become the new offer.
4. If a qualifying upset bid is received, a new notice of upset bid shall be published, and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received. At that time, the amount of the final high bid shall be reported to the Board of County Commissioners.
5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by the greater of \$750 or ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 of that offer and five percent (5%) of the remainder of the offer and is subject to the same terms and conditions of the previous bid.
6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of the greater of \$750 or five percent (5%) of the bid, which may be made by cash, cashier's check or certified funds. The County will return the deposit of any bid not accepted and will return the bid of an offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received.

7. The terms of the final sale are that the Board of County Commissioners must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed and the buyer must pay with certified funds or wire transfer the bid amount and any other amounts as required pursuant to the terms and conditions of the bid at the time of closing, which shall be no later than 30 days following the approval by this Board of the final bid. The real property is sold in its current condition, as is, and the County gives no warranty with respect to the usability of the real property or title. Title will be delivered at closing by a **Non Warranty Deed**, subject to exceptions for ad valorem taxes, assessments, zoning regulations, restrictive covenants, street easements, rights of others in possession and any other encumbrances of record. Buyer shall pay for preparation and recording of the Deed and revenue stamps.

8. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted **and the right to reject all bids at any time.**

9. If no qualifying upset bid is received, the Board of County Commissioners will accept or reject the bid submitted within 60 days after the close of the 10-day upset period.

**This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS  
FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY  
129 Henry Street, Henderson, NC 27536**

**WHEREAS**, Vance County owns certain real property with an address of **129 Henry Street, Henderson, North Carolina**, and more particularly described by the Vance County Tax Department as Parcel Numbers **0055 05006**; and,

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 permits the county to sell real property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer for the property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County has received an offer to purchase the real property described herein above in the amount of **\$1,707.00** subject to the terms and conditions as included in the submitted offer to purchase bid, submitted by ***Dietrich Ware***; and,

**WHEREAS**, ***Dietrich Ware*** has paid the required deposit in the amount of **\$750.00** with his initial offer.

**THEREFORE, THE VANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners declares the real property described above surplus and authorizes its sale through the upset bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.
2. A notice of the proposed sale shall be published which shall describe the property and the amount of the offer and shall require any upset offer be subject to the same terms and conditions as contained therein except for the purchase price.
3. Any person may submit an upset bid to the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners within 10 days after the notice of sale is published. Once a qualifying higher bid has been received, that bid will become the new offer.



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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS  
FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY  
416 Harriett Street, Henderson, NC 27536**

**WHEREAS**, Vance County owns certain real property with an address of **416 Harriett Street, Henderson, North Carolina**, and more particularly described by the Vance County Tax Department as Parcel Numbers **0091 04024**; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 permits the county to sell real property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer for the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has received an offer to purchase the real property described herein above in the amount of **\$6,500.00** subject to the terms and conditions as included in the submitted offer to purchase bid, submitted by **Ruben A. Rivas Garcia**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ruben A. Rivas Garcia** has paid the required deposit in the amount of **\$750.00** with his initial offer.

**THEREFORE, THE VANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners declares the real property described above surplus and authorizes its sale through the upset bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.

2. A notice of the proposed sale shall be published which shall describe the property and the amount of the offer and shall require any upset offer be subject to the same terms and conditions as contained therein except for the purchase price.

3. Any person may submit an upset bid to the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners within 10 days after the notice of sale is published. Once a qualifying higher bid has been received, that bid will become the new offer.

4. If a qualifying upset bid is received, a new notice of upset bid shall be published, and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received. At that time, the amount of the final high bid shall be reported to the Board of County Commissioners.

5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by the greater of \$750 or ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 of that offer and five percent (5%) of the remainder of the offer and is subject to the same terms and conditions of the previous bid.

6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of the greater of \$750 or five percent (5%) of the bid, which may be made by cash, cashier's check or certified funds. The County will return the deposit of any bid not accepted and will return the bid of an offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received.

7. The terms of the final sale are that the Board of County Commissioners must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed and the buyer must pay with certified funds or wire transfer the bid amount and any other amounts as required pursuant to the terms and conditions of the bid at the time of closing, which shall be no later than 30 days following the approval by this Board of the final bid. The real property is sold in its current condition, as is, and the County gives no warranty with respect to the usability of the real property or title. Title will be delivered at closing by a **Non Warranty Deed**, subject to exceptions for ad valorem taxes, assessments, zoning regulations, restrictive covenants, street easements, rights of others in possession and any other encumbrances of record. Buyer shall pay for preparation and recording of the Deed and revenue stamps.

8. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted **and the right to reject all bids at any time.**

9. If no qualifying upset bid is received, the Board of County Commissioners will accept or reject the bid submitted within 60 days after the close of the 10-day upset period.

**This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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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County Manager’s Report

County Manager Jordan McMillen informed the board that an employee appreciation cookout has been scheduled for Friday, April 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Aycock Recreation Center. This will be a floating event, so county offices will remain open during this time. This event was later cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Resolution - Appointment of Review Officer.* Mr. McMillen stated that review officers are required in the Tax Office to review plats and certify that they meet statutory requirements before being recorded with the Register of Deeds. He recommended that the board approve a resolution to appoint Carrie Reddick, Assistant Tax Administrator, as a review officer as required by NC General Statute 47-30.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution appointing Carrie Reddick as a review officer for the purpose of review and certification of plats and maps.

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**RESOLUTION**  
**by the**  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
***Appointment of Review Officers***

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly in its 1997 Session passed Senate Bill 875, which is now incorporated into General Statute 47-30, requiring counties, by resolution to appoint one or more persons as review officers to review each plat before it is recorded and certify that it meets the statutory requirements for recording; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointed person or persons should be experienced in mapping or land records management, and preferably should be certified as contained in G.S. 147-54.4; and

**WHEREAS**, the review officer is to expeditiously review all maps and plats before they are presented to the Register of Deeds, with the exception of a map or plat which is a survey within the meaning of G.S. 47-30(f)(11)b or c; and

**WHEREAS**, Cathy Renn was duly appointed as a review officer as of December 7, 2009 and Porcha Brooks was duly appointed as of February 8, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution must be recorded in the Vance County Register of Deeds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Vance County Board of Commissioners duly appoints Carrie Reddick, Assistant Tax Administrator, as a review officer for the purpose of review and certification of plats and maps as required by the North Carolina General Assembly, with such appointment to be effective as of March 9, 2020.

**This, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**

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

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*Surplus Property – Police Canine Sarge.* Mr. McMillen stated that Sheriff Brame has requested that the Board of Commissioners declare police canine Sarge as surplus property and allow him to be sold to his handler, Deputy Michael Burns for \$1.00. The animal is three years old, experiencing hip dysplasia, and has never finished canine training to be certified.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to declare police canine Sarge surplus county property and sell him to Deputy Michael Burns for the sum of \$1.00. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Faines and unanimously approved.

*Approval of Road Name – Cloyd Lane.* Mr. McMillen stated that the County’s addressing ordinance adopted in 2019 requires board approval of road name changes. This is the first request under the new ordinance. A section of roadway off of Van Dyke Road serves five existing homes and a sixth home is proposed. The section has historically been addressed as Van Dyke Road, but is clearly a separate road in need of a name as per the addressing ordinance. Finalizing the road name will allow the permitting process to proceed for the sixth home. Over 75% of the property owners along the segment encompassing more than 75% of the road frontage has signed a petition asking for the road to be Cloyd Lane as is required by ordinance. The county’s addressing coordinator is in agreement and recommends approval of the road name.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to approve the road name change to Cloyd Lane.

*Resolution Recognizing 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.* Mr. McMillen stated that March is women’s history month and the League of Women’s Voters has requested the county to adopt the enclosed resolution recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the US Constitution went into effect in 1920 and provided women the right to vote.

When it went into effect, 120,000 women were registered to vote in North Carolina, and today women constitute a majority vote in our state and the United States, are running for office in higher numbers and are more active in the election process than ever before in history. The resolution recognizes this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as the impact this historic accomplishment has had on citizen engagement and civic life.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Faines, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution providing women the right to vote.



**R E S O L U T I O N**  
**by the**  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
**In Recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Passing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment**  
**to the Constitution of the United States**

**WHEREAS**, an organized movement to enfranchise women began in July 1848 at a convention in Seneca Falls, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, through the efforts of brave and courageous women referred to as suffragists who sacrificed family, personal life, and financial resources for over 70 years to gain equal rights for women, especially the right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, women and men, black and white, supported the woman’s suffrage movement for women to gain the constitutional right of having a voice in making the laws that govern them; and

**WHEREAS**, the woman’s suffrage movement led to the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in 1919, with ratification by the states by the summer of 1920; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Woman’s Suffrage Association dissolved in 1920 to create the League of Women Voters of the United States to register voters and educate all voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters of North Carolina was launched on October 7, 1920 on the steps of the Guilford County Courthouse by Gertrude Weil, a politically active and tireless young woman from Goldsboro, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 120,000 women were registered to vote in North Carolina by 1920; and

**WHEREAS**, women today constitute a majority vote in our state and the United States and are running for office in higher numbers and more active in the election process than ever before in history.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women gaining the right to vote and the founding of the League of Women Voters in the United States and in North Carolina is recognized for the impact these historic accomplishments have on citizen engagement and the civic life of the community, the state and the nation.

**This, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**

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

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*Resolution Declaring Vance County a Constitutional Rights Protected County.* Mr. McMillen stated that a growing number of counties have adopted resolutions in support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right to bear arms. Thus far, over 50 counties have taken this action which reaffirms that counties would not enact unconstitutional gun-control measures. These resolutions are mostly symbolic, since County Government in North Carolina is subordinate to State and Federal Government. The Chair and Vice-Chair requested a resolution be prepared for consideration by the full board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution declaring Vance County, North Carolina a constitutional rights protected county.

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**RESOLUTION**  
by the  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
*Declaring Vance County North Carolina*  
*A Constitutional Rights Protected County*

**WHEREAS**, it is acknowledged that the right of individuals to keep and bear arms is under attack in the United States of America by certain elected officials from many levels of Government; and

**WHEREAS**, it is further recognized that the Constitution of The United States is the Supreme Law of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the second Amendment to the Constitution states: “A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed...”; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Constitution, Article I, Section 30 states: “A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; and, as standing armies in time of peace are dangerous to liberty, they shall not be maintained, and the military shall be kept under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power. Nothing herein shall justify the practice of carrying concealed weapons, or prevent the General Assembly from enacting penal statutes against the practice;” and

**WHEREAS**, a long line of established U.S. Supreme court cases have ruled where rights are secured by the U.S. Constitution, including Second Amendment Rights, no rule making or legislation may abrogate those rights and the right to “keep and bear arms” is secured by the “due process” and “privileges and immunities” clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment which protects rights of, and closely related to, the Second Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Vance County have long supported the rights of the individual, particularly as those rights exist under the U.S. and North Carolina Constitutions, including the Second Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Board of Commissioners is concerned about the passage of any bill or legislation which could be interpreted as infringing the rights of the citizens of Vance County to keep and bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Board of Commissioners expresses its deep commitment to protecting the Second Amendment rights of all citizens of Vance County to keep and bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, and under the North Carolina Constitution of the citizens of Vance County to keep and bear arms, and all rights and privileges arising therefrom; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vance County Board of Commissioners expresses its intent to stand as a ***Constitutional Rights Protected County*** for Second Amendment rights and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of North Carolina, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Vance County Board of Commissioners, working with Sheriff Curtis Brame, within its legal powers, duties, and responsibilities, shall respect, protect, and defend the Second Amendment rights of the citizens of Vance County and the Board will oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the State of North Carolina, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such constitutional means at its disposal to protect the rights of its citizens to keep and bear arms; and

The Vance County Board of Commissioners hereby declares Vance County, North Carolina, as a “Constitutional Rights Protected County.”

**Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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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*Resolution Supporting the Formation of the Triangle Trails Initiative.* Mr. McMillen stated that the Triangle Trails Initiative is an effort to organize 14 counties in central North Carolina for the purpose of promoting and marketing trails and greenways within the region. The organization was formed in 2019 as a result of a grant from the AJ Fletcher Foundation. In 2019, a public-private advisory board was formed and their goal is to begin raising \$2 million in private funds to sustain operations and staffing for the next 3-5 years. The county’s participation is voluntary and no funding commitments are being asked or required of the counties. Participation in the initiative will allow the county access to the organization and staff as a resource and clearinghouse for access to grants in the future. The effort is not intending to advocate for a single trail through all counties, but rather is designed to promote the region and our trails as a whole.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution supporting the formation and Vance County's inclusion in the Triangle Trails Initiative:



**RESOLUTION**  
by the  
**Vance County Board of Commissioners**  
*Supporting the Formation of the Triangle Trails Initiative*

**WHEREAS**, Vance County, North Carolina is committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for citizens throughout the region and recognizes that the “Triangle Trails Initiative” will contribute to quality of life by weaving together community and regional assets via a network of trails and greenways; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Triangle Trails Initiative” recommends linking trails and greenways together, across a multi-county regional landscape, gaining cooperation of public and private sector interests that encourage collaboration; and to create a network that will, in the long term, provide transportation, exercise, leisure, safety, accessibility, recreation, community and economic benefits aimed at enhancing the quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, many communities, agencies, and trail advocates in the region have taken a lead in planning and building local trails and greenways, and those efforts can be greatly enhanced by being connected to a larger regional network of trails; and

**WHEREAS**, trails and their green landscape areas help improve the quality of the air we breathe by preserving trees and vegetation, by promoting reduce congestion through non-motorized transportation, and enhance the quality of our water through natural buffers mitigating the impacts of storm water run-off; and

**WHEREAS**, trails and greenways are freely accessible community assets offering opportunities for transportation, recreation and exercise to everyone, including children and families, providing safe places for county residents to experience a sense of community, celebrate our history and culture, and create stronger social ties; and

**WHEREAS**, trails have significant impact on the health and economic viability of the region encouraging active lifestyles, increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, added jobs, as well as enhanced ability to attract and retain businesses to the region due to improved quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Triangle Trails Initiative” provides the foundation for a long term strategy that will continue to grow and to provide invaluable resources for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners supports the concept of working within a regional framework to plan, design, develop and link protected undeveloped landscapes and natural resources by endorsing the “Triangle Trails Initiative.”

**Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.**

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



*Goals for FY 2020-21.* Mr. McMillen stated that the following goals were prioritized during the retreat on February 10, 2020 for FY 2020-21. He recommended that the board approve the goals as developed.

1. To complete renovation and move DSS into Eaton-Johnson by June 30, 2021.
2. To retain or assist in the creation of 150 new jobs and \$10 million in new investment for the county through various means to include completion of Phase III of the Henderson-Vance Industrial Park, business retention, attraction of new businesses, and other means to include advocacy for rail development long-term.
3. To implement a community paramedicine program in the next fiscal year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. to approve the goals as developed by the Board of Commissioners for FY 2020-21. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Faines and unanimously approved.

*Established Committee Topics.* Mr. McMillen noted that through the goal setting process, the board determined several topics for further committee discussion as follows:

- Public Safety Committee – Paramedicine Program
- Public Safety Committee – Reorganization of Fire Dept. to Combination Department
- Human Resources Committee – Evaluation Format for County Manager
- Intergovernmental Committee – Joint Funding of McGregor Hall
- Intergovernmental Committee – Reorganization of Recreation Department to County Department

Staff will be working to schedule these committee meetings over the next month.

#### Consent Agenda

Commissioner Dan Brummitt asked that Budget Transfer #15 be pulled for discussion. The transfer is for \$4,700 to replace three computers at 911. He stated that spending needs to be monitored, especially this time of the fiscal year. He asked why these new computers are needed now. Finance Director Katherine Bigelow stated that she would look into this and bring it back to the board at its next meeting.

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: Budget Amendments #21 - #22, Budget Transfers #9 - #14 and #16 - #17, January 2020 Tax Refunds and Releases, departmental monthly reports, and the minutes of the February 3, 2020 regular meeting and the February 17, 2020 special meeting.



**Budget Amendment #21  
FY 2019-2020  
Animal Services**

<b>Revenue Amendment Request</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Revenue Increase (Decrease)</b>
General Fund Balance	10-399-439900	3,350
<b>Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)</b>		<b>\$ 3,350</b>

<b>Expenditure Amendment Request</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Expense Increase (Decrease)</b>
Animal Vehicle Equipment Budget	10-599-500017	2,250
Animal Equipment Rental	10-599-500021	1,100
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,350</b>

Purpose: Unexpected vehicle repair cost on animal services truck. New fuel and water pump, lights, two sets of brakes. To cover an increase in DSI monthly base charge for the remaining of the budget year.

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**Budget Amendment #22  
FY 2019-2020  
Fire**

<b>Revenue Amendment Request</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Revenue Increase (Decrease)</b>
General Fund Balance	10-399-439900	1,244
<b>Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)</b>		<b>\$ 1,244</b>

<b>Expenditure Amendment Request</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Expense Increase (Decrease)</b>
Fire Department	10-531-500015	1,244
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,244</b>

Purpose: Plymovent did not rapidly release and caused damage to the door. This unexpected bill is Garrett's Garage Doors.

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**Budget Transfer #9  
FY 2019-2020  
Admin/Finance**

<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Capital Outlay	10-440-500074	3,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,500</b>

<b>Transfer To:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Office Supplies	10-440-500032	3,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,500</b>

Purpose: To cover temporary and new hire office needs. Replacement of two desks that were falling apart.

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**Budget Transfer #10  
FY 2019-2020  
Jail**

<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Regular Salaries	10-520-500001	38,750
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 38,750</b>

<b>Transfer To:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Maintenance Building & Grounds	10-520-500015	27,500
Office Supplies	10-520-500032	6,250
Departmental Supplies	10-520-500033	5,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 38,750</b>

Purpose: To cover overage in accounts.

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**Budget Transfer #11  
FY 2019-2020  
Elections**

<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contingency	10-999-500099	4,250
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,250</b>

<b>Transfer To:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Elections Maintenance Equipment	10-430-500016	4,250
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,250</b>

Purpose: To cover overage in accounts.

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**Budget Transfer #12**  
**FY 2019-2020**  
**Fire Marshal**

<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contingency	10-999-500099	468
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 468</b>

<b>Transfer To:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Telephone & Postage	10-532-500011	468
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 468</b>

Purpose: To cover overage in accounts, MDT service was not originally budgeted for.

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**Budget Transfer #13**  
**FY 2019-2020**  
**Information Technology**

<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contingency	10-999-500099	1,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,000</b>

<b>Transfer To:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Non-capitalized assets	10-491-500085	1,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,000</b>

Purpose: Audio/video media upgrade in administrative conference room.

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**Budget Transfer #14**  
**FY 2019-2020**  
**EMS**

<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Regular Salaries	10-530-500001	15,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 15,000</b>

<b>Transfer To:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Maintenance Vehicles	10-530-500017	15,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 15,000</b>

Purpose: Transfer from lapse salaries to cover needed maintenance on ambulances.

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**Budget Transfer #16  
FY 2019-2020  
Tax/Economic Development**

<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Contingency	10-999-500099	30,084.63
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 30,084.63</b>

<b>Transfer To:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Tax Refunds	10-450-500058	30,084.63
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 30,084.63</b>

Purpose: MR Williams economic development agreement.

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**Budget Transfer #17  
FY 2019-2020  
Fund 71 – Emergency Telephone System**

<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Capital Outlay	71-751-500074	90,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 90,000</b>

<b>Transfer To:</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Telephone & Postage	71-751-500011	90,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 90,000</b>

Purpose: Per department head, to move to cover telephone expenses. This was expected at the beginning of the year since bill amounts were unknown. This is all ETS monies. No county dollars.

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As there was no further business, at 7:35 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 April 6, 2020.**

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