

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, 122 Young Street, Henderson, NC. Those Commissioners present were as follows: Chairman Danny W. Wright, Commissioners Eddie L. Wright, Deborah F. Brown, Terry E. Garrison, and J. Timothy Pegram.

Absent: Commissioners R. Dan Brummitt and A. Scott Hughes.

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

Chairman Danny W. Wright gave the invocation.

Chairman Wright stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to receive the FY 2010-2011 Proposed Budget and address matters regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. He noted that Commissioner Dan Brummitt was absent due to a scheduling conflict. Commissioner Brummitt chairs the Four Rivers RC&D Board, and that meeting is being held this evening also.

County Manager Jerry L. Ayscue presented the FY 2010-2011 Proposed Budget and stated that it includes a recommended budget, a supplemental budget, and a two-year budget. There is no tax increase proposed, so the current tax rate of 78.2¢ remains. The fire tax also remains the same at 2.6¢. The Solid Waste Household Fee is proposed with no change at \$102.50. For the second year in a row, no funding is included for employee salary increases or the remaining portion of the salary study that was conducted in 2007. Mr. Ayscue stated that this proposed budget is 2% lower than the previous year's budget.

Chairman Wright thanked the staff and department heads in preparing this budget during tough economic times.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright to receive the FY 2010-2011 Proposed Budget. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown.

Commissioner Brown requested a copy of all back-up materials relative to budget requests.

Vote on the motion to receive the FY 2010-2011 Proposed Budget was unanimous.

The Board then set Tuesday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m. for the first budget work session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, vote unanimous, to schedule a Budget Hearing for the June 7, 2010 regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The next item addressed was the purchase of tax foreclosed properties from the City of Henderson under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Mr. Ayscue stated that the NSP involves the acquisition of foreclosed or otherwise problematic properties. The NSP provides funding to acquire these properties in order to be demolished, renovated, or replaced.

Karen Foster, Council of Governments, presented a letter from County Attorney Jonathan S. Care which indicated properties jointly owned by the City and County by virtue of tax foreclosures. By purchasing the City's share of taxes owed on the properties, the County would assume full ownership, and therefore, may proceed with the process of demolishing, renovating, or replacing said properties under the NSP.

Nine properties were presented for approval as follows:

1 Lot Cross Street	\$ 220.41
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537 Horner Street	\$ 4,252.25
533 Spring Street	\$ 1,359.34
630 Breckenridge Street	\$ 1,897.50
1 Lot Poplar Street	\$ 4,152.31
50ft Wall Street	\$ 673.08
50ft Horner Street	\$ 666.00

County Attorney Jonathan S. Care stated that properties in excess of \$1,000 are where the City has liens on the properties for clean-up services. Chairman Wright asked if the City is willing to sell these properties to the County for the amounts listed. Attorney Care responded that all feedback from the City Attorney and City Manager has been positive.

Motion was made by Commissioner Terry E. Garrison to approve the schedule of purchases as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

Attorney Care requested a contract with the City of Henderson be approved for automatic future purchases of NSP properties. Chairman Wright stated that he is not in support of automatic purchases of NSP properties. He suggested that properties be purchased on a case-by-case basis.

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright, seconded by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, to approve the contract with the City of Henderson as amended with the language referring to automatic purchases omitted.

Ms. Foster stated that Requests for Proposals were solicited for real estate appraisers for NSP properties and received as follows:

Contractor	Single Family Residential Cost	Vacant Lots (under 5 acres)
Appraisals, Inc. J. David Brooks 107 Littlejohn Street Oxford, NC	\$ 400	\$ 300
Appraisal Solutions Steven Melton 115 Cedarhurst Lane Franklinton, NC	\$ 350 (stick build or modular) \$ 400 (manufactures)	\$ 325
Franklin Appraisal Service Jerry G. Holmes 1330 Breedlove Road Louisburg, NC	\$ 450	\$ 250
Ingram Realty & Appraisal Co. Cathie Ingram 240 Haywick Place Wake Forest, NC	\$ 400	no bid

Ms. Foster recommended that all appraisal companies be allowed to perform appraisals on NSP properties, on a rotating basis, at the rates submitted.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown to approve the list of NSP appraisers as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie L. Wright and unanimously approved.

As there was no further business, at 6:05 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Deborah F. Brown, seconded by Commissioner J. Timothy Pegram, vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed June 7, 2010.

Danny W. Wright (signed)
Danny W. Wright, Chairman