

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF VANCE

The Vance County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 2024 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: Chair R. Dan Brummitt, Vice-Chair Leo Kelly, Jr., Commissioners Sean A. Alston, Sr., Carolyn Faines, Yolanda J. Feimster, Thomas S. Hester, Jr., and Archie B. Taylor, Jr.

Absent: None

Also present were County Manager C. Renee Perry, Assistant County Manager Jeremy T. Jones, Finance Director Stephanie Williams, County Attorney Jonathan S. Care, and Clerk to the Board Kelly H. Grissom.

Pastor Abidan Shah, Clearview Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

The first item on the agenda was a special recognition. Representative Frank Sossamon presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award to Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. Rep. Sossamon stated that the award is the most prestigious award offered by the Governor and is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Mr. Taylor has been a highly effective Vance County Commissioner for the past 12 years and has been very active at the local, regional, and state levels throughout his public service career. Before being elected as a county commissioner, he served in the United States Army and retired at the rank of Colonel where his service included commanding a company of the 82nd Airborne Division, commanding a battalion of over 1,000 soldiers in South Korea, and commanding a brigade of 10,000 soldiers in Georgia. After military service, Colonel Taylor led the Applied Business Technologies Company as its President and CEO and served as a part-time business instructor at Vance-Granville Community College. Vance County and the State of North Carolina have benefitted greatly from his wise and capable leadership. Mr. Taylor stated that he is truly honored to receive such a prestigious award.

Public comments were heard next. Ms. Lisa Baltimore and Ms. Melanie Burnette spoke in opposition to a proposed solar farm on White Farm Lane.

The following individuals expressed their concerns and spoke in opposition to the recent increase in property values and tax rate: Lee Chandler, Walter Hughes, Patricia Steed, Gary Page, Milton Abbott, and Caroline Burnette.

Mr. Milton Dean spoke in opposition to being taxed on his floating dock. *Later during the meeting, Tax Administrator Porcha Brooks stated that floating docks should not be taxed, and this will be corrected. A notice will be sent out to all taxpayers affected by this.*

Ms. Geraldine Champion requested that the Board of Commissioners and the Henderson City Council meet to discuss critical needs of all citizens.

County Manager C. Renee Perry was next on the agenda to recognize the new employee of the month. She noted that employees are nominated by their peers, and this month's recognition goes to Special Projects Coordinator Frankie Nobles. His peers noted that he is extremely dependable, never complains and offers solutions, is always willing to help others, and always has a positive attitude. Mr. Nobles will receive a gift card and a designated parking space for the month. He was presented with a plaque and the board congratulated him on receiving this recognition.

KARTS Director Randy Cantor appeared before the board and provided an update on services. He noted that KARTS relies on different entities to provide transportation services to citizens and is dependent on annual grant fund availability by FTA and the State of North Carolina. Local county match portions range from 10% to 50% depending on the type of funds and availability of state match funds. He reviewed the FY-25 approved budget which totals \$5.7M. He also reported on the Rural Operating Assistance Program, overall ridership, the Around Town Shuttle, system changes, and current challenges.

Commissioner Yolanda Feimster asked numerous questions and requested audit reports and a breakdown of the budget regarding new vehicles. The board thanked Mr. Cantor for his report.

At this time, County Manager C. Renee Perry introduced Sandy Weaver as the new Director of Social Services and Jeremy Jones as the new Assistant County Manager.

Major William Mitchell with the Sheriff's Office appeared before the board with a staffing update. He noted that there are 11 sworn officer positions vacant at the Sheriff's Office and 19 positions vacant at the jail, so no shift is ever fully staffed. He stated that he contacted 14 surrounding agencies and Vance County has the lowest starting salary of those 14, but the larger problem is that Sheriff's Offices are no longer allowed to hire someone and allow them to work while they are in Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET). The new law requires the applicant to already be certified before hiring. He stated that he cannot recruit new hires when Vance County

has the lowest starting salary. He then referenced a news article which stated Vance County is the murder capital of North Carolina and has the 19th highest crime rate in the country. He also noted that compression needs to be addressed and stated that he has a new deputy that started at the same salary as another deputy who has been with the department for seven years. He stated that he is not asking for salary increases but is asking the board to consider these issues that the department is facing.

The board thanked Major Mitchell for his report, and after discussion, this matter was referred to the Human Resources Committee for review and to bring a recommendation to the full board.

Tax Administrator Porcha Brooks was next on the agenda and presented the following untimely exemption applications for approval. She stated that if the applications had been submitted by the deadline, she would have approved them at the staff level.

Untimely Exemptions

Name	Exemption Requested	Tax Administrator's Recommendation
Barbara and Macon Abbott 599 Southerland Mill Road PIN 0539 01024	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Robert Abbott 3860 Raleigh Road PIN 0453 01018	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Robbie Ayscue 1167 Newton Dairy Road PIN 0214A01005	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Linda and James Barker 1227 Indiana Avenue PIN 0113 02001	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Craig Brown 1795 Rock Mill Road PIN 0541 01012	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Clara Bullock 997 County Line Park Road PIN 0577 03022	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Junius and Angeletta Bullock 185 Foxfire Drive PIN 0537A02006	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Roger Clark, Jr. 380 Flanagan Road PIN 0377A01015	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Joyce Daeke 230 Gillburg Road PIN 0546 04001	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Paul Daeke 1539 Cypress Drive PIN 0015 07006	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Margaret Ellis 520 Radio Lane PIN 0010 02001B	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application

Christine Foster 656 Haywood Wright Road PIN 0206 03003	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
John and Betty Frazier 2877 Dick Smith Road PIN 0495 01008	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Geneva Goode 139 Mt. Pleasant Church Road PIN 0586 01022	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Larry Henderson 840 Fred Royster Road PIN 0400 01009	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Lille Henderson 125 Spring Hill Lane PIN 0407A02003	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Frederick Hill 3050 Stewart Farm Road PIN 0534 02009	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Diane Johnson 130 Burwell Avenue PIN 0003 09006	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Catherine Jones 22 Carpenter Lane PIN 0598 01009	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Doris Jones 202 Harrison Avenue PIN 0076 02006	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Rosalyn Jones 951 Cheatham Mabry Road PIN 0531B01002	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Nannie Manning 1086 Townsville Landing Road PIN 0326 02006	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Walter and Edna Martin 5623 NC 39 Hwy South PIN 0547 02023	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Michael Mooring 915 Abbott Street PIN 0011 02015	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Lee Roy Parrish 928 Abbott Street PIN 0009 01008	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Audrey Perkinson 2859 Weldons Mill Road PIN 0549 02028	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Ruth Robinson 62 Julia Street PIN 0201 02022	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
John Sempsrott 4680 Glebe Road PIN 0382 01007	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Mary Temple 3721 US 1-158 Hwy PIN 0208 03011	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Betty and Prince Terry 758 Vaughan Street PIN 0075 03030	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Tamiko Vaughan 72 Kings Road PIN 0206A03002	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application

Celesta Walker 438 Norvell Street PIN 0073 02005	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Donnie and Geneva Weaver 1256 Debnam Avenue PIN 0113 08008	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Joan Williams 240 Kings Road PIN 0206A04006	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Jerome Wortham 1284 Warrenton Road PIN 0525 04002	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
David and Carolyn Yancey 143 North Street PIN 0106 01006	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Pollie Young 3640 Jacksontown Road PIN 0590 01021	Elderly/Disabled Exemption	Approve Application
Kevin Epps 115 E. Boulder Road PIN 0412D01050	Disabled Veteran Exemption	Approve Application
Johnnie Henderson 756 Finch Road PIN 0542B02004	Disabled Veteran Exemption	Approve Application
Marvin and Dolly Henderson 551 Cedar Cove Road PIN 0593D01002	Disabled Veteran Exemption	Approve Application

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Faines, vote unanimous, to approve the exemptions as requested.

Water District Board

Phase 1B – Water Tower Update. Special Projects Coordinator Frankie Nobles reported that in April 2024 the work on Phase 1B, Contract 2 (Elevated Tank) project began. The project started with electrical work being done at the valves at US 1. This included a new electrical control box and meter box for Duke Energy. The old saddle valve was replaced with a new one with electronic pressure reducing valves on it. This controls the water coming from the City of Henderson going to the elevated tank and citizens in Kittrell. Next, the reconditioning of the elevated tank and site began. The existing 50’ x 50’ area of fencing around the tank was removed, and a large oak tree was removed to allow a larger fenced in area. Wake Electric installed a temporary pole and installed a new antenna for their readings. Water was drained from the tank and the new saddle valve and valve on N. Chavis road were opened to maintain an allowable amount of pressure to supply the citizens of Kittrell. Welding began on the tank, including a new interior ladder, removing of spider rods and new roof vent. The tank was sandblasted inside and out, and several areas were welded to repair holes from the sandblasting. The overflow pipe was

replaced inside the tank connecting to the existing line in the ground. The tank was then primed and painted, and logo was installed. A new Missions SCADA system was installed. The tank was then treated on the inside, filled with water, drained and refilled. A new 100' x 100' fence was installed, and area was graded, gravel driveway installed, and grass was sewn. Vance County staff along with Envirolink staff were included in a training with LKC and Charles Underwood on how to operate the saddle valve and SCADA system. The tank was put back online on October 1, 2024.

The board then heard from John Graham with Envirolink regarding an incident at the tower where an Envirolink employee refused to come on sight to address a problem with the SCADA system. He assured the board that this was addressed and will not happen again.

The August 2024 monthly operations report was presented to the board for information.

Chair Brummitt adjourned the Water District Board.

Finance Director's Report

Quarterly Financial Report. Finance Director Stephanie Williams provided the quarterly financial report which outlined year-to-date revenues and expenditures and the comparison of each amount to the budget as amended.

Audit Committee Report. Ms. Williams noted that the audit committee met Thursday, September 19 and reviewed financial policies that are being revamped. These will be presented to the board for approval by July 1, 2025. The committee questioned the percentage of fund balance and was informed that although the fund balance is a factor that can be used to determine fiscal health, there is no statute or LGC policy that requires local governments to maintain an 8% level of fund balance. The committee discussed whether an internal audit is needed and was advised that we do not have the staffing level to complete this task. If this is something the board would like to explore, it can be discussed during next year's budget deliberations. The committee also discussed whether to conduct a forensic audit of prior years' financial records. Staff will explore options and report back to the committee; however, Ms. Williams does not recommend a forensic audit because there is no return on the investment.

Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. stated that although there may not be a statute or policy, 8% is a guideline that the state looks at when determining a county's financial health. He also noted that he spoke with the county's auditor, and he said he would be willing to meet with the audit committee and/or board of commissioners if needed.

County Manager’s Report

Fire Prevention Week Proclamation. County Manager C. Renee Perry stated that Fire Prevention Week is a nationally observed week in the United States from the Sunday to Saturday in which October 9 falls and is a way to keep the public informed of the importance of fire prevention. Recommendation: Approve the proclamation recognizing October 6-12, 2024 as Fire Prevention Week in Vance County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Faines, seconded by Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr., to approve the following proclamation recognizing October 6-12, 2024 as Fire Prevention Week in Vance County.



PROCLAMATION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
in recognition of
Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the County of Vance is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half because they sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms should be installed in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; should meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and should be tested once a month; and

WHEREAS, residents who plan and practice a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Vance County first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Vance County residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You”, serves as a reminder of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of October 6 - 12, 2024 as Fire Prevention Week in Vance County, **AND FURTHER**, calls upon all citizens to ensure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Vance County Fire and Emergency Services Departments.

This, the 7th day of October, 2024.

R. Dan Brummitt (signed)
R. Dan Brummitt, Chair

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation. Ms. Perry noted that Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an international health campaign that is held every October. The month aims to promote screening and prevention of the disease which affects 2.3 million women worldwide. Known best for its pink color theme, the month features a number of campaigns and programs conducted by groups ranging from breast cancer advocacy organizations to local community organizations. Recommendation: Approve proclamation in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Faines to approve the following proclamation in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. and unanimously approved.

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PROCLAMATION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
in recognition of
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual campaign to increase awareness of this disease and increase public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed form of cancer for women in the United States and remains the second leading cause of cancer death among American women; and

WHEREAS, mammography is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt; and

WHEREAS, early detection and improved treatment is believed to have significantly reduced the number of deaths caused by breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, this month-long observance serves as a reminder to all citizens to prioritize their health by scheduling regular screenings, learning about risk factors, and engaging in conversations about breast cancer prevention; and

WHEREAS, Vance County acknowledges the incredible work of healthcare professionals, researchers, support organizations, and survivors who tirelessly strive to improve treatment outcomes, enhance quality of life, and find a cure for breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encourages all citizens to participate in educational programs, screenings and events that raise awareness about breast cancer and support those affected by the disease.

This, the 7th day of October, 2024.

R. Dan Brummitt (signed)
R. Dan Brummitt, Chair

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Operation Green Light Resolution. Ms. Perry stated that Operation Green Light is an initiative endorsed by the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC), the National Association of Counties (NACo), and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) that shows support and honor for military veterans. During Operation Green Light, residents and businesses are asked to shine a green light or light their buildings green from November 7 to November 13 as a way of letting veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported. The resolution supports this effort which will include lighting the exterior lights at the Henry A. Dennis Building and other county buildings as able. Recommendation: Approve resolution supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Faines, vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans.

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RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Vance County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Vance County Board of Commissioners seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans

Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life, and active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Vance County Board of Commissioners appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, the Vance County Board of Commissioners hereby declares October 2024 through November 2024 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Vance County Board of Commissioners encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4 through November 12, 2024.

This, the 7th day of October, 2024.

R. Dan Brummitt (signed)
R. Dan Brummitt, Chair

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Justice Assistance Grant. Ms. Perry reported that the Vance County Sheriff's Office and the Henderson Police Department jointly receive federal funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) to purchase equipment. The City submits the application and conducts the required due diligence. The distribution of funds is 70% City (\$30,769) and 30% County (\$10,756). The two governing bodies must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (Inter-local Agreement) in order to receive and utilize the federal funds. Due to the timeframe for the grant, both city and county managers have authorized submittal of the grant with receipt subject to final action by the Board. Recommendation: Approve the inter-local agreement between the City and County for the purpose of receiving and using federal JAG funds in the amount of \$10,756.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Faines, seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the inter-local agreement between the City and County for the purpose of receiving and using federal JAG funds in the amount of \$10,756.

Records Preservation – Register of Deeds. Ms. Perry informed the board that the Register of Deeds is completing additional preservation of birth record books similar to work completed over the past three years. The next group to be preserved are birth records from 1913, 1932, 1934, and 1940. North Carolina law requires approval from the board to remove records for greater than 24 hours. The records will be taken to Greensboro for approximately 18-22 weeks to complete the preservation process and the cost will be covered out of the Register of Deeds automation fund. Recommendation: Approve resolution authorizing documents to be taken offsite from the Register of Deeds Office for the purpose of preservation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sean A. Alston, Sr., vote unanimous, to approve the following resolution authorizing documents to be taken offsite from the Register of Deeds Office for the purpose of preservation.



RESOLUTION
by the
Vance County Board of Commissioners
*To authorize documents to be moved off-site from the Register of Deeds Office
for purpose of Preservation*

WHEREAS, the Register of Deeds is an elected official with primary duties deemed to be a major custodian of records in county government, including maintenance and protection of such records; and

WHEREAS, Vance County Register of Deeds Cassandra D. Neal has determined the need for preservation of 4 **bound birth books** which are currently stored in the Vance County Register of Deeds Office dated **1913, 1932, 1934 and 1940** are all birth records whereas the year, number of records and volume of pages including any documentary attachments as follows: **1913 vol. 1 pgs. 0001-0584, 1932 vol. 19 pgs. 0001-0814, 1934 vol. 21 pgs. 0001-0734, 1940 vol. 27 pgs. 0001-0765.**

WHEREAS, such preservation requires said records to be taken to the office of Kofile, in Greensboro, N.C., 18-22 weeks or until birth books preservation is completed; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-436(b) only allows a Register of Deeds to approve removal of public records for a maximum of twenty-four hours, with a longer absence to be approved only by the board of county commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vance County Board of Commissioners does approve the request of duly elected Vance County Register of Deeds Cassandra D. Neal for removal from the Vance County Register of Deeds Office of original birth certificate books dated **1913,1932,1934 and 1940** whereas the year's numbers of records and volume of pages including any documentary attachments as follows: **1913 vol. 1 pgs. 0001-0584, 1932 vol. 19 pgs. 0001-0814, 1934 vol. 21 pgs. 0001-0734, 1940 vol. 27 pgs. 0001-0765.**

This the 7th day of October, 2024.

R. Dan Brummitt (signed)
R. Dan Brummitt, Chair
Vance County Board of Commissioners

Employee Appreciation Day. Ms. Perry requested the board to approve the closing of county offices from 4pm to 5pm on Friday, October 11, 2024. Employees will enjoy food, games, line dancing, and more at Aycock Recreation Center. Commissioners were urged to attend as well. Recommendation: Approve the closing of county offices from 4pm – 5pm on October 11, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sean A. Alston, Sr. to approve the closing of county offices from 4pm – 5pm on Friday, October 11, 2024. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr. and unanimously approved.

Our State, Our Homes: Partnering to Address Housing Needs in North Carolina. Ms. Perry advised that the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Carolina Across 100 initiative, with support from the UNC School of Government's Development Finance Initiative and other campus partners, announced its fifth program. Over the course of this 18-month program, Carolina Across 100 will bring together entities from across campus to facilitate cross-sector collaboration among selected community teams comprised of a diverse set of stakeholders including local government agencies, housing developers, builders, financial institutions, supportive service providers, employers, faith-based and community organizations and more. Communities that wish to apply for the program must submit an online application. The application deadline is November 22, 2024. Recommendation: Approve or deny submittal of an application for this 18-month program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr. to deny the submittal of the application for this program. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr. Commissioner Kelly stated that these funds are needed in the western part of the state due to the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Helene. Ms. Perry also noted that we do not have the staff available to administer this program.

Vote on the motion to deny was ayes – three (3); noes – four (4), with the dissenting votes being cast by Commissioners Alston, Faines, Feimster, and Taylor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Faines to approve the submittal of an application for this program. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sean A. Alston, Sr. and vote was ayes – six (6); noes – one (1), with the dissenting vote being cast by Commissioner Leo Kelly, Jr.

Annual Planning Retreat. Ms. Perry noted that the Board of Commissioners' annual planning retreat is tentatively scheduled for January 31, 2025. Time and location to be determined.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sean A. Alston, Sr., vote unanimous, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: Budget Amendments #6 - #10, departmental monthly reports, and the minutes of the September 3, 2024 regular meeting, the September 16, 2024 Annual Opioid Meeting, and the September 25, 2024 meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review.



**Budget Amendment #6
FY 2024-2025
Cooperative Extension**

Revenue Amendment Request	Account Number	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
Triangle North Healthcare Grant	10-333-433310	20,000
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$ 20,000

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
Triangle North Healthcare Expense	10-605-500100	20,000
Total		\$ 20,000

Purpose: Approval for acceptance of Grant Funds received from Triangle North Healthcare Grant for Cooperative Extension for community garden project.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
October 7, 2024



**Budget Amendment #7
FY 2024-2025
Cooperative Extension - 4-H**

Revenue Amendment Request	Account Number	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
4-H Farm Bureau Revenue	10-334-433405	2,340
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$2,340

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
4-H Farm Bureau Expense	10-604-500405	2,340
Total		\$ 2,340

Purpose: Approval for acceptance of Grant Funds received from Vaya Health for the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Youth Participation Sponsorship.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
October 7, 2024



**Budget Amendment #8
FY 2024-2025
EMS**

Revenue Amendment Request	Account Number	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
Fund Balance Appropriated	10-399-439900	9,600
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$ 9,600

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
Contracted Services	10-530-500045	9,600
Total		\$ 9,600

Purpose: Additional funds needed to cover the increase in contract with Stryker who performs preventive maintenance on all Stryker stretchers, powerloads and stairchairs. The amount includes labor, travel, parts, batteries and preventive maintenance. Any use of a 3rd party vendor repairing any of the equipment purchased from Stryker will void the warranty.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
October 7, 2024



**Budget Amendment #9
FY 2024-2025**

Revenue Amendment Request	Account Number	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
Cash Account General Fund	10-000-101000	174,500
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$ 174,500

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
Cash Account Facilities Fees	17-000-101000	74,140
Cash Account Debt Service	20-000-101000	100,400
Total		\$174,540

Purpose: Transfer funds from General Cash Account to clear negative cash balances in Facilities and Debt Service Cash Accounts.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
October 7, 2024



**Budget Amendment #10
FY 2024-2025
Sheriff**

Revenue Amendment Request	Account Number	Revenue Increase (Decrease)
Justice Assistance Grant	10-380-438022	6,373
Total Revenue Increase (Decrease)		\$ 6,373

Expenditure Amendment Request	Account Number	Expense Increase (Decrease)
Non-Capitalized Assets	10-514-500085	6,373
Total		\$ 6,373

Purpose: Budget additional funds received for the Bryne Justice Assistance (BJA) Grant.

Authorization: Vance County Board of Commissioners
October 7, 2024

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MONTHLY REPORTS: 911 Emergency Operations, Administrative Ambulance Charge-Offs, Cooperative Extension, EMS, Fire Department, Human Resources, Information Technology, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Development, Tax Collections, and Veterans Service.

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Miscellaneous

Appointments. The following appointments were presented to the board for consideration:

Vance County Appearance Commission – three year term
Reappoint Sandra Abbott

Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board – initial one year term
Appoint Ryan Randall to fill a vacant position.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sean A. Alston, Sr., seconded by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., vote unanimous, to approve the appointment and reappointment as presented.

At this time, motion was made by Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr. to enter into closed session to discuss a legal matter and an economic development matter.

Upon return to open session, motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Faines, vote unanimous, to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024 and June 17, 2024 closed sessions.

As there was no further business, at 8:50 p.m., motion was made by Commissioner Thomas S. Hester, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Sean A. Alston, Sr., vote unanimous, that the meeting be adjourned.

Approved and signed November 4, 2024.

R. Dan Brummitt (signed)
R. Dan Brummitt, Chair