

**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, NOVEMBER 6, 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 Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Commissioner J. Harold Talton  
Commissioner Charles F. Tyson, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Donald L. Phillips

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Harold Blizzard, County Manager  
George B. Sawyer, Assistant County Manager  
Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer  
Ray H. Moser, Human Resources Director  
Arey Grady, III., (Attorney in Jim Sugg's absence)  
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Talton moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2000, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**

*Mr. Ivey Patterson* of the Vanceboro area, addressed the Board concerning the bridges on Swift Creek, relative to the flooding problem in that area. He presented information showing the effect of the bridges on the water flow on Swift Creek, particularly the railroad trestles. The County Manager was directed to arrange a meeting with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, to include Mr. Patterson, in order that they may initiate dialogue with the railroad concerning the trestle bridge.

*Mr. Chuck Spruill* of Township 7, requested that the Board consider supporting signage in the Grantham area to identify and delineate the Grantham area. Commissioner Talton moved to pass a resolution requesting the North Carolina Department of Transportation to put up a sign for Grantham, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

*Mr. Bryan Ipock* addressed the Board with complaints concerning the Sheriff and trying to establish a way to make contact with Judge Ragan. Commissioner Bland volunteered to go with Mr. Ipock to Judge Waddell's office at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, because Judge Waddell is in charge of the Magistrate, which is where Mr. Ipock's problem is centered.

*Mr. Jim Brothers* addressed the Board with concerns about the Craven County Department of Social Services.

**NC FOREST SERVICE REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Jim Hines, Craven County Ranger, requested on behalf of the Division of Forestry Resources in Craven County, an additional \$3,892.00 to assist with the purchase of an initial attack pick-up truck. Commissioner Tyson moved to appropriate \$3,892.00 from fund balance for this purpose, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CONVENTION CENTER RATES**

Craven County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented the proposed 2001 rental rates for the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center, on behalf of Sandra Richardson, Convention Center Director. Commissioner Talton moved to approve the following rates, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

**NEW BERN RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER  
PROPOSED 2001 RENTAL RATES**

<b><u>ROOM</u></b>	<b><u>RATE</u></b>
Colonial Capital Ballroom (A,B, & C)	\$ 1,850.00
Ballroom A	\$ 950.00
Ballroom B	\$ 550.00
Ballroom C	\$ 450.00
Tryon Room (A and B)	\$ 350.00
Tryon Room A	\$ 225.00
Tryon Room B	\$ 200.00
Berne Room 202	\$ 250.00
Craven Board Room	\$ 150.00
Heritage Hall	\$ 350.00
Promenade	\$ 225.00
Riverfront Veranda	\$ 350.00
Entire Facility	\$ 2,900.00

**DRUG TREATMENT COURT PROPOSAL**

Day Reporting Center Director, Candy Maestretti, presented a request that the Board approve a funding proposal to the NC Administrative Office of the Courts to implement a pilot program in Craven County to be known as the Close Watch Court. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Mr. Blizzard requested that this item be withdrawn from the agenda and deferred until the Board's next meeting.

**TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS**

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented the following routine requests for tax releases and refunds for the Board's approval. Commissioner Talton moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Credits*

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>TICKET #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
AUTRY, WILLIAM DAVID DID NOT OWN MH 1-1-2000	2000-0001711	\$ 233.32
BEDARD, STELLA BOAT NOT TAXABLE IN NC	2000-0003399	\$ 147.35
BOND, BILL G & JUDITH M BILLED IN ERROR, REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0004697	\$ 918.41
BUNCH, JAMES CHRIS REVALUED BOAT PER BILL OF SALE	2000-0090305	\$ 101.00

CARTER, ANNA LEE OLD DWELLING RAZED/REMOVED IN '99	2000-0008004	\$ 6.98
CHANCE CONSTRUCTION CO INC BUSINESS CLOSED IN 1999	2000-0008552	\$ 2,074.45
COVEY, PAMELA MH DESTROYED IN 1999	2000-0010621	\$ 79.52
DEPPE, DONALD ARTHUR MOVED TO VAYNE COUNTY IN '99	2000-0012832	\$ 83.26
DOVE, ALLEN RAY BILLED RECYCLE IN ERROR	2000-0013564	\$ 24.00
DUDLEY PROPERTIES LLC-MICHAEL BUSINESS HAS DUMPSTER SERVICE	2000-0013811	\$ 24.00
FULCHER ENTERPRISES INC BOAT HAS NO TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY	1999-0090255	\$45,795.16
FULCHER ENTERPRISES INC BOAT HAS NO TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY	1999-0090911	\$ 4,602.31
FULCHER ENTERPRISES INC BOAT HAS NO TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2000-0017384	\$ 3,992.90
GATLIN, MARY J BLDG VACANT SINCE '98	2000-0018410	\$ 24.00
GEORGE, DEGARFFEREE MH USED FOR STORAGE	1997-0017197	\$ 27.20
GRAY, WILLIAM A BOAT LOCATED OUTSIDE CITY OF HAVELOCK REBILLED ON	2000-0019736	\$ 39.85
HARRELL, DOROTHY VACANT SINCE 1993	2000-0021621	\$ 24.00
HERRINGTON, AARON L & DIANE PROPERTY LISTED IN FORSYTH CO FOR 2000	2000-0022996	\$ 30.41
HOPEWELL, GEORGE ROBERT BLDG REMOVED FROM PROPERTY IN '95	2000-0024028	\$ 1.28
HULL, JEFFREY L MILITARY HIS NAME ONLY REC'D 00 LES	2000-0024531	\$ 19.99
JONES, ALVIN B & JANICE L DWELLING VACANT SINCE 1996	2000-0026380	\$ 171.00
JONES, WILLIAM H DWELLING VACANT SINCE 1996	2000-0027009	\$ 24.00
JONES, WILLIAM H DWELLING VACANT SINCE 1996	1999-0026284	\$ 24.18
JONES, WILLIAM H DWELLING VACANT SINCE 1996	1998-0025159	\$ 24.18

KING, ESTELLE POWELL SCE REMOVED IN ERROR	2000-0027776	\$ 130.00
LARGE, JOHN HUFF & LAURA B MH DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL	2000-0028948	\$ 47.04
LEGGETT, GEORGE R III DID NOT WON BOAT 1-1-2000	2000-0029440	\$ 91.62
MANLEY, CLEM HRS PARCEL VALUED INCORRECTLY	2000-0031039	\$ 143.49
MANTYLA, AMOS O & FAYE T REVALUED FLOOD DAMAGED MOBILE HOME	2000-0031140	\$ 160.35
MARTHUR, PATRICIA KIM MH REPOSSESSED 9-23-1998	2000-0031977	\$ 170.60
MCCAMY, JEFFERY S & LAURA L BOAT DOUBLE LISTED W/4546315	2000-0032047	\$ 7.28
MIRAMAR BOATS LLC BUSINESS NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2000-0033964	\$ 98.55
ODEN, JOSEPH EARL & ATLANTIC DOUBLE LISTED DWMH W/5454600, DID NOT OWN 2 OTHER	2000-0037003	\$ 308.43
RIGGS, JAMES S & NANNIE H DWELLING VACANT FOR PAST YEAR	2000-0041153	\$ 24.00
SATCHELL, TAMMY KAYE DWELLING NOT LIVEABLE	2000-0042903	\$ 24.26
SEAGROVES, E O & THELMA VACANT FOR PAST YEAR	2000-0043454	\$ 24.00
SIBLEY, SANDRA B & KENNY TRANSFERRED IN ERROR	2000-0043916	\$ 899.30
STENZEL, ELMER M & JANET E DWELLING NOT COMPLETED ON 1-1-2000	2000-0046019	\$ 345.73
STEVENSON, GREGORY LYNN & PATS INCORRECT SITUS OF BOAT	2000-0046120	\$ 25.26
SURFNET INC BUSINESS NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2000-0046802	\$ 125.91
T & T PARTNERSHIP BILLED INCORRECTLY	2000-0047139	\$ 71.23
TAFT, THOMAS P TRUSTEE APPRAISAL ERROR OF COMMON AREA	2000-0047174	\$ 53.02
TARDELL, RICHARD BOAT VALUED INCORRECTLY	2000-0047240	\$ 557.75
TAYLOR, GRACIE C CORRECTED BILLING REBILLED ON SUPP	2000-0047455	\$ 53.34
TEUBERT, NANCY J BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0047880	\$ 1,124.14

TRAWLER LADY LINDA INC BOAT HAS NO TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY	1999-0090306	\$ 8,144.36
WADDELL, HARDY RAND CHARGED RECYCLE IN ERROR	2000-0050382	\$ 24.00
WAYNE INVESTMENTS INC APPRAISAL ERROR OF COMMON AREA	2000-0051320	\$ 58.23
WAYNE INVESTMENTS INC APPRAISAL ERROR OF COMMON AREA	1999-0049714	\$ 65.12
WILSON, MICHAEL OUT OF BUSINESS IN 1999	2000-0054447	\$ 7.22
WOODALL, WILLIAM EDGAR JR MILITARY HIS NAME LES ON FILE	2000-0054845	\$ 61.24
51 – CREDIT MEMO(S)		\$71,338.22

*Refunds*

HARDISON, BURL DUGUID & HAZEL BILLED RECYCLE IN ERROR	2000-0021111	\$ 24.00
MCCAFFITY, DARLENE SPEAR MH DOUBLE LISTED W/33520	2000-0032010	\$ 24.00
2 – REFUND(S)		\$48.00

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

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

*Road Addition Request*

Having received notification by the North Carolina Department of Transportation District Engineer that Ward Lane, in the Harlowe Community, meets all requirements for addition to the state maintenance system, Mr. Baumgardner requested that the Board adopt a standard SR-2 Road Addition Resolution for its addition. Commissioner Toon moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
REQUEST FOR ADDITION TO STATE MAINTAINED  
SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM**

North Carolina  
County of Craven  
Road Description Ward Lane in the Harlowe Community (Twp 5)  
Length 0.32 miles          Width 18 feet

**WHEREAS**, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary

Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the system.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

**CERTIFICATE**

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Craven at a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.

*Subdivision for Approval*

Nathan and Almentter Butler Div. – Final: The property, owned by Nathan and Almentter Butler and surveyed by Atlantic Survey and Design, is located within Twp 9 off of SR 1224 (Dry Monia 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. Commissioner Talton moved to approve the Planning Board’s recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

*Economic Development Commission*

The Board considered appointments to the expiring terms of Bill Hartman and Dell Ipock on the Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Sampson nominated Bill Hartman for re-appointment and George Brown for appointment. Commissioner Talton nominated Dell Ipock for re-appointment. Commissioner Bland moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried. In a roll call vote, Mr. Ipock received four (4) votes, Mr. Hartman received five (5) votes and Mr. Brown received three (3) votes, with Mr. Ipock and Mr. Hartman being re-appointed.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

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

*Sheriff’s – Seized Property*

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
114-0000-335-00.00 Misc. Seized Property	\$ 12,000.00	114-2001-410-33.00 Public Safety Misc.	\$ 12,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>

**Justification:** Budget federal funds received three checks, \$9,333.34 + \$9,333.33 + \$9,333.34 = \$28,000.00. Already budgeted \$16,000.00; difference \$12,000.00.

*Health/Environmental CDC Lead Grant*

101-5600-348-45.00 Grant/Lead Partnership	\$ 500.00	101-5600-440-25.00 Travel and Training	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>

**Justification:** Reimbursement for Lead Workshop.

***DSS – Mandated Program***

101-7291-349-32.00	\$ 27,000.00	101-7291-450.23-04	\$ 27,000.00
CIP		Energy CIP	
TOTAL	\$ 27,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 27,000.00

**Justification:** Additional funding allocated for CIP program. One Hundred percent (100%) federal funds.

***DSS – Adult/Child Services***

101-7231-349-23-00	\$ 30,000.00	101-7231-450-39-09	\$ 30,000.00
TANF		Jobs Cont. Serv	
TOTAL	\$ 30,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 30,000.00

**Justification:** One Hundred percent (100%) federal funds allocated for TANF Domestic Violence Program.

***Day Reporting Center***

101-2202-348.54-00	\$ 2,223.00	101-2202-410.73-01	\$ 2,223.00
Discretionary		C/O Equipment	
TOTAL	\$ 2,223.00	TOTAL	\$ 2,223.00

**Justification:** The budget amendment is to introduce funds allocated by a Criminal Justice Partnership discretionary grant.

***Schools***

378-0000-369-32.00	\$109,224.00	378-8520-480-76-01	\$ 76,815.00
Transfer from BOE		Roger Bell (#15)	
		378-8505-480-76-09	\$ 32,409.00
		Vanceboro Farm Life (#30)	
TOTAL	\$109,224.00	TOTAL	\$109,224.00

**Justification:** To set up revenue to be transferred from BOE for additional costs of projects (funded by State Bonds).

***DSS – Mandated Program***

101-7291-349-32.00	\$ 2,000.00	101-7291-450-23.01	\$ 2,000.00
Energy – CIP & CP&L		Energy – EMC	
TOTAL	\$ 2,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 2,000.00

**Justification:** Funds received from Carteret – Craven Electric Cooperative for Project Care.

***Special Appropriation***

101-0000-399-01-00	\$ 3,892.00	101-0190-460-96-01	\$ 3,892.00
Fund Balance		NC Forest Services	
TOTAL	\$ 3,892.00	TOTAL	\$ 3,892.00

**Justification:** Truck purchase.

***Special Appropriation***

101-0000-399-01-00	\$	500.00	101-0190-430-96-30	\$	500.00
Fund Balance			Havelock Historic Pres. Soc.		
TOTAL	\$	500.00	TOTAL	\$	500.00

**Justification:** Corporate brick for walkway at Trader Store, 2 @ \$250.00 each.

***Public Buildings***

101-0000-399-01-00	\$	11,200.00	101-1201-400-40-02	\$	23,200.00
Wireless Fund Balance			C/O Telephone System		
101-0000-399-01-00	\$	12,000.00			
TOTAL	\$	23,200.00	TOTAL	\$	23,200.00

**Justification:** To budget funds for new phone system for Admin & Sheriff’s Office (\$11,200 is from designated fund balance for wireless funds).

**COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Mr. Arey Grady for the County Attorney’s Office, presented the following amendment to the Craven County Internet Policy, which was discussed at the Board’s last meeting. Commissioner Bland moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

**AMENDMENT TO THE  
CRAVEN COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
E-MAIL, INTERNET AND COMPUTER RESOURCES POLICY**

The Craven County Local Government E-Mail, Internet and Computer Resources Policy is amended by adding Section 7 entitled “Employees of Sheriff and Register of Deeds” and which shall provide as follows:

The Sheriff of Craven County and the Register of Deeds of Craven County respectively consent to the employees of the Sheriff of Craven County and Register of Deeds of Craven County signing and being subject to and abiding by the terms and conditions of the Craven County E-Mail, Internet and Computer Resources Policy as a condition of initial and continued employment with the Sheriff of Craven County and Register of Deeds of Craven County; however, notwithstanding, the Sheriff of Craven County and Register of Deeds of Craven County shall retain the exclusive right to hire, discharge and supervise the respective employees of their offices, as described in N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-103.

Done this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.

**COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT**

*Request for Eastern Carolina Council Resolution*

Mr. Blizzard presented a request from the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments for adoption of the following resolution to release Craven County’s pro-rata share in the amount of \$7352.75 of economic development funds to Region P. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

**CRAVEN COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Lead Regional Organizations have established productive voluntary working relationships with municipalities and counties across North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** the 1998 General Assembly recognized this relationship through the appropriation of \$990,000 for each year of the biennium to help Lead Regional Organizations assist local governments with grant applications, economic development, community development, and to support local industrial development activities and other activities as deemed appropriated by local governments, and

**WHEREAS,** in the event that a request is not made by Craven County for the release of these funds to the Lead Regional Organization, the available funds will revert to the State's general fund; and

**WHEREAS,** in Region P funds in the amount of \$55,000 will be used to/for support efforts as outlined in the Comprehensive Economic Develop Strategy. Efforts approved include economic development grant writing, technical assistance, data requests, state clearinghouse, hazard mitigation, water quantity issues, water resources, wastewater treatment, transportation and other efforts to improve and/or enhance the quality of life for the population of Region P by creating and/or saving jobs, promoting industry, expanding the tax base, studying regional issues and acting as a liaison between local governments and grantor agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that Craven County requests the release of its share of these funds, \$7,352.75, to the Eastern Carolina Council (F/K/A Neuse River Council of Governments) at the earliest possible time in accordance with the provisions of state law.

Witnessed this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.

*Placement of Defibrillators in Public Buildings*

Mr. Blizzard presented an update to the Board on the acquisition and placement of defibrillators in designated County buildings, as was previously approved by the Board. He informed the Board that staff is in the process of arranging training, which will be provided by Craven Community College for the Sheriff's Department staff at no cost. The Health Department will provide training for other employees who will be operating this equipment. He projected that the first round of training will take place around the end of November or early December.

*Request for Highway 17 Resolution*

Mr. Blizzard presented a request to adopt the following resolution supporting improvements to the intersection of Highway 17 at Shoreline Drive in the River Bend area. Commissioner Tyson moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE  
HIGHWAY 17 SOUTH-SHORELINE DRIVE INTERSECTION  
AT RIVER BEND**

**WHEREAS,** the intersection of Highway 17 South and Shoreline Drive at River Bend has been the site of numerous traffic accidents over the past several years; and

**WHEREAS,** 900 citizens of River Bend have submitted a petition seeking address of the safety concerns at this intersection; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has, in response, conducted a Traffic Safety Study at this intersection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has, based on the findings of this study, proposed modifications to the intersection; and

**WHEREAS**, state funding in an amount up to \$200,000 has been identified to accomplish the proposed modifications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Craven County Board of Commissioners extends its support and endorsement of N.C. Department of Transportation efforts to improve the safety of this intersection.

Adopted this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.

#### *New Telephone System*

The Board was advised that the purchase and installation of a new telephone system in County buildings is becoming urgent as a result of recent break downs in the system. They were reminded that \$55,000 was set aside in the current year's budget for upgrading the system, and this needs to be addressed immediately. The Board was also informed that \$11,200 has been earmarked from the wireless 911 account capital reserve fund, which could be applied to this portion of the new system. However, an additional \$12,000 would be needed from general fund balance to augment the \$55,000 currently budgeted to fund this purchase. Commissioner Bland moved to appropriate \$12,000 from general fund balance and authorize \$11,200 from the Wireless 911 Capital Reserve account to be utilized for the portion of the system at the Sheriff's Department for which this reserve was accrued. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

#### *Request for Surplus Vehicles*

Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, presented a request to the Board on behalf of Dover and Vanceboro Volunteer Fire Departments for a surplus County vehicle. Commissioner Bland moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried. These vehicles will be chosen from among those that have been designated for the County auction on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Talton* reported on a request which he has received for funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the James City Community Center for the purpose of refurbishing their building and bringing it up to code. An estimate has been received in the amount of \$10,000 from an engineer to accomplish this purpose, and the Craven County Inspector estimated that it would cost between \$10,000-\$12,000. The County Manager was directed to research the ownership of the building, the officers of the association, and determine who is in charge of the operation. He stated that he will recommend the requested appropriation at the Board's next meeting if this information is found to be satisfactory.

*Commissioner Sampson* asked that the Board consider taking an active part in seeking legislation to benefit disabled persons whenever an opportunity exists.

*Commissioner Allen* shared a plaque, which he received from Crystal Coast Habitat for Humanity. In addition, he requested that the Board consider an appropriation to the Havelock Historical Preservation Society for installing brick work on the walk of honor around the Trader Store. He requested that the County participate by donating two (2) 8"x 8" bricks at \$250 each. Commissioner Allen moved that the appropriation be made from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Commissioner Tyson* expressed sympathy to the family of the late Deputy Jeffrey Matheny. He also announced the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Appearance Commission at 2:00 p.m., at which time ordinances from other jurisdictions concerning junk accumulation and such matters will be reviewed. He invited Commissioners and other interested parties to attend.

*Commissioner Bland* also expressed sympathy to the family of Deputy Jeffrey Matheny and asked that the Board consider drafting a resolution recognizing his service to the County. In addition, he requested that the Board approve re-designation of smoking areas in the Courthouse, moving the smoking area from the Courthouse hallway to the Magistrate's Lobby. He moved that the attorney draft a resolution to amend the ordinance to accomplish this, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried. There was discussion, however, concerning the space requirements for the designated smoking areas in the building, and the need to determine that this change would not further restrict the building's smoking area.

*Commissioner Toon* expressed condolences to the Matheny family and directed that a resolution for Deputy Matheny be drafted.

At 8:40 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

At 9:10 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to come out of closed session, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

Attorney, Arey Grady, asked that the Board adopt a resolution acknowledging the "standardization or compatibility" exception to the bidding requirements for the telephone system pursuant to NCGS 143-129(f). Commissioner Tyson moved to stipulate this exception, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

At 9:13 p.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bland and unanimously carried.

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Albert H. Toon, Chairman  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
Clerk to the Board