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A. **County Water Project.** *Phase 1A.* The County's engineer has redesigned the initial part of 1A according to sign-ups. The formal water agreement between the County and City has been approved. USDA Rural Development has reviewed the agreement and responded with comments. A response has been submitted to USDA. USDA RD has informed the engineer that the County can go to the bidding phase and ultimately to construction upon meeting the remaining requirements. The Phase 1A only agreement is for up to 150,000 gallons of water per day and does not include any provisions for operations and maintenance. The staff and engineer are currently reviewing those requirements and are having discussions with the City in that regard. An RFP for operations and maintenance services has been developed. Local permits have been obtained and right-of-way encroachment agreements for primary and secondary roads have been approved by NCDOT. NCDOT continues its review of encroachment agreements for interstate and controlled access highways. Permits are also currently being reviewed by NC DENR. It is expected that these reviews should be completed within the next 30 days. A site for an overhead water tank has been located and a formal agreement is being processed (per previous Water Board action). The staff has also begun to narrow down potential locations for a meter vault site (i.e. tie-in point to City of Henderson water system). *Phase 1B.* The Kittrell Water Association and USDA continue to work together to seek funding for Phase 1B, consistent with action taken by the Commissioners in December 2009. *Phases 2A & 2B.* Funding from USDA Rural Development has been established for both of these phases. Phase 2A will be funded with \$2.2 million in loans and \$1.62 million in grants. Phase 2B has \$3.94 million in loans and \$1.99 million in grants. Highway right-of-way encroachment agreements with NC DOT have been prepared for execution. Sign-ups continue to be received for the two phases. Through special funding, an engineering firm, Dewberry & Davis, conducted door-to-door sign-ups in June, starting with Thomas Road and working other roads in the general area as designated by Hobbs & Upchurch. Initial indications from that work show that additional sign-ups are essential in order to have enough customer base to effectively redesign the project. Due to the nature of the funding of Phases 2A & 2B, it will be important that work on these phases begin as soon as possible after Phase 1A work is underway.

B. Land Use Planning. A required public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance and map was held on September 12, 2011 by the Board of County Commissioners. A number of citizens spoke in favor and in opposition to the proposed ordinance and map. On September 26, the Board of County Commissioners held a work session to discuss and further review the proposed zoning ordinance and map. In that work session Chairman Wright directed the staff to place zoning on the County Commissioners' agenda for the October 3, 2011 meeting. Revised permit applications are being developed by the staff to better explain the application process and guide applicants through the process. Work has

been completed by the staff on the development of a proposed fee schedule that would accompany the document if approved. Operating funds are included in the FY 2011-12 Budget. As requested by the board, a report was made to the Planning and Environmental Committee by the Planning and Development staff and a report was made to the full Board on August 1, 2011. The Planning Board has also considered and recommended the ordinance and map as required by law. The proposed zoning ordinance and map are posted on the County's website.