

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2000. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Albert H. Toon
Vice-Chairman "C.W." Pete Bland
Commissioner Lee K. Allen
Commissioner Donald L. Phillips
Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Commissioner Charles F. Tyson, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner J. Harold Talton

STAFF PRESENT:

Harold Blizzard, County Manager
George B. Sawyer, Assistant County Manager
Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer
Ray H. Moser, Human Resources Director
James R. Sugg, County Attorney
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board

Following an invocation by Commissioner Bland and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2000, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Mr. Bill Harper had requested to appear before the Board to discuss the maintenance of the Cunningham Bridge; however, he cancelled his appearance.

SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR POSITION

Social Services Director, Donn Gunderson, advised the Board that increases reported in child abuse and neglect cases have necessitated his seeking an additional child protective services investigator position. He informed the Board that the state has provided funding for additional staffing in this area because of a statewide problem. His request was for a full-time child protective services investigator position to become effective December 1, 2000 at a grade 68, requiring a total of \$23,896.00 for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Thereafter, the annual cost for the position would be \$40,064.00. Inasmuch as state and federal funds are available at 100%, no County dollars are required. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the request to establish a Social Worker III position using state and federal funds, at a grade 68, at an annual cost of \$40,064.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

TAX DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented the following matters for the Board's consideration.

Tax Releases and Refunds

The following routine requests for tax releases and refunds were presented. Commissioner Phillips moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ADVANTA BUSINESS SERVICES CORP VALUED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0000294	\$ 527.92
ADVANTA BUSINESS SERVICES CORP VALUED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0000295	\$ 325.46
BALDREE, RONALD A AGE OF HOME WAS VACANT	2000-0002131	\$ 29.29
BARROW, MARY EDWARDS MH DOUBLE LISTED W/12332	2000-0002704	\$ 204.98
BARTHEL, KEVIN G MILITARY-BOAT IN HIS NAME ONLY	2000-0002728	\$ 106.19
BASS, MONTIE JIM & PATRICIA SC MH DOUBLE LISTED W/6406605	1999-0091617	\$ 108.39
BASS, MONTIE JIM & PATRICIA SC MH DOUBLE LISTED W/6406605	2000-0002831	\$ 96.58
BAYER INVESTMENTS INC BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0003049	\$1,622.52
BEARS BUGGY OUT OF BUSINESS BEFORE 1-1-2000	2000-0003179	\$ 50.38
BIRNBAUM, BRUCE BOAT REVALUED PER BILL OF SALE	2000-0004168	\$ 27.04
BOWDEN, SCOTT L MILITARY-BOAT IN HIS NAME ONLY	2000-0004925	\$ 159.09
BOYD, EDWARD GUY & SUSAN MHDW MOVED OUT OF CO '99	2000-0005030	\$ 326.84
BOYER, C SCOTT & KAREN T DWELLING BURNED 6-22-98	2000-0005124	\$ 135.23
CAHILL, ROBERT G MILITARY HIS NAME ONLY CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0007285	\$ 14.40
CANNADY, BEN MH DOUBLE LISTED W/28166	1999-0007423	\$ 61.69
CANNADY, BEN MH DOUBLE LISTED W/28166	2000-0007593	\$ 55.47
CANNADY, BEN BOAT DOUBLE LISTED W/28166	1998-0093189	\$ 68.84
CARAWAN, BENJIMAN DID NOT OWN MH 1-1-98	1998-0093192	\$ 41.98
CARAWAN, BENJIMAN DID NOT OWN MH	1999-0007519	\$ 38.32

CARAWAN, BENJIMAN DID NOT OWN MH 1-1-2000	2000-0007700	\$ 34.86
CATON, ALTON W BOAT LISTED IN PAMLICO CO.	2000-0008278	\$ 4.69
CENTURA BANK LEASING ERROR IN BUSINESS LISTING	2000-0008443	\$ 28.85
CENTURA BANK LEASING ERROR IN BUSINESS LISTING	2000-0008442	\$ 94.25
CHRISTENSEN, HAROLD WRONG BOAT FOOTAGE	2000-0008973	\$ 50.81
COHO, WILLIAM E III REVALUED BOAT PER ABOS PRICING GUIDE	2000-0009728	\$ 471.96
CONCEPTS IN FLOORING & DESIGN DOUBLE LISTED W/38163	2000-0010046	\$ 47.65
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS INC #612000-0010582 CHARGED LATE PENALTY IN ERROR		\$ 23.38
COX, MALCOLM RAY & CYN ART DWMH DOUBLE LISTED W/1538125	2000-0010836	\$ 318.13
COX, SHARON CAUFFIELD DID NOT OWN MH FOR 1-1-2000	2000-0010866	\$ 279.68
CREECH, MACK IRWIN & BONNIE FA POOL DAMAGED IN FLOOD	2000-0011204	\$ 32.43
CREECH, MACK IRWIN & BONNIE FA DOUBLE LISTED W/1589970	2000-0011205	\$ 406.30
CRYSTAL COAST HABITAT FOR HUM PROPERTY IS TAX EXEMPT GS 105-278.6	2000-0011443	\$ 96.00
CRYSTAL COAST HABITAT FOR HUM PROPERTY IS TAX EXEMPT GS 105-278.6	2000-0011442	\$ 96.00
D & N MUFFLER SHOP INC BUSINESS SOLD IN 1999	2000-0011643	\$ 157.38
DEMAYO, NEDA MARIE & DOCK PUT ON INCORRECT LOT	2000-0012775	\$ 23.71
DERUISE, TAMMIE R VEHICLES DOUBLE LISTED	2000-0012858	\$ 20.67
DOUGLAS, TAMMY YVETTE & DAVID MH DOUBLE LISTED W/30486	1999-0091667	\$ 368.01
DOUGLAS, TAMMY YVETTE & DAVID MH DOUBLE LISTED W/30486	2000-0013547	\$ 324.92
DOVER CONSTRUCTION CO. INC BILLED IN ERROR REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0013637	\$2,345.10

EBRON, NEIL T MH DOUBLE LISTED W/ REAL	2000-0014444	\$ 287.55
FIFER, JOHN A & SANDRA R PARCEL DOUBLE BILLED	2000-0015958	\$ 108.01
FIRST CHOICE CLEANING SERVICE BUSINESS CLOSED BEFORE 1-1-00	2000-0016083	\$ 4.37
FLAKE, WILLIE A & JANET B MH SOLD IN 1999	2000-0016342	\$ 33.85
FLEET HEALTHCARE FINANCE CORP DOUBLE LISTED EQUIPMENT W/WACHOVIA LEASING	2000-0016365	\$ 237.01
FROST, CASEY FERREIRA BOAT SOLD IN 1998	1999-0016855	\$ 71.05
FROST, CASEY FERREIRA SOLD BOAT IN 1998	2000-0017366	\$ 62.84
GREAT ROOMS INC CORRECTED DISCOVERY BILL	2000-0019757	\$.98
HAAS, PETER J MILITARY BOTH NAMES ½VALUE "IL" RESIDENT	1999-0091701	\$ 237.32
HAAS, PETER J MILITARY BOTH NAMES ½VALUE "IL" RESIDENT	2000-0020477	\$ 210.20
HACK, JANE B BILLED IN WRG FIRE DISTRICT S/B 2/A REBILLED ON SUPP	2000-0020483	\$ 210.55
HARDISON, DARLENE MH SOLD TO BONNIE MASON 1999	2000-0021115	\$ 60.09
HARPER, BRANDE MICHELE MH SOLD TO RICHARD F ORDIWAY '99	2000-0021555	\$ 102.31
HARPER CAROL J & JEAN J MH MOVED TO KENLY, NC SEPT '99	2000-0021559	\$ 89.33
HARRISON, DUNCAN BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0021889	\$ 31.81
HARRISON, DUNCAN BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0021890	\$ 31.81
HARRISON, DUNCAN BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0021891	\$ 127.22
HASHER, KEITH D MH REBILLED TO MICHAEL H WHITLEY	2000-0022126	\$ 158.86
HEIDLEBERG, E J SCE REMOVED IN ERROR	2000-0022732	\$ 121.30
HEITLINGER, FRANK J & DEBORAH HOUSE NOT COMPLETE 1-1-2000	2000-0022752	\$ 274.28
HOBBS, DAVID GLENNIS JR MH SOLD TO TIMOTHY J ROBBINS 7/23/99	2000-0023571	\$ 65.45

HOLDERBY, THOMAS BOAT RELEASED TO ALAMANCE COUNTY FOR 2000	2000-0023725	\$1,447.44
HUNTER, MICHAEL BOAT DOUBLE LISTED W/37892	2000-0024694	\$ 116.85
INGERSOLL ENGINEERS INC DID NOT OWN LISTED BY BOURTON GROUP #37271	2000-0024828	\$ 63.33
IVES, WALTER T & THELMA C HOUSE VACANT SINCE '84	2000-0025211	\$ 24.00
JONES, DAVID LEE JR RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	1998-0024665	\$ 26.10
JONES, DAVID LEE JR RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	1999-0025775	\$ 25.92
KELLUM & JONES PA CHARGED LATE PENALTY IN ERROR	2000-0027403	\$ 37.14
KELLY, ROSEMARY MOBILE HOME REPOSSESSED 7-31-1997	1998-0093342	\$ 41.52
KELLY, ROSEMARY MOBILE HOME REPOSSESSED 7-31-1997	1999-0026722	\$ 37.66
KELLY, ROSEMARY MOBILE HOME REPOSSESSED 7-31-1997	2000-0027453	\$ 34.35
KEMP, PHILLIP BOAT LISTED ON ACCT #20179	2000-0027474	\$ 34.76
KING, LAVERNE BOAT NOT OWNED FOR 2000 TAX YR	2000-0027824	\$ 9.88
KNOTT, ROSE DAWSON MH DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL	1999-0091934	\$ 421.01
KNOTT, ROSE DAWSON MH DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL	2000-0028124	\$ 371.56
LAMM, RONALD B SR VEHICLE DOUBLE LISTED W/2000-05-03615-0	2000-0028657	\$ 4.96
LEBLANC, GLENN OUT OF BUSINESS BEFORE 1-1-00	2000-0029259	\$ 27.05
LEE, ROBERT W LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0029402	\$ 1.34
LEE, ROBERT W LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0029403	\$ 24.19
LEWIS, VERNON F & EDNA E SCE LEFT OFF IN ERROR	2000-0029755	\$ 135.94
LINDSEY, GLADYS M & EDDIE, ROO DOUBLE LISTED W/30218	2000-0029920	\$ 201.38

M G INDUSTRIES INC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0030675	\$1,436.87
MAGNOLIA PLANTATION PARTNERSH DEED MISSED, REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0030838	\$ 595.61
MARTIN, CHARLES E & MARILYN J BOAT VALUED INCORRECTLY	2000-0031473	\$ 2.26
MAY, KATHERINE E RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0031889	\$ 24.00
MEADOWS, JON BRADY MH DOUBLE LISTED W/27481	2000-0033141	\$ 166.37
MEADOWS, JON BRADY & MISTY MIC CHANGED AGE OF MH FROM '98 TO '93	2000-0033142	\$ 13.54
MILLER, MIYOKO BILLED IN CITY OF HAVELOCK S/B 5/E	2000-0033711	\$ 114.14
MOORE, EDWARD MH DOUBLE LISTED W/7893755	2000-0034505	\$ 52.28
MUSSELMAN, TOMMY R MILITARY HOME OF REC "TN"	2000-0035718	\$ 5.14
NATIONAL NETWORK COMMUN VALUED INCORRECTLY	2000-0035840	\$ 27.23
NATIONAL NETWORK COMMUN VALUED INCORRECTLY	2000-0035841	\$ 25.65
NATIONAL NETWORK COMMUN VALUED INCORRECTLY	2000-0035842	\$ 28.86
NEILSON, GEOFREY J BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0035922	\$ 4.70
NTFC CAPITAL CORPORATION VALUED INCORRECTLY	2000-0036892	\$ 3.85
OCTAGON PARTNERSHIP ROADS WERE CITY ACCEPTED IN 1999	2000-0036991	\$ 10.09
PURDIE, SENIOR DORCAS MH DOUBLE LISTED W/6301115	1999-0091180	\$ 129.82
PURDIE, SENIOR DORCAS MH DOUBLE LISTED W/6301115	2000-0039897	\$ 115.37
ROBERSON, MAMIE MH DOUBLE LISTED W/36859	2000-0041571	\$ 134.23
ROBERSON, MAMIE BELL & MORGAN LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0041572	\$ 16.31
ROBERSON, REBECCA ANN BOAT SOLD IN 1999	2000-0041577	\$ 175.99
ROBERTS, JOHNNY ALLEN & MARY H LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0041620	\$.70

ROSENBORO, BENJAMIN & ANNE BEL MH DOUBLE LISTED W/6230700	2000-0042026	\$ 186.35
RUSS, JERRY K BOAT VALUED INCORRECTLY	2000-0042392	\$ 175.56
SHELTON, MARK W & LAURIE L DEED MISSED REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0043753	\$ 675.02
SINGLETON, FANNIE LEE CHRISTY SCE LEFT OFF IN ERROR	2000-0044291	\$ 134.76
SMITH, JAMES VICTOR II BILLED IN BRIDGETON S/B 2/B REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0044804	\$ 53.92
SMITH, LAWRENCE G BOAT SOLD IN 1999	2000-0044888	\$ 39.78
SNIDER, MARY T & CLYDE MH DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL & PERSONAL	2000-0045228	\$ 154.02
SOUTHEAST APARTMENTS INC OUT OF BUSINESS BEFORE 1-1-2000	2000-0045325	\$ 8.10
SUBSATIONAL OF HAVELOCK INC OUT OF BUSINESS 12-23-99	2000-0046681	\$ 317.86
SUTTON, CAROLYN A MH LISTED AS REAL & PERSONAL	2000-0046848	\$ 50.37
SWAIN, MILTON BOAT SOLD DURING '99	2000-0046983	\$ 439.11
TALRICO, CARLOR & RONA MH DOUBLE LISTED W/23256	2000-0047201	\$ 248.36
TAYLOR, GARLAND E OUT OF BUSINESS 9-1-99	2000-0047448	\$ 10.45
TITTLE, CHARLES S & MIMI REVALUED BOAT PER BUC PRICING GUIDE	2000-0048453	\$ 86.64
TOTAL HEALTH CARE BILLING SOLU OUT OF BUISNESS BEFORE 1-1-2000	2000-0048768	\$ 47.65
WEATHERLY, ABBOTT C REVALUED BOAT PER BILL OF SALE	2000-0051373	\$ 28.34
WETHERINGTON, JAMIE RAY LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0051867	\$ 8.48
WETHERINGTON, WILLIAM C MH DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL	2000-0051989	\$ 251.59
WHITE, ALPHUS L MH SOLD 5/99	2000-0052572	\$ 49.53
WILLIAMS, ROBERT S SOLD BOAT IN '99	2000-0054039	\$ 60.76

WOOD WASTE ENERGY INC CHARGED LATE PENALTY IN ERROR	2000-0054764	\$ 419.36
WOOTEN CORPORATION-S T PARCEL DOUBLE LISTED W/8-221-001	2000-0054982	\$ 36.34
360 COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY PERSONAL PROPERTY BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0055645	\$ 689.71

124 – CREDIT MEMO(S) \$22,093.03

Refunds

AMERICAN COMPUTER CHARGED LATE PENALTY IN ERROR	2000-0000764	\$ 33.20
BOYER, C SCOTT & KAREN T DWELLING BURNED 6-22-98	1999-0004985	\$ 135.23
DEMAYO, NEDA MARIE & DOCK PUT ON INCORRECT LOT	1999-0012499	\$ 23.72
DEMAYO, NEDA MARIE & DOCK PUT ON INCORRECT LOT	1998-0011932	\$ 23.72
MAY, KATHERINE E RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	1999-0031008	\$ 24.00
MAY, KATHERINE E RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	1998-0029575	\$ 24.00
MAY, KATHERINE E RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	1996-0029092	\$ 27.00
MCCAFFITY, DARLENE SPEAR MH DOUBLE LISTED W/33520	2000-0032010	\$ 32.54
REGAL NAILS BUSINESS DOUBLE LISTED W/38258	2000-0040499	\$ 19.13
SEALS, DOROTHY H DWELLING MOVED, RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0043459	\$ 37.43
TUCKER CREEK, LLC DEED MISSED, REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0049318	\$ 245.96
WILSON, THURL B & MILDRED M SOLD MH IN 1999	2000-0054497	\$ 27.08

12 – REFUND(S) \$653.01

Request for Release of Late Listing Penalty (Jeffrey Thomas)

The Board entertained a request for relief from a late listing penalty filed by Mr. Charles N. Landon with RMS McGladrey, Inc., representing Jeffrey R. Thomas, DDS. The appeal was for release of a late listing penalty on business personal property tax in the amount of \$103.10. Mr. Antry explained the requirements of the operative statute and recommended that the penalty not be compromised, as that would be inconsistent with prior actions of the Board in similar circumstances. Commissioner Bland moved to deny the appeal for release, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Request for Release of Late Listing Penalty (Traylor Brothers)

The Board heard an appeal for relief from a late listing penalty in the amount of \$662.10 filed by Linda J. Stocks on behalf of Traylor Brothers, Inc. Again, it was recommended that the appeal be denied. Commissioner Bland moved to deny the appeal, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Request for Release of Late Listing Penalty (Trade Oil)

A request for relief from a late listing penalty in the amount of \$376.47 was entertained, which was filed by Joi Lee, representing Trade Oil Company. The recommendation of the Tax Administrator was that the appeal be denied. Commissioner Phillips moved to deny the appeal, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented the following matters for the Board's consideration.

Subdivision and Mobile Home Parks for Approval

Patricia Jane and Vaughn Paul Pernell Div. – Final: The property, owned by Patricia and Vaughn Pernell and surveyed by Atlantic Survey and Design, is located within Twp 2 off of SR 1615 (St. Delights Church Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot and is proposed to be served by an individual septic system and community water. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Great Swamp MHP – Final: The property, owned by Douglas E. and Marion M. Cowan and surveyed by Jesse Jewell, Jr., is located within Twp 2 off of SR 1627 (Great Swamp Rd.). The park contains 5 lots on 8.10 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the park for final approval.

The Meadows Mobile Home Estates Sec. One – Final: The property, owned by John D. Wright and surveyed by Robert Davis, is located within Twp 7 off of SR 1110 (Wilcox Road). The park contains 4 lots and is proposed to be served by community water and sewer. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the park for final approval.

LuFerry Mobile Estates Addition 2 – Final: The property, owned by Milton H. Rowe, Jr. and surveyed by Jerome Norman, is located within Twp 2 off of LuFerry Road. The park contains 3 lots and is proposed to be served by a central well and individual septic systems (First Craven Sanitary District). The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the park for final approval.

Countryside MHP – Final: The property, owned by Lonnie Wetherington III and surveyed by Jerome Norman, is located within Twp 1 off NC Hwy 43. The park contains 2 lots and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the park for final approval.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the subdivision and mobile home parks as recommended by the Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

FY 2000 Floyd Housing Crisis Assistance Bid Awards

Mr. Baumgardner presented the results of a bid opening for asbestos removal services for one unit, which was held on October 2, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. The unit is the residence of Anna Blount at 1735 Streets Ferry Road in Vanceboro. It was recommended that the bid be awarded to Hunter Sales Company, in the amount of \$1,445.00.

In addition, a bid opening was held on October 2, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. for the demolition of two units, as follows: Anna Blount, 1735 Streets Ferry Road, Vanceboro, NC and Carla White, 312 Sunset Blvd., Cove City, NC. It was recommended that the demolition of the Anna Blount residence be awarded to Styron Construction Company for \$2,100.00 and that the award for the demolition of the Carla White residence be given to Everett George in the amount of \$4,990.00. Commissioner Sampson moved that all three bids be awarded, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

FY 99 CDBG

A re-bid opening was held in July for the rehabilitation of a unit in the FY 99 CDBG program. Bids were received from two responsible contractors, however, one subsequently withdrew his bid. The remaining responsible bidder was J.E. Dillahunt & Associates, in the amount of \$31,373.00, for rehabilitation of the unit of Leroy Huggins at 555 Biddle Road in Dover, NC., which was recommended. Commissioner Sampson moved to award the bid, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

FY 2000 Floyd Housing Crisis Assistance

The Board was presented a request to adopt the following resolution to use the Craven County Disaster Recovery Coordination Strategy for the FY 2000 Housing Crisis Assistance Project Administration.

**CRAVEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION APPROVING DISASTER RECOVERY STRATEGY
FOR THE FY2000 CRISIS HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Craven County wishes to carry out its FY2000 Crisis Housing Assistance Project in accordance with established state and federal administrative guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Craven County hereby collectively adopts the following strategy plan and resolves that it will be utilized during the administration of the County's FY2000 HCA project:

1. Disaster Recovery Coordination Strategy

Adopted this 2nd day of October, 2000.

**Craven County
Disaster Recovery Coordination Strategy**

Background

Hurricane Floyd swept through Eastern North Carolina on September 15 and 16, 1999. Craven County experienced heavy winds, rain and flooding with the most severe damage occurring in the northern section of the county (Vanceboro).

The most significant impact from the storm was the flooding it left behind. The Neuse River and associated wetlands in and around the county flooded to record levels never before documented.

The county, with the assistance from the Craven County Inspections Department and Tax Assessor's office conducted detailed inspections of the flood-damaged areas immediately following the storm.

Five hundred (500) properties were flooded, with 221 of these being residential properties receiving major damage. Most of the severely damaged structures were located directly adjacent to the river or wetlands, with less damaged properties usually further from any bodies of water. Most damaged houses also had low floor levels, which resulted in more water in the houses.

The substantially damaged residential properties represent a documented loss to the county's tax base of \$3,581,407 from the pre-flood value of \$7,664,438. The estimated cost of acquiring these properties and providing replacement housing outside of the 100-year floodplain is approximately 5 million, based on funding applications for acquisition and replacement housing prepared by Holland Consulting Planners, Inc.

Intent of this Coordination Strategy

This coordination strategy has been prepared to ensure that all resources – nonprofit, local, State and Federal – allocated for recovery and hazard mitigation after Hurricane Floyd in Craven County are used in a coordinated, planned, and effective manner.

Community Outreach and Community Task Force

Community outreach to flood victims began in earnest in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Floyd. Craven County staff members met with property owners as requested to discuss various flood related issues and plans. Numerous discussions regarding flood related issues have taken place during Craven County Board Meetings as well as meetings held in the affected areas since Hurricane Floyd. Assistance opportunities have been discussed at length, as information has come available.

Whereas all of this initial public outreach took place prior to the availability of State supplemental assistance funds for crisis housing in December 1999, program specific outreach was conducted after December for each available program. This outreach will be discussed in the section of this strategy report entitled "Resources for Recovery" below.

A local Community Development Corporation, the Coastal Community Development Corporation (CCDC), was designated as the State Housing Assistance Counselor for Craven County in December 1999. The county enjoys a close and successful relationship with CCDC, and county staff has met with CADA a number of times since the flooding event in September of 1999 to forge a successful disaster recovery partnership.

The Craven County Board of Commissioners appointed a Community Task Force for the Hurricane Floyd Recovery. The county's existing Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC) designated for Hurricane Fran, will serve as the Community Task Force. The purpose of this task force is to provide community input into the county's recovery strategy, and to facilitate continued community outreach. Almost 40% of the county's citizens were directly or indirectly affected by the flooding.

The following is a list of (MAC) Members from Craven County.

Dana Outlaw
Marvin Raines
Stanley Kite, Emergency Services Director
Anthony French
John Thomas
Dan Pritchett

The committee met in September 2000 to discuss this coordination strategy and any needed updates or changes. In addition, the members discussed the programs currently funded and provided insight into other possible funding resources Craven County citizens may be able to obtain.

This preliminary coordination strategy was adopted by the Craven County Board of Commissioners on October 2, 2000.

The committee will continue to meet until all goals in this strategy have been pursued to the satisfaction of the committee and the county.

The Division of Community Assistance (DCA) will be provided with at least quarterly status updates to this strategy delineating the extent to which the disaster recovery goals stated below were accomplished.

Major Disaster Recovery Needs

The major disaster recovery needs for Craven County related to housing are as follows:

- 1) Funding to allow property owners with severely flooded properties to relocate out of the floodplain. As noted above 221 properties located in and out of the 100-year floodplain received major damage. Due to a FEMA required ordinance, these properties cannot be re-occupied unless they are elevated to the base flood elevation (BFE). This process, along with the repair costs, is economically impossible for most homeowners, who were uninsured.
- 2) Affordable replacement housing to replace the housing stock lost to flooding: The affected areas are mostly occupied low-to-moderate income households. There is a limited supply of decent, safe, and sanitary housing that can serve as replacement housing for displaced individuals. In addition, the amount of the “buyout” payment will not provide, in itself, enough money for comparable replacement housing. Despite these facts, the county feels there are an adequate number of rental units available outside of the floodplain. Future rental development will be necessary to facilitate the growth of the county. As a secondary goal, the county would like to allow the opportunity for some of the former tenants in the flood-affected areas to become homeowners.
- 3) New areas for affordable housing to be developed are necessary to absorb remaining flood displacees. This includes subdivided land and infrastructure: As noted above, affordable, existing, decent, safe, and sanitary housing out of the floodplain is very hard to come by. The county feels that some of the displacees will be able to use existing housing, however other alternatives will be needed for most. The county will look at all potentially developable land inside the county limits. The initial focus will be on the land with existing infrastructure in place and, if needed, larger parcels that would need the installation of infrastructure. Builders and developers will also be needed to complete the recovery.

Recovery Resources

The FEMA Public Assistance (PA) program will reimburse the county in the amount of \$1.2 million for clean up and for repair of damage to public facilities and public buildings. These funds are in the process of final review by FEMA and should be reimbursed to the county shortly. County funds will have to cover any remaining costs not covered by the PA program.

For repair of commercial buildings and housing recovery, the primary disaster recovery resources are loans from the United States Small Business Administration (SBA), grants from the Emergency Minimal Repair (EMR) program, and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) proceeds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

A summary of NFIP, SBA, and EMR funds disbursed in Craven County is as follows:

FEMA Housing Grants-	\$2 Million
SBA Loans-	\$9 Million
IFG Program-	\$1.9 Million
FEMA Public Assistance	\$1.2 Million
NFIP Payments	\$1.9 Million

Currently NFIP, SBA and EMR outlays are inadequate to address the remaining housing recovery needs in the county.

For this reason, the county has applied for funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The purpose of the HMGP is to provide funding for the voluntary acquisition of substantially damaged structures in the floodplain at pre-flood fair market value. The program is funded 75 percent by FEMA and 25 percent by the State of North Carolina and is administered on behalf of FEMA by the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCDEM).

The county's HMGP application included 52 substantially damaged properties and was submitted to NCDEM in March 2000. At the time of publication of this document, the project was still under review by FEMA. Funding is anticipated by late summer. The total funding amount requested is \$5,390,425.

The HMGP will also provide up to \$2,250 per tenant household displaced under the HMGP pursuant to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (URA).

A second critical resource for recovery is the Crisis Housing Assistance State Acquisition and Relocation Assistance (SARF) program. This program was funded by the State legislature in December of 1999 and is administered by the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance (DCA).

The purpose of this program is to provide supplemental relocation assistance to tenants displaced by the HMGP up to \$3,000 (in addition to URA benefits, if qualified) and to provide differential payments to homeowners who voluntarily sell their home to the county under the HMGP. The amount of the payment to homeowners is the difference between the sales price of their home and land (pre-flood fair market value) and the cost of a comparable replacement unit within Craven County. The maximum amount allowed to homeowners is \$50,000.

The (24) owner occupants and (65) tenant households eligible for HMGP would be the beneficiaries of the SARF program. The county submitted a SARF application on June 28, 2000. The total funding amount requested was \$253,500.00 for tenants and \$831,192.00 for owners (including administrative costs).

A third crucial recovery resource is the Crisis Housing Assistance Repair and Rehabilitation Program (R & R), also available through DCA. This program was authorized by the State legislature in December 1999. This program provides funding for the repair and rehabilitation of moderately or lightly flood damaged homes not eligible for the HMGP ("buyout"). Homes must have been owner occupied at the time of the flood and homeowners must meet other eligibility requirements to apply, including having a low to moderate income. The county received initial grant approval for the R & R program on April 25, 2000 in the amount of \$1,098,700.

Thirty three (33) properties were originally thought to be eligible for this program; however, CCDC has identified (36) additional properties that may be eligible. These are properties that are not eligible for HMGP and were owner-occupied. Some of these properties may not have been located in the mapped floodplain, but did, indeed, receive flooding. The county will request additional funding through program amendments after all eligible properties have been identified. At the time of the writing of this document, CCDC was in the process of verifying applicant eligibility for this program.

The final primary resource for recovery is the State Housing Replacement Program. This program was authorized by the State legislature in December of 1999 and is available through the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA). This program provides a deferred payment loan on a comparable replacement house and land for flood victims, up to \$75,000. The Replacement program carries the same eligibility requirements as the R & R program. Replacement will be considered only in cases where it is not cost effective to repair a flood damaged home on site.

Any homeowners that may be eligible for the R & R program are potentially eligible for the Replacement program.

CCDC, the county, and the local real estate community will serve as a critical resource in the identification of the needed housing replacement units and sites.

Craven County is also currently conducting a housing rehabilitation project through NCHFA, through which eight (8) frame built owner-occupied houses can be rehabilitated. The county has allocated this money to be spent on flooded properties to help supplement the other repair programs previously mentioned.

The county has procured a professional consulting firm to assist in the implementation of the aforementioned State and Federal recovery programs.

Additional Resources Needed

The following resources are needed to meet the county's recovery goals stated above:

- 1) Additional outreach to and incentives are needed for public and private sector partnership in development of affordable new frame built housing subdivisions in Craven County. State funding for new infrastructure development may be pursued for this purpose.
- 2) Elevation funds are needed for homes with moderate to minor damage from Floyd's flooding. Many homes in the floodplain already have substantial crawlspace area that could be expanded if elevation funds were available.
- 3) Continued and improved coordination among CCDC, Craven County and the local real estate community is required to ensure that adequate and affordable replacement housing is available.
- 4) Continued and improved counseling services and referrals are required for flood affected citizens that do not qualify for any State or Federal flood recovery programs listed above or who do not receive sufficient assistance under these programs.
- 5) Extensive advertising is needed to help the public understand the need for flood insurance if a structure is located in or near the floodplain. Additionally, assistance is needed to help low-to-moderate income individuals currently living in the floodplain afford flood insurance.

Changes Brought About as a Result of Disaster Recovery Initiative

Four primary changes are anticipated in the county due to disaster recovery initiatives now being pursued by the county.

- 1) The HMGP will allow for significant new open space adjacent to the river and wetlands. The county will likely leave most space as natural areas. Additionally, some previously substandard housing will be removed within the floodplain.
- 2) Improved quality of housing and peace of mind for all households that suffered from generally poor housing quality and fear of flooding prior to and following the flood.
- 3) Potential for economic growth in regards to housing sales and development in an area of North Carolina that has not experienced such growth recently. The infusion of money from these programs should help all citizens in terms of economic and employment opportunities.
- 4) An increased awareness of the floodplain and the potential harmful effects of living in it. Many county residents had never experienced a flood occurrence before Hurricane Floyd and therefore were unaware of the

damage that can be caused from inland flooding. For this reason, most property owners did not have flood insurance. Hopefully, the long-term effects of Hurricane Floyd will include a rise in flood insurance users.

Coordination of HMGP, DCA and NCHFA Funds with Overall Disaster Recovery Efforts

HMGP, DCA and NCHFA funds will be used to promote the county’s overall goals, stated below. These funds are the chief source of funding available for housing replacement and rehabilitation, and will thus serve as the primary source of support for goals related to housing acquisition, replacement and rehabilitation.

The county believes that its current stormwater policies and community development policies are sufficient as currently constructed to prevent future flood damages in newly developed areas. Additionally, the county will adopt an amendment to its flood prevention ordinance that requires all newly constructed buildings in the established 100-year flood plain to be erected at least one foot above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). Furthermore, the county has completed and adopted a comprehensive hazard mitigation plan.

Goals and Tasks for Disaster Recovery

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Resource</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
Ensure that sufficient replacement housing exists within Craven County	Conduct detailed assessment of existing real estate marketplace and determine possible replacement lots in areas served by existing infrastructure and county services (to minimize loss in tax base and cost of extending utilities	County	October 30, 2000
Ensure that all Beneficiaries are served	Attempt to contact all possible beneficiaries and have them screened for eligibility	County/ CCDC	October 30,2000
Ensure that residents Understand the importance of flood insurance and the dangers of living in the floodplain unprotected (not elevated, not insured).	Provide information about flood insurance and counseling services to stress the importance of being prepared for another flood	County	Through program implementation

Comments and Concerns

This plan was prepared by the county’s planning consultant and the Craven County Planning Staff. All inquiries, questions, comments, and concerns should be addressed to:

Craven County Disaster Recovery Committee
 C/O Don Baumgardner
 2828 Neuse Blvd.
 New Bern, NC 28562

APPOINTMENTS

Welfare Reform Planning Committee

The Board considered a deferred request from the Social Services Director for appointment of the Welfare Reform Planning Committee. The Board was informed that seven (7) categories are mandated, those being representatives of the County Board of Social Services, County Commissioners, area Mental Health Authority, local Health Board, local school system, representative of the business community, and an appointee from a community based organization or organizations that are representative of the population to be served. In addition, other recommendations were submitted by the Social Services Director representing community based organizations. Commissioner Tyson moved to appoint the persons, or their designees, listed in the mandated category, as follows: Charles Wethington, Helen Evans, Cynthia Winbush, Michael Gorman, and Ethel Sampson, (members of the Craven County Social Services Board), one (1) County Commissioner (as designated by the Chairman), Roy Wilson (area Mental Health Authority), Wanda Sandelé (local Health Board), Bill Rivenbark (local school system), Steve Hicks (local business community), Donn Gunderson (Social Services Director), Booker Jones (Twin Rivers Opportunities), Erlinda Jones (Weselyn Outreach Center), and Parina Fonville (New Bern Child Support Office). Commissioner Bland seconded the motion. Commissioner Sampson requested an amendment to the motion to include Tammy Childers of the Workforce Development Board, Roy Evans of CETC and a representative of the NAACP. Commissioner Tyson amended his motion to include the three (3) categories requested by Commissioner Sampson and Commissioner Bland agreed to the amendment. The motion carried unanimously and the Clerk was directed to contact the NAACP to solicit a recommended nominee. The Chairman designated Commissioner Phillips to represent the Board of Commissioners

Council on Women

The Board entertained a request from the Council on Women to re-appoint Mary Ann Harper whose term has expired. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the request of the Council on Women, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Craven County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, presented the following budget amendments for the Board's approval. Commissioner Sampson moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Pass Through

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0564-377-04-00 USSI Silver Crimes	\$ 11,387.00	101-0564-450-91-36 USSI	\$ 11,387.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,387.00	TOTAL	\$ 11,387.00

Justification: Budget additional funds received from the State VOCA grant for United Senior Services Silver Crime Advocacy Program.

Health/WIC Administration (Client Services & General Admin)

101-6010-349.03-00 Client Services	\$ 6,518.00	101-6010-440.25-00 Travel/Training	\$ 986.00
101-6011-349.07-00 General Admin	\$ 928.00	101-6010-440.32-01 Office Supplies	\$ 1,900.00
		101-6010-440.32-40 Other Supplies	\$ 3,052.00

		101-6010-440.32-08	\$	580.00
		Medical Supplies/Drugs		
		101-6011-440.20-00	\$	650.00
		Postage		
		101-6011-440.23-00	\$	278.00
TOTAL	\$	7,446.00	TOTAL	\$ 7,446.00

Justification: Additional state funding due to increase in WIC active participation. Funding for this fiscal year was originally cut due to a decrease in the number of active participants.

Health/WIC Education

101-6020-349-13-00	\$	7,453.00	101-6020-440.25-00	\$	2,090.00
WIC Education			Travel/Training		
			101-6020-449.32-01	\$	400.00
			Office Supplies		
			101-6020-440.32-40	\$	4,963.00
			Other Supplies		
TOTAL	\$	7,453.00	TOTAL	\$	7,453.00

Justification: Additional state funding due to increase in WIC active participation. Funding for this fiscal year was originally cut due to a decrease in the number of active participants.

DSS – Mandated Programs

101-7291-349.21-00	\$(257,832.00)	101-7291-450.39-22	\$(257,832.00)
SBA Grant		SBA Grant	
TOTAL	\$(257,832.00)	TOTAL	\$(257,832.00)

Justification: Original budgeted figures were estimates of the carry forward amount. Line items need to be changed to reflect the actual amount available.

DSS

101-7231-349.23-00	\$	23,896.00	101-7231-450.10-02	\$	19,300.00
TNF Staff O’Head			Salary		
			101-7231-450.11-01	\$	1,503.00
			FICA		
			101-7231-450.11-02	\$	948.00
			Retir		
			101-7231-450.11-06	\$	1,302.00
			Health		
			101-7231-450.11-07	\$	126.00
			Dental		
			101-7231-450.11-08	\$	10.00
			Life		
			101-7231-450.11-03	\$	579.00
			401k		
			101-7231-450.11-09	\$	18.00
			Disab		
			101-7231-450.11-04	\$	110.00
			Wk Comp		
TOTAL	\$	23,896.00	TOTAL	\$	23,896.00

Justification: New SWIII position approved for CPS Unit, funded TNF-CPS State appropriation, no County match.

Transportation

101-7002-368.02-00	\$ 8,936.00	101-7001-450.26-03	\$ 8,936.00
Early Handicapped		M/R-Auto Truck	
TOTAL	\$ 8,936.00	TOTAL	\$ 8,936.00

Justification: Increase in grant amount and extra funds carried forward from previous grants.

Transportation

101-7024-348.21-00	\$ 7,781.00	101-7024-450.39-25	\$ 8,936.00
State Grants EHTAPS		CO System Transportation	
101-7024-399.24-00	\$ 1,155.00		
Fund Balance Appr Elderly Handicap			
TOTAL	\$ 8,936.00	TOTAL	\$ 8,936.00

Justification: Increase in grant amount and extra funds carried forward from previous grants.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

Request to Set Surplus Auction Date

Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, requested that the Board set an auction date for December 2, 2000 at 9:00 A.M. and to authorize him to sell surplus items at the auction and present a list of sold items at the following meeting to be recorded in the minutes. Commissioner Phillips moved to authorize the sale of surplus property on December 2, 2000 at 9:00 A.M., seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Update on Golden Leaf Foundation Grants

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, reported on the invitations to apply for the Golden Leaf Foundation Grants. He advised the Board of the October 16 application deadline and of Craven County’s intention to apply for two programs, as follows: 1) Northwest Craven water line extension and 2) vegetable production and processing center. He stated that with no objection from the Board, staff will proceed with the application. There was no objection from the Board.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Commissioner Sampson reported on a recently held prostate screening in which approximately 150 men participated. He stated that it was very successful and urged others to take part in the future.

Commissioner Tyson commented that the Beautification Committee needs to reconvene and requested that the County Manager confer with others in order to schedule a meeting. He also pointed out the need for limited zoning, especially in regard to signage in the County. Staff was directed to look into existing sign ordinances from other counties. Commissioner Bland expressed the opinion that serious discussion of the matter should be deferred until Commissioner Talton could be part of the discussion.

Commissioner Bland reported on the efforts to raise the two (2) submerged tugboats in Scott’s Creek and stated that some equipment is in place and work is expected to begin on October 3, 2000.

Commissioner Toon urged the other Commissioners to attend a celebration at the Harlowe Fire Station on October 5, to observe the completion of the water project in the East Craven District. He also requested that Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, contact the State Department of Transportation regarding any possibility of maintenance on the Cunningham Bridge in the near future.

At 8:40 P.M. Commissioner Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

Chairman, Albert H. Toon

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board