## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 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 Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Commissioners Deborah F. Brown, Dan Brummitt, Terry E. Garrison, Archie B. Taylor, Jr., Gordon Wilder, and Eddie L. Wright. Absent: None.

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

Rev. Joseph Ratliff, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

As advertised, at 6:00 p.m., a public hearing was held to gain citizen input on the proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation by the County of Vance. Finance Director David C. Beck explained that the programs included in the ROAP application are:

- 1. Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) which provides operating assistance for the transportation of elderly and disabled citizens. This transportation assistance allows for the individual to reside for longer periods in their homes, thereby enhancing their quality of life. For the purpose of EDTAP, an elderly person is defined as one who reaches the age of 60 or more years. A disabled person is defined as one who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity, and an individual who is regarded as having such impairment.
- 2. Work First/Employment Program is intended to provide operating assistance for transitional Work First and general public employment transportation needs. These funds are used to support the employment transportation needs of individuals that are not eligible to receive benefits from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.
- Rural General Public (RGP) funds are intended to provide transportation service to individuals who are not human service agency clients.

The amounts allocated are as follows: EDTAP \$63,493, Employment \$13,252, and Rural General Public \$79,394, which totals to \$156,139 for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30,

2014.

As there was no one present who wished to speak on the matter, Chairman Thomas S. Hester, Jr. declared the public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to approve the submission of the application for the Rural Operating Assistance Program and authorize the Chairman, the County Manager, and the Finance Director to sign the certified statement. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder and unanimously approved.

### Committee Reports and Recommendations

*Human Resources Committee - Position Vacancies.* Argretta Johen, HR Director, requested the Board to allow filling the following position vacancies which have been endorsed by the Human Resources Committee:

<u>Social Services</u> Social Worker III

<u>Jail</u> Detention Shift Supervisor Senior Maintenance Specialist Detention Officer

## Fire and EMS Paramedic II

Motion was made by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, vote unanimous, to approve the position vacancies as presented.

Ms. Johen then distributed two items to the other four board members that are not on the Human Resources Committee. The first item was a quarterly report for Fire and EMS part-time overtime. The second item was a draft Voluntary Shared Annual Leave policy. Ms. Johen stated that the Human Resources Committee is reviewing this policy and will provide a recommendation to the full Board at a later time.

Planning & Environmental Committee - Neighborhood Stabilization Program. County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue stated that the Planning & Environmental Committee has been meeting this past month to discuss the disposition of homes constructed and renovated through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Staff has been working with the State and a HUD consultant to develop a strategy to have qualified occupants in the 11 homes within the next six months. The Committee met today with Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity (FVW) staff as well as Mental Health staff, which both have housing programs. FVW has been asked to submit a proposal to the County as to what kinds of services they can provide to help in placing qualified occupants in these homes. Mr. Ayscue recommended and requested the Board to empower the Planning & Environmental Committee to work with staff on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, to meet the requirements of the State and of HUD, and to allow that committee to make the decisions as necessary in terms of contracting, making purchases of appliances as necessary, etc.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright that the Board empower the Planning & Environmental Committee to work with staff on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and allow that committee to make decisions on contracting, purchasing, etc. in order to have qualified occupants in these homes as required by the State and Federal Government. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Deborah F. Brown asked that incentives be offered to encourage teachers, county employees, city employees, etc. to look into these homes.

At this time, Tax Administrator Porcha Brooks presented a Levy Collected Report as of July 31, 2013. The report shows the percentage of taxes collected by year from 2003 to 2012. The Board thanked Ms. Brooks for this report and requested that it be provided to the Board on a quarterly basis.

### County Manager's Report

*Proclamation – Fall Litter Sweep.* Mr. Ayscue stated that in the spring and fall of each year, the NC Department of Transportation sponsors cleanup campaigns to beautify the roadsides of the State. In support of the upcoming Fall Litter Sweep, the Board of County Commissioners is asked to approve a proclamation urging all citizens to become involved in making Vance County cleaner, safer, and more aesthetic.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to approve the following proclamation designating September 21 – October 5, 2013, as Fall Litter Sweep in Vance County:

# P R O C L A M A T I O N by the Vance County Board of Commissioners in Recognition of the 2013 Fall Litter Sweep

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

WHEREAS, the Fall 2013 Litter Sweep roadside cleanup drive will take place during September 21 – October 5, 2013, Vance County wholeheartedly encourages communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families, youth groups, and individual citizens to participate in the cleanup effort by sponsoring and organizing roadside cleanup teams; and

- WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our State and County along with a clean environment are a source of great pride for all Vance County residents, attracting tourists and aiding in the recruiting of new industries; and
- WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, community service workers, community leaders, civic and community organizations, youth programs, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct local cleanups during Litter Sweep and may receive Certificates of Appreciation for their participation; and
- WHEREAS, the cleanup effort will increase the awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of anti-litter campaigns, encourage the recycling of solid wastes, and ultimately enhance community pride; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Litter Sweep cleanup will also help educate the youth of the County regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Vance County and provide them with an opportunity to become actively involved.
- **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize September 21 October 5, 2013, as "Fall Litter Sweep" in Vance County and encourages all citizens to take a direct and active role in creating a cleaner and more attractive community.

THIS, the 3rd day of September, 2013.

## <u>Thomas S. Hester, Jr.</u> (signed) Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Chairman

*Schools – Capital Fund Applications*. Mr. Ayscue explained that in conjunction with the Board of Education, the Board of County Commissioners must annually approve joint applications for state education lottery funding for previously approved projects. The projects include school building security enhancements (lottery proceeds), debt retirement of QZABs for building improvements, and debt retirement of QSCBs for other building improvements and construction of multi-purpose rooms. Mr. Ayscue recommended that the Board approve the three joint applications for education lottery funds for annual debt payments of \$133,334 for QZABs, \$261,621.33 for QSCBs, and \$50,500 for building security enhancements. Mr. Claiborne Woods, Schools Maintenance Director, was present and asked the Board to support this recommendation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to approve the three joint applications for education lottery funds for annual debt payments of \$133,334 for QZABs, \$261,621.33 for QSCBs, and \$50,500 for building security enhancements.

*Resolution of Support - COG.* Mr. Ayscue stated that the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments wishes to apply for a second Clean Water Act grant. The COG Board of Directors has adopted a resolution to approve the application and requests that its members adopt a resolution of support that will likely accompany the application.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution in support of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Government's grant application for Clean Water Act funds.

# RESOLUTION by the Vance County Board of Commissioners Endorsing the Continuation of the 205j Grant for Environmental Planning by the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments

- WHEREAS, North Carolina's continued prosperity depends on protecting the state's water resources for current use and future generations, and
- **WHEREAS,** North Carolina is expected to grow by 3.5 million people to exceed 12 million by the year 2030, placing pressures on the state's water resources and local water providers, and
- **WHEREAS**, North Carolina's businesses, traditional and emerging industries all depend on reliable supplies of clean water, reasonable utility costs and an attractive natural environment, and
- WHEREAS, North Carolina's public water, sewer and stormwater utilities will require investments totaling \$16.63 billion to keep pace with necessary improvements and population growth over the next 25 years, including \$6.85 billion in investments within the next five years, and
- WHEREAS, the Kerr-Tar COG was awarded a 205j grant during FY 2012 to assist with providing water quality education and outreach to elected officials and local government staff within the region, and
- WHEREAS, through successes of this grant program, the Kerr-Tar COG is positioned to apply for 2013 205j grant funding through the North Carolina Division of Water Resources;
- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners for the County of Vance endorse continuing 205j grant funding through the Kerr-Tar COG to ensure that the Kerr-Tar region and its local governments, residents, and businesses remain aware of and prepared for current and future water quality rules and regulations.

ADOPTED this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013.

Thomas S. Hester, Jr.(signed)Thomas S. Hester, Jr., ChairmanVance County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

<u>Kelly H. Grissom (signed)</u> Kelly H. Grissom Clerk to the Board

*Sale of Surplus Vehicles.* Mr. Ayscue stated that the County has sixteen (16) vehicles which are available for disposition. A listing of these vehicles was provided to the Board. The Board of Commissioners must declare the vehicles as surplus and authorize the sale. Mr. Ayscue recommended that the Board declare the used vehicles as surplus and authorize the Finance Director to sell them in compliance with State law and in the most responsible manner possible.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, to declare the 16 vehicles as surplus and authorize the Finance Director to sell them in compliance with State law and in the most responsible manner possible. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. recommended that the vehicles be sold by local auction so that Vance County residents have a better opportunity to bid on these vehicles.

After discussion of this matter, motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright that a local auction be considered first, then all other options be considered. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. and vote was ayes - five (5); noes - two (2), with the dissenting votes being cast by Commissioners Dan Brummitt and Gordon Wilder.

## Pending Business

*County Water Project*. The Project Engineer will provide an overview of the water project, including Phases 1A, 2A, and 2B, as part of the Water Board agenda.

Mr. Ayscue stated that staff is working closely with bond counsel, the NC Local Government Commission, and USDA Rural Development in arranging the appropriate financing mechanisms for the Water Project.

*VFD Contracts and Audits*. Mr. Ayscue reported that everything is in compliance. The due date for the next round of audits is October 31.

### Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: Budget Amendments #2 and #3, Budget Transfer #2, July 2013 Tax Refunds and Releases, August 2013 Monthly Reports received and filed, and the minutes of the August 5, 2013 regular meeting.

## Budget Amendment #2 FY 2013-2014 Social Services

		Revenue
<b>Revenue Amendment Request</b>	Account Number	Increase (Decrease)
Duke Progress Low Income Asst	10-348-434826	87,644
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$ 87,644

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
Duke Progress Low Income Asst	10-610-500139	87,644
Total		\$ 87,644

Purpose: New grant funds received by DSS from Duke Energy as a result of the merger with Progress Energy. Funds are to be used to assist Duke Progress low income customers with electric bill payment, service deposits, energy equipment purchases, simple weatherization projects, and repair of a permanent heating or cooling unit.

# Budget Amendment #3 FY 2013-2014 911/Emergency Management

		Revenue
<b>Revenue Amendment Request</b>	Account Number	Increase (Decrease)
911 EMP Supplemental Grant	10-380-438059	15,056
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$ 15,056

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
911 EMP Supplemental Grant	10-621-500525	15,056
Total		\$ 15,056

Purpose: Supplemental grant funds awarded to the 911/Emergency Operations Department. Funds must be used to further the Emergency Management program.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners September 3, 2013

Budget Transfer #2 FY 2013-2014 Farmer's Market Project

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners September 3, 2013

Transfer From:	Account Number	Amount
Contingency	66-605-500099	3,000
Total		\$ 3,000

Transfer To:	Account Number	Amount
Contracted Services	66-605-500045	3,000
Total		\$ 3,000

Purpose: For additional architect reimbursable expenses due to plan revisions that were necessitated by the value engineering measures (removing roll up doors, paving of parking areas, cupolas, etc.)

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners September 3, 2013

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# Tax Office Refund and Release Report for July 2013

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Taxpayer Name	Tax Year	Real	Personal	Motor Vehicle	MV Fee	Solid Waste Fee	Reason
Starnes Timothy Ray	2004	23.25	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Starnes Timothy Ray	2005	23.75	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Starnes Timothy Ray	2006	23.75	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
J B Foster Enterprises	2007	0	0	14.58	0	0	pro-rate
Starnes Timothy Ray	2007	23.75	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Starnes Timothy Ray	2008	20.60	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Starnes Timothy Ray	2009	20.20	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Galarza Anthony Frederick	2010	0	0	11.55	0	0	transfer out
Starnes Timothy Ray	2010	20.20	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Nutbush Baptist Church	2011	0	0	44.68	0	0	Religious
May Joseph	2011	0	75.46	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Starnes Timothy Ray	2011	20.20	0	0	0	0	foreclosure
Tharrington James	2011	0	48.04	0	0	105.00	correct value
Alston Keisha Renea	2012	0	0	11.40	0	0	pro-rate
Burwell Darlene Hargrove	2012	0	0	11.40	0	0	pro-rate
Chandler Barry Gerrard	2012	0	0	54.02	0	0	pro-rate
Finch William Crawford Sr.	2012	0	0	17.63	0	0	pro-rate
Foster Lisa Odell	2012	0	0	4.55	0	0	pro-rate
Freedom Life Church Of God	2012	0	0	39.11	0	0	religious
Freedom Life Ministries	2012	0	0	8.40	0	0	religious
Garcia Jose Magdaleno	2012	0	0	55.62	0	0	pro-rate
Hargrove Sharon Faines	2012	0	0	52.07	0	0	pro-rate
Noel Valerie	2012	0	0	38.92	0	0	pro-rate
Pascacio Pedro Cisneros	2012	0	0	11.38	0	0	pro-rate
Pascacio Pedro Cisneros	2012	0	0	14.84	0	0	pro-rate
Perry Carolyn Elizabeth	2012	0	0	1.37	0	0	pro-rate
Rodriguez Baltazar	2012	0	0	9.85	0	0	pro-rate
Taylor Larry Donnell Jr.	2012	0	0	13.51	0	0	pro-rate
Tharrington Eric	2012	0	0	12.76	0	0	pro-rate
The Salvation Army	2012	0	0	309.48	10.00	0	charitable all o
Abbott John Lennie	2012	0	0	4.22	0	0	pro-rate
Alston Patricia	2012	53.43	0	0	0	105.00	correct value
Antel Matthew Damon	2012	0	0	8.98	0	0	pro-rate
Baldwin Patricia	2012	0	44.43	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Bowen David Marc	2012	0	0	128.06	0	0	pro-rate
Bowen Sharon Moore	2012	0	0	40.63	0	0	correct value
Branch Larry Delane	2012	0	0	2.05	0	0	pro-rate
Brantley Elizabeth Montgomery	2012	0	0	1.96	0	0	pro-rate
Breland Bryan Keith	2012	0	0	112.40	0	0	pro-rate
Burnette L'erin Gianni	2012	0	0	34.99	0	0	pro-rate
Burns Rebecca	2012	0	75.83	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Burt Latasha	2012	0	0	6.38	0	0	pro-rate

Taxpayer Name	Tax Year	Real	Personal	Motor Vehicle	MV Fee	Solid Waste Fee	Reason
Burwell Fredrick Medina	2012	0	0	27.20	0	0	transfer out
Clark Stephanie Walker	2012	0	0	5.43	0	0	pro-rate
Clayton Taylor Danielle	2012	0	0	152.20	10.00	0	transfer out
Cooke Douglas McArthur	2012	0	0	6.61	0	0	pro-rate
Cooley Brenda Marie	2012 2012	0	0	5.89 17.69	0	0	pro-rate
Countryman Rodney Lee Sr. Crews Amanda Ranes	2012	0	0	33.00	0	0	pro-rate pro-rate
Davis Joyce Baxter	2012	0	0	96.65	10.00	0	pro-rate
Davis Reuben	2012	0	0	19.01	10.00	0	pro-rate
Deans Christopher Michael	2012	0	0	80.70	0	0	pro-rate
Edwards Taylor Nicole	2012	0	0	48.08	0	0	pro-rate
Ellington John Arch	2012	0	0	15.06	0	0	pro-rate
Focus Day Service	2012	0	0	268.33	0	0	pro-rate
Gorham Sylvia Ann	2012	0	0	7.66	0	0	pro-rate
Hall David Neil	2012	0	0	10.64	0	0	pro-rate
Harris Latoria Laketta	2012	0	0	13.63	0	0	pro-rate
Hicks Alo Mae Keeton	2012	0	0	67.94	0	0	pro-rate
J L Williams Construction Co	2012	0	0	9.91	0	0	pro-rate
Johnson Kimari Marcus	2012	0	0	26.32	0	0	pro-rate
Kearney Mahasin Ayesha	2012	0	0	52.12	0	0	transfer out
Kersey George Earnest	2012	0	0	35.46	0	0	pro-rate
Kersey Venise Alston	2012	0	0	36.02	0	0	pro-rate
Key Steven Parker	2012	0	0	23.07	0	0	pro-rate
King Paul	2012	0	111.22	0	0	0	pers prop billed
Kingsberry Xavier Lee	2012	0	0	24.17	0	0	transfer out
Lovings Junius Reben	2012	0	0	28.88	0	0	pro-rate
Lyons Angela Cooper	2012	0	0	18.44	0	0	pro-rate
Marrow Mattie	2012	0	0	0	0	105.00	remove solid was
Martin Elizabeth Nicole	2012 2012	0	76.77	3.58	0	0 105.00	pro-rate
May Joseph Montgomery Bryan Todd	2012	0	0.77	31.25	0	0	pers prop billed pro-rate
Newsome Laura Leona	2012	0	0	13.13	0	0	pro-rate
Oakley Glenn Wesley	2012	0	0	11.90	0	0	correct value
Parham John Asa	2012	0	0	26.29	0	0	pro-rate
Parker Edna Elaine	2012	0	0	41.15	0	0	pro-rate
Pascacio Pedro Cisneros	2012	0	0	8.13	0	0	pro-rate
Pendergrass Edward Phillip	2012	0	0	10.84	0	0	pro-rate
Pendergrass Matthew Ryan	2012	0	0	10.66	10.00	0	reg veh billed i
Perry Sharon Elam	2012	0	0	2.84	0	0	pro-rate
Perry Y-Keyla Tynika	2012	0	0	16.22	0	0	pro-rate
Pinero Kimberly Ausborn	2012	0	0	14.04	0	0	pro-rate
Poythress Jeanette Faulkner	2012	0	0	3.18	0	0	pro-rate
Reeves Lisa Reashell	2012	0	0	2.52	0	0	pro-rate
Robertson Elfriede Kogler	2012	0	0	36.09	0	0	pro-rate
Rodriguez Juan Luis Gregorio	2012	0	0	25.23	0	0	pro-rate
Satterwhite Shirley Darlene	2012	0	0	25.85	0	0	pro-rate
Seward Charlie McDonald	2012	0	0	5.04	0	0	pro-rate
Seward Charlie McDonald	2012	0	0	15.96	0	0	pro-rate
Simms Tracey Ann	2012	0	0	34.52	0	0	pro-rate
Smith Monica Renea Starnes Timothy Ray	2012 2012	0 20.55	0	105.39	10.00	0	reg veh billed i foreclosure
Staton Judy Horton	2012	0	0	6.92	0	0	pro-rate
Swecker Katie Marshall	2012	0	0	40.76	0	0	pro-rate
Taborn Chiquita Angele	2012	0	0	13.29	0	0	pro-rate
Taylor Arlene	2012	0	67.09	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Tharrington James	2012	0	48.87	0	0	105.00	pers prop billed
Thompson John Wayne	2012	0	0	41.60	0	0	pro-rate
Watkins Herbert	2012	0	0	7.15	0	0	pro-rate
Wilkins Solomon	2012	0	0	26.67	0	0	pro-rate
Williams Jesse Jr.	2012	0	0	24.09	0	0	pro-rate
Bullock Irene F. heirs	2013	598.97	0	0	0	0	puv appeal grant
Bullock Irene F. heirs	2013	247.16	0	0	0	0	puv appeal grant
Lewis Donald	2013	0	0	0	0	0	add solid waste
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Lewis Donald		500.00	0	0	0	0	puv appeal grant
Bullock Irene F. heirs	2013	599.09					
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Bowen David Marc	2013	0	0	19.46	0	0	pro-rate
Bullock Albert Jr.	2013	0	0	38.61	0	0	pro-rate
Bullock Irene F. heirs	2013	609.47	0	0	0	0	puv appeal grant
Bullock Irene F. heirs	2013	251.74	0	0	0	0	puv appeal grant
Carroll Kenneth Neal	2013	0	0	39.11	0	0	correct value
Carroll Kenneth Neal	2013	0	0	19.11	0	0	pro-rate
Cress John Mark	2013	0	0	38.39	0	0	correct ownershi
Davis Lawrence Dereck	2013	0	0	120.45	10.00	0	correct situs
Day George Andrew	2013	0	0	4.11	0	0	transfer out
Garcia Jose Magdaleno	2013	0	0	18.36	0	0	pro-rate
Garrison Jason Andrew	2013	0	0	199.72	0	0	pro-rate
Gibson Julie Yancey	2013	0	0	9.81	0	0	pro-rate
Harris Sandra Lee	2013	0	0	29.96	0	0	pro-rate
Harvey Mary Jane Butler	2013	0	0	85.24	0	0	pro-rate
Henderson Christopher Antonio	2013	0	0	15.28	0	0	pro-rate
Hudson John Russell	2013	0	0	2.79	10.00	0	correct situs
Johnson Bobby Leslie Jr.	2013	0	0	4.64	0	0	pro-rate
Moody Calvin Wilton Jr.	2013	0	0	85.72	0	0	correct value
Murdock Marie Heath	2013	0	0	37.49	0	0	pro-rate
Overby Kathryn Bowen	2013	0	0	68.35	0	0	correct value
Pearce Salbert Alton	2013	0	0	128.35	10.00	0	correct situs
Pendergrass Matthew Ryan	2013	0	0	9.28	0	0	pro-rate
Pete Smith Lube & Tire, Inc.	2013	0	0	178.06	0	0	correct value
Prentice Gregory Roger	2013	0	0	12.05	0	0	correct value
Pulley David William	2013	0	0	12.92	0	0	pro-rate
Ranes William Ray	2013	0	0	34.00	10.00	0	correct situs
Renn Cindy Huff	2013	0	0	5.89	0	0	pro-rate
Riggan Andrew Earl	2013	0	0	10.52	0	0	correct value
Riggan Randy Michael	2013	0	0	12.85	0	0	correct value
Roberson Andi Nichole	2013	0	0	0	0	0	correct situs
Roberts Nathaniel	2013	0	0	113.60	0	0	transfer out
Royster Fannie Burwell	2013	0	0	5.67	0	0	pro-rate
Ruggles Deborah Lynn	2013	0	0	38.39	0	0	transfer out
Stone Steven Wayne	2013	0	0	121.58	0	0	transfer out
Teague Terra Elizabeth	2013	0	0	21.63	0	0	correct value
Thomas Wesley Warren	2013	0	0	16.11	0	0	correct value
Tice Andrew Roy	2013	0	0	24.50	0	0	pro-rate
Watson Earl Patrick	2013	0	0	46.24	0	0	pro-rate
Williams Eddie Roy	2013	0	0	5.59	0	0	transfer out
Williams Karen Eichman	2013	0	0	12.17	0	0	correct value
Total		2,803.56	547.71	4,512.29	110.00	945.00	
Total Releases and Refunds	8,918.56						

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

### Miscellaneous

Appointments. The following appointments were presented to the Board for consideration.

## Smart Start Board - 3 year term

Appoint Commissioner to replace Dan Brummitt. Commissioner Brummitt has served two, three-year terms, which is the limit.

Vance County Housing Authority - 5 year term Re-appoint Esther Kearney and Linda Thomas

Bearpond Firemen's Relief Fund Board

Appoint Benjamin Jones and David Rowland per request from Bearpond VFD Chief Jeffrey Turner.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to appoint Archie Taylor to the

Smart Start Board for a three-year term. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry E.

Garrison and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Dan

Brummitt, vote unanimous, to re-appoint Esther Kearney and Linda Thomas to the Vance

County Housing Authority for five-year terms and appoint Benjamin Jones and David Rowland

to the Bearpond Firemen's Relief Fund Board.

#### Water District Board

At this time, Chairman Thomas S. Hester, Jr. called the Water District Board to order.

Finance Director David C. Beck introduced the following resolution, the title of which

was read and copies of which had been previously distributed to each Commissioner:

# RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,627,000 WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Vance, North Carolina, in its capacity as the governing body of the Vance County Water District (the "District"):

Section 1. The Board has determined and does hereby find and declare:

(a) An order authorizing \$27,000,000 Water Bonds of the District was adopted by the Board for the District on March 10, 2008, which order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the District who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on May 6, 2008.

(b) None of said bonds has been issued and there is outstanding \$3,841,000 Water Bond Anticipation Notes of the District, dated January 29, 2013 (the "Maturing Notes"), maturing October 23, 2013 and bearing interest at a rate of 1.00% per annum, issued in anticipation of the proceeds of a like amount of said bonds.

(c) In addition, the District has determined to issue an additional \$1,786,000 of water bond anticipation notes at this time to finance the cost of additional water distribution system improvements.

(d) As a result, it is necessary to issue \$5,627,000 notes at this time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of bonds, the proceeds of the sale thereof to be applied to the payment of the principal of the outstanding notes at maturity and to the payment of additional water distribution system improvements for the District.

Section 2. In anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of bonds, the issuance of \$5,627,000 negotiable notes of the District is hereby authorized, which notes shall be designated "Water Bond Anticipation Notes" (the "Notes"), shall be dated October 22, 2013, shall mature July 16, 2014, without option of prior payment, and shall bear interest at a rate to be determined by the Local Government Commission at the time the Notes are sold, which interest shall be payable at the maturity of the Notes, and shall be computed on the basis

of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, to which no interest coupons shall be attached.

The principal of and the interest on the Notes shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof.

The Notes shall be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of Note certificates to be made except as hereinafter provided. One Note certificate in the aggregate principal amount of the Notes stated to mature on July 16, 2014 and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), shall be issued and deposited with DTC and immobilized in its custody. The bookentry system will evidence ownership of the Notes in the principal amount of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$100,000, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The principal of and interest on the Notes shall be payable to Cede & Co. or any other person appearing on the registration books of the District hereinafter provided for as the registered owner of the Notes or his registered assigns or legal representative at such office of the Note Registrar hereinafter mentioned or such other place as the District may determine upon the presentation and surrender thereof as the same shall become due and payable; provided, however, that for so long as the Notes are deposited with DTC, the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes shall be made to DTC in same-day funds by 2:30 p.m. or otherwise as determined by the rules and procedures established by DTC. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC, and transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners of the Notes by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. The District will not be responsible or liable for such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

In the event that (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Notes or (b) the Finance Officer of the District determines that continuation of the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Notes would adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the Notes, the District will discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the District identifies another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the District will make arrangements with DTC and such other depository to effect such replacement and deliver replacement Notes registered in the name of such other depository or its nominee in exchange for the outstanding Notes, and the references to DTC or Cede & Co. in this resolution shall thereupon be deemed to mean such other depository to replace DTC, the District fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the District will deliver replacement Notes in the form of fully-registered certificates in denominations of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$100,000 ("Certificated Notes") in exchange for the outstanding Notes as required by DTC and others. Upon the request of DTC, the District may also deliver one or more Certificated Notes to any participant of DTC in exchange for Notes credited to its account with DTC.

Unless indicated otherwise, the provisions of this resolution that follow shall apply to all Notes issued or issuable hereunder, whether initially or in replacement thereof.

Section 3. The Notes shall bear the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman of the Board and the Clerk to the Board of the District and the corporate seal or a facsimile of the corporate seal of the District shall be impressed or imprinted, as the case may be, on the Notes.

The certificate of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to be endorsed on all Notes shall bear the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of said Commission and the certificate of authentication of the Note Registrar to be endorsed on all Notes shall be executed as provided hereinafter.

In case any officer of the District or the Local Government Commission of North Carolina whose manual or facsimile signature shall appear on any Notes shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Notes, such manual or facsimile signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery, and any Note may bear the manual or facsimile signatures of such persons as at the actual time of the execution of such Note shall be the proper officers to sign such Note although at the date of such Note such persons may not have been such officers.

No Note shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under this resolution until it shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Note Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed thereon.

The Notes to be registered in the name of Cede & Co. and the endorsements thereon shall be in substantially the following form:

No.\_\_\_\_\_

\$5,627,000

United States of America State of North Carolina County of Vance

## VANCE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE

CUSIP No.:

Vance County Water District, a body politic and corporate organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, is justly indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to CEDE & CO. or registered assigns or legal representative on the date specified below, upon the presentation and surrender hereof, at the office of the Finance Officer of said District (the "Note Registrar"), in Henderson, North Carolina, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014, the principal sum of

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and to pay interest thereon, computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, from the date hereof at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per centum (\_\_\_%) per annum, payable upon the presentation and surrender of this note at its maturity; provided, however, that for so long as the Notes (hereinafter defined) are deposited with The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes shall be made to DTC in same day funds by 2:30 p.m. or otherwise as determined by the rules and procedures established by DTC. Both the principal of and the interest on this note shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof. For the prompt payment hereof, both principal and interest as the same shall become due, the faith and credit of said District are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This note is one of an issue of notes designated "Water Bond Anticipation Notes" (the "Notes") and is given for money borrowed in the amount of the face of this note in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of a like amount of Water Bonds, duly authorized by an order adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Vance, North Carolina, in its capacity as the governing body of said District, on March 10, 2008, which order was approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said District who voted thereon at a referendum duly called and held on May 6, 2008, and this note is issued pursuant to and in full compliance with The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, Article 9, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina and a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners for said District on September 3, 2013 (the "Resolution").

The Notes shall be issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of note certificates to be made except as provided in the Resolution. One note certificate in the aggregate principal amount of the Notes stated to mature on such date and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, is being issued and deposited with DTC and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence ownership of the Notes in the principal amount of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$100,000, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC shall be the responsibility of DTC, and transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners of the Notes by participants of DTC shall be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. Said District shall not be responsible or liable for

such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

In certain events, said District will be authorized to deliver replacement Notes in the form of fully-registered certificates in the denomination of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$100,000 in exchange for the outstanding Notes as provided in the Resolution.

At the office of the Note Registrar, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in the Resolution, Notes may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Notes of the same maturity, of authorized denominations and bearing interest at the same rate.

The Note Registrar shall keep at his office the books of said District for the registration of transfer of Notes. The transfer of this Note may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the Resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Note Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Note Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Note Registrar shall deliver in exchange for this Note a new Note or Notes, registered in the name of the transferee, of authorized denominations, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of this Note, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina to happen, exist and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Note have happened, exist and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required, and that the total indebtedness of said District, including this Note, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

This Note shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any benefit or security under the Resolution until this Note shall have been authenticated by the execution by the Note Registrar of the certificate of authentication endorsed hereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Vance County Water District, pursuant to a resolution of its Board of Commissioners, has caused this note to be signed by its Chairman and its Clerk and its official seal to be impressed hereon, all as of the  $22^{nd}$  day of October, 2013.

Chairman

[SEAL]

Clerk to the Board

# CERTIFICATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The issuance of this note has been approved under the provisions of The Local Government Bond Act.

T. Vance Holloman Secretary, Local Government Commission

L.G.C. No.:\_\_\_\_\_

# CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This note is one of the Notes of the series designated herein and issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Resolution.

By:

Finance Officer

Date of authentication:

# ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned registered owner thereof hereby sells, assigns

and transfers unto

the within Note and all rights thereunder and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

attorney to register the transfer of said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated:

In the presence of:

(STAMP) or similar program.

NOTICE: The signature must be guaranteed The signature to this assignment must by an institution which is a participant in the correspond with the name as it appears on the Securities Transfer Agent Medallion Program face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration of enlargement or any change whatever.

Certificated Notes issuable hereunder shall be in substantially the form of the Notes registered in the name of Cede & Co. with such changes as are necessary to reflect the provisions of this resolution that are applicable to Certificated Notes.

Section 4. Notes, upon surrender thereof at the office of the Note Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Note Registrar, may, at the option of the registered owner thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Notes of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

The transfer of any Note may be registered only upon the registration books of the District upon the surrender thereof to the Note Registrar together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Note Registrar. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Note Registrar shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such Note a new Note or Notes, registered in the name of the transferee, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of such Note so surrendered, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

In all cases in which Notes shall be exchanged or the transfer of Notes shall be registered hereunder, the Note Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time Notes in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. All Notes surrendered in any such exchange or registration of transfer shall forthwith be canceled by the Note Registrar. The District or the Note Registrar may make a charge for shipping and out-of-pocket costs for every such exchange or registration of transfer of Notes sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer, but no other charge shall be made by the District or the Note Registrar for exchanging or registering the transfer of Notes under this resolution.

As to any Note, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal of any such Note and the interest on any such Note shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note, and interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The District shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositaries or other agents as may be necessary for the registration, registration of transfer and exchange of Notes within a reasonable time according to then current commercial standards and for the timely payment of principal and interest with respect to the Notes. The Finance Officer of the District or any person at any time acting in such capacity, is hereby appointed the registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Notes (collectively the "Note Registrar"), subject to the right of the Board of Commissioners for the District to appoint another Note Registrar, and as such shall keep at his office in the District, the books of the District for the registration, registration of transfer, exchange and payment of the Notes as provided in this resolution.

Section 5. The District covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or as may be amended from time to time, and any Treasury regulations now or hereafter promulgated thereunder, to the extent necessary so that interest on the Notes will not be included in gross income of the owners of the Notes for purposes of federal income tax.

Section 6. The actions of the officers of the District in applying to the Local Government Commission to approve, advertise and sell the notes and the Local Government Commission in asking for bids for said notes by publishing a notice and printing and distributing circulars relating to the sale of said notes are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 7. (a) The Maturing Notes were deemed designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. In connection with the refinancing of the Maturing Notes, the District hereby finds and determines that:

(1) the portion of the Notes in the principal amount of \$3,841,000 (the "Refunding Portion") being issued to refinance the Maturing Notes is being issued to refund, but not to advance refund, the Maturing Notes, and the principal amount of the Refunding Portion of the Notes does not exceed the outstanding amount of the Maturing Notes being refunded;

(2) the average maturity of the Maturing Notes (determined in accordance with Section 147(b)(2)(A) of the Code) is less than 3 years; and

(3) the Notes have a maturity date not later than 30 years from the date the Maturing Notes were issued.

Consequently, pursuant to Section 265(b)(3)(D)(ii) of the Code, the Refunding Portion of the Notes being issued to refund the Maturing Notes are deemed designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

(b) With respect to the 1,786,000 portion of the Notes being issued to finance additional improvements to the water system (the "New Money Portion"), the District hereby represents that it reasonably expects that it and all subordinate entities thereof will not issue in the aggregate more than 10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (not counting private-activity bonds except for qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in the Code) during calendar year 2013, and excluding obligations issued to refund (other than to advance refund) an obligation to the extent the amount of the refunding obligation does not exceed the outstanding amount of the refunded obligation, and hereby designates the New Money Portion of the Note as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

(c) As a result, the Notes have been designated or deemed designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 8. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares the following:

(a) Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations") under the Code prescribes specific procedures which are applicable to tax-exempt bonds or notes issued by or on behalf of the District for which prior expenditures are to be reimbursed, including, without limitation, a requirement that prior to, or within sixty (60) days of, payment of the expenditures

to be reimbursed the District declare its official intent to reimburse certain expenditures with proceeds of debt to be incurred by the District.

(b) The District hereby declares its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations to reimburse itself from the proceeds of debt to be hereinafter incurred by the District for certain expenditures on the water system construction described in this resolution paid by the District on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date hereof.

(c) \$27,000,000 is the maximum principal amount of debt reasonably expected to be incurred for the purpose of paying the costs of the water system improvements described in this resolution.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Upon motion of Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, the foregoing resolution entitled "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,627,000 WATER BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES" was passed by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Commissioners Deborah F. Brown, Dan Brummitt, Terry E. Garrison, Archie B. Taylor, Jr., Gordon Wilder, and Eddie L. Wright.

Noes: None

*Project Update.* Mr. Rob Bernard, Hobbs Upchurch and Associates provided an update of the construction work for Phases 1A, 2A and 2B. Phase 1A - all main lines have been installed. Service connections and clean-up remains. The next steps are preparing the final asbuilt drawings and engineering certifications, and meter installation. There have been some challenges with the water tank. While it is operating correctly, it is not filling completely due to lack of water pressure. It is only filling about 2/3 to 3/4 full. The exact reason for this problem is unknown, but Mr. Bernard recommended that a pump station be installed at the tank site.

Mr. Bernard stated that bids were received for water meters from four vendors. The low bidder was Carolina Meter and Supply. Reference checks were conducted and were extremely positive. The Water Planning Committee awarded the bid to Carolina Meter and Supply.

Mr. Bernard then discussed road additions. He stated that 16 total roads will be added to Phase 1A. Seven of those roads have already been designed and permitted - Allison Cooper Road, Cokesbury Court, Southerland Mill Road, Stewart Farm Road, Patterson Lane, Brookhaven Court, and Brookhaven Place. The remaining roads and/or portions of roads are in the permitting phase - Cheatham Mabry, Abby's Lane, Stevenson's Mobile Home Park, Hamp Falkner, Village Drive, Kitt's Landing Mobile Home Park, Tower Road, Ridgecrest Lane, Newton Dairy Road, and Aycock Road Extension.

Phases 2A and 2B. Construction bids will be opened tomorrow on Phase 2A Contracts 1 and 2, Phase 2B Contract 1, and Phase 2B Contract 3 (water tank). A recommendation will be brought back to the Board as soon as possible. The Board will likely need to call a special meeting for this purpose. The Board asked that all precautions be taken to ensure that we do not encounter the same problem with the Phase 2 water tank as encountered in Phase 1A.

At this time, Mr. Bernard announced that he will be resigning from Hobbs Upchurch and moving back to Charlotte to be with his family. Mr. David Townsend will be the County's engineer from this point forward. There will be steady communication between Mr. Bernard and Mr. Townsend during this transition. Chairman Hester stated that it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Bernard and wished him well.

Motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, vote unanimous, to enter into closed session to discuss a legal matter.

Upon return to open session, Chairman Hester closed the Water District Board.

Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. stated that a project manager needs to be hired to oversee the remainder of the water project.

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt to authorize the County Manager to proceed with hiring a project manager for the water project, either through contracted services or hiring an employee. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. and unanimously approved.

As there was no further business, at 8:55 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

# Approved and signed October 7, 2013.

<u>Thomas S. Hester, Jr.</u> (signed) Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Chairman