

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 8:45 a.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., Vice-Chairman Archie B. Taylor, Jr., Commissioners Dan Brummitt, Carolyn Faines, Yolanda J. Feimster, Leo Kelly, Jr., and Gordon Wilder.

Absent: None.

Also present were County Manager Jordan McMillen, Finance Director David C. Beck, and Clerk to the Board Kelly H. Grissom.

The purpose of the special meeting was to approve a resolution in support of keeping Vance County in Judicial District 9.

County Manager Jordan McMillen explained that the NC General Assembly is currently working on redistricting judicial districts throughout the state, and they are proposing to move Vance County from Judicial District 9 to Judicial District 8. Mr. McMillen read the following resolution aloud:

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RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
In Support of Keeping Vance County in Judicial District 9

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly is currently working on redistricting judicial districts for the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, one of the options currently being considered is to move Vance County from Judicial District 9 into Judicial District 8 with Warren, Halifax, Northampton, Hertford and Bertie Counties; and

WHEREAS, Vance County has a long history of being closely tied with Granville and Franklin Counties and is commonly referred to the Tri-County area; and

WHEREAS, a joint water authority operated by the Cities of Oxford, Henderson and Warren County provides the public water supply for Granville, Vance and Warren Counties, and a significant portion of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Vance Granville Community College provides the residents of Franklin, Vance, Granville and Warren Counties with excellent educational programs, and is funded by each of the county governments; and

WHEREAS, Granville and Vance Counties have a combined Health Department for our two counties, currently share one person for our Solid Waste Department, and are currently discussing further joint endeavors. Also, the law enforcement officers between all of our counties have years of mutual, joint operations, and continue to benefit from these operations; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Legislature recognized the unique relationship Franklin, Vance, Granville and Warren Counties share when they established the Triangle North Economic Development HUB; and

WHEREAS, non-governmental entities have also realized the connection between our counties. Our local Boys and Girls Club initially opened with locations in Franklin and Vance Counties, and shortly thereafter expanded into Granville County. A local non-profit organization that was formed and funded from proceeds of the sale of the hospital in Vance County, known as the Triangle North Healthcare Foundation is a non-profit regional grant making organization that supports and invests in health and wellness initiatives in Vance, Warren, Franklin and Granville counties; and

WHEREAS, Vance County, its citizens, and private enterprise have no common connection between the counties in the current Judicial District 6, only share a common boundary with Warren County, and are physically separated from all of the other proposed counties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vance County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The movement of Vance County to the new Judicial District 8 will cause a separation between Vance County and the other counties in the district which will reduce the ability of our citizens to access their elected officials, will create issues for our law enforcement communities having access to the individuals they regularly coordinate and work with, and will cause delays in apprehending criminals.
2. Vance County recognizes the regional connection shared by the Counties of Vance, Granville, Franklin and Warren that has developed strong inter-county relationships between many aspects of the local governments, non-profits and businesses.
3. The current Judicial District 9 encompasses this same region and provides all citizens in this Judicial District with all of the benefits of a well-functioning Judicial District, compact in size for rural counties, and requests the North Carolina Legislature to consider these ties and relationships and keep Vance County in the newly proposed Judicial District 9.

Adopted this, the 30th day of January, 2018.

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

Attest:

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

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Item 1 was added to the resolution after discussion by the board that more specific reasoning should be included.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, seconded by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, vote unanimous, to approve the resolution as amended and forward a copy to our adjoining counties.

As there was no further business, at 9:15 a.m., motion was made by Commissioner Gordon Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Dan Brummitt, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed February 5, 2018.

Thomas S. Hester, Jr. (signed)
Thomas S. Hester, Jr., Chairman