

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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 J. Harold Talton  
Commissioner Charles F. Tyson, Jr.

**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 Chairman Toon and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Talton moved to approve the minutes of November 20, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, presided for the election of the Chairman for the year 2001. Commissioner Talton nominated Commissioner Bland. Commissioner Toon moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried. Commissioner Bland was unanimously elected Chairman by acclamation and the Oath of Office was administered by the Clerk to the Board.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Bland presided over the election of the Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Phillips nominated Commissioner Allen. Commissioner Toon nominated Commissioner Sampson. Commissioner Talton moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried. In a roll call vote, Commissioner Allen received three (3) votes from Commissioners Allen, Phillips, and Tyson, with Commissioner Sampson receiving four (4) votes from Commissioners Bland, Sampson, Talton, and Toon. The Oath of Office was then administered to the new Vice-Chairman by the Clerk to the Board.

**RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Pete Bland recognized the retiring Chairman, Albert H. Toon, and presented him with a plaque.

**PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**

*Mr. Bill Harper* shared with the Board correspondence that he had submitted to the Global TransPark Commission and the Global TransPark Authority, inquiring about the number of salaried employees and rate of pay. He announced his intention to spend the next two years concentrating on what he perceives as a wasted investment in the Global TransPark.

*Mr. Charles Simmons* was scheduled to speak, but was not present.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Tyson requested that a resolution memorializing Harold Bate be removed from the consent agenda so that it could be read into the record. The resolution, which follows, was read and Commissioner Tyson moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE LIFE OF  
HAROLD HERBERT BATE**

**WHEREAS, Harold Herbert Bate was born in New York on August 21, 1907, and to the good fortune of Craven County, found his way to New Bern in 1964; and**

**WHEREAS, in 1930 he joined his father and three brothers in the operation of the J. Herbert Bate Company in New York City, manufacturers and wholesalers of lumber; and**

**WHEREAS, his early years with the company took him to live in various locations in New York, Oregon, and North Carolina, where he was associated with the operation of sawmills and the acquisition of timberlands; and**

**WHEREAS, Harold Bate used his business success as a foundation for good works and philanthropy, and became a generous supporter of many local charitable efforts; and**

**WHEREAS, the Harold H. Bate Foundation was established in recent years for the benefit of New Bern, Craven, Pamlico and surrounding counties.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners recognizes the many contributions to our local community made by this outstanding citizen – servant, whose story is the American story.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Harold Herbert Bate's selflessness and concern for his fellow man be acknowledged, with deepest gratitude, and that his life be held as an example to those who follow.**

**Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Request for Driveway Paving*

The Planning Department received a request to have the driveway at Oak Grove Fire Sub-Station paved in Township One. Commissioner Tyson moved to adopt the following resolution approving the request, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
REQUEST FOR DRIVEWAY PAVING**

NORTH CAROLINA

County of Craven

Road Description           Oak Grove Fire Sub-Station in Twp 1 (Vanceboro)          

**WHEREAS, the attached request has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven requesting that the above described driveway,**

the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be paved utilizing secondary road construction funds;

**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 pave the above described driveway once it meets the established standards and criteria.

*Request for Road Addition*

The Planning Department requested to have Fawn Lane, in the Deerfield Subdivision, Phase VI, added to the state system. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the standard road addition resolution, which follows, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

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

NORTH CAROLINA

County of Craven

Road Description 405.19 Feet Fawn Lane Deerfield Phase VI-.7676 tenths mile

**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.

*Tax Releases and Refunds*

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

*Credits*

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>TICKET #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
ADAMS, JAMES M MH DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL	2000-0000162	\$ 100.97
BALLARD, MARTHA J BUILDING BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0002218	\$ 54.25
BEAVERS, CHRISTOPHER CRAIG MILITARY-BOAT IN HIS NAME ONLY "OK" RESIDENT	2000-0003243	\$ 203.78
BOWDEN, LORETTA A DOUBLE LISTED W/33274	2000-0090289	\$ 42.57
CAMPBELL, ARMESTER LEE MH VACANT SINCE '98	2000-0007415	\$ 24.00

CHURCH-BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHRU 2000-0009000 EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6		\$ 20.59
CLATERBOS, HENRY L BOAT VALUED INCORRECTLY	2000-0009341	\$ 86.81
COASTAL CAROLINA SEAPLANES LLC AIRCRAFT BILLED INCORRECTLY	2000-0009538	\$1,138.34
COTTEN, RL JR BILLED IN ERROR REBILLED ON SUPP	2000-0010496	\$ 104.31
COX, WALTER B BILLED IN WRONG TWP REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0010898	\$ 40.40
DAVIS, LAVORIS REVALUED MH PER BILL OF SALE	2000-0090659	\$ 11.34
FULCHER, CARY BILLED IN WRONG TWP REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0017396	\$ 257.16
GRIFFIN, OLIVER FRANCIS JR & LATE PENALTY KEYED IN ERROR	2000-0020065	\$ 17.48
HADDOCK, ALLENE W HOMESITE BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0020517	\$ 41.57
JAPHET, KIMBERLY A RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0090425	\$ 24.00
KEEL, SHIRLEY MAE MH MOVED TO PAMLICO CO IN '98	2000-0090701	\$ 81.36
KING, THOMAS JR MH USED FOR STORAGE ONLY	2000-0027854	\$ 24.00
MARTIN, GILLETTE RECYCLE BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0031515	\$ 24.00
MEADE, WILLIAM F & ROSEMARY C REVALUED BOAT BASED ON '99 BILLING	2000-0033045	\$ 2.99
ROUSE, LISA P DWELLING BILLED IN ERROR REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0042147	\$ 25.44
WETHERINGTON, JO RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0051823	\$ 24.00
WHEELER, HERMAN D BILLED IN ERROR, TAGGED VEH	2000-0052521	\$ 6.61

22-CREDIT MEMO(S) \$2,355.97

*Refund*

GRIER, ALEXANDER MARK	2000-0019998	\$ 11.62
1-REFUND (S)		\$ 11.62

*Budget Amendments and Ordinance Updates*

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

***Housing Crisis Assistance Program***

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
261-0000-348-13-00 NC Comm Asst	\$ 1,047,837.00	261-4092-430-76-21 Owner Relocation	\$ 779,795.00
		261-4092-430-76-70 Admin	\$ 51,379.00
		261-4093-430-76-21 Tenant Relocation	\$ 195,000.00
		261-4093-430-76-70 Admin	\$ 21,645.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,837.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,837.00</b>

**Justification:** Additional revenues and expenses associated with the Housing Crisis Assistance Program.

***Housing Crisis Assistance Grant***

91-3-348-00-000 Housing Asst Crisis	\$ 1,098,700.00	91-4-691-00-768 Replacement	\$ 268,800.00
		91-4-691-00-769 Rehabilitation	\$ 829,900.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,098,700.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,098,700.00</b>

**Justification:** Set up new Housing Asst Crisis Grant.

***Hazard Mitigation HFPAR 4292-0062***

263-4063-348-00-00 Haz Mit HFPAR	\$ 1,144,816.00	263-4063-430-15.02 Legal/Appraisal	\$ 23,400.00
		263-4063-430-15-10 General Admin.	\$ 54,515.00
		263-4063-430-76-39 Acquisition costs	\$ 1,066,901.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,144,816.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,144,816.00</b>

**Justification:** New program to acquire 12 units under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program HFPAR 4292-0062-Homeowner Supplemental Buyout.

***Health/KB Reynolds (HIV-STD)***

101-6304-399-20-00 Fund Balance	\$ 3,942.00	101-6304-440-25-00 Travel	\$ 2,000.00
		101-6304-440-11-03 401 k	\$ 540.00
		101-6304-440-32-40 Other Supplies	\$ 1,402.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,942.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,942.00</b>

**Justification:** Carry over from prior year.

101-5600-348-45.00	\$ 3,000.00	101-5600-440.73-01	\$ 3,000.00
Lead Partnership		C/O Equipment	
TOTAL	\$ 3,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 3,000.00

**Justification:** CDC Grant funds to purchase XRF attachment.

*Ordinances*

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program HFPAR Fund 263**

This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amounts.

EXPENDITURES:

Acquisition	\$ 1,066,901.00
Appraisal/Legal/Survey/Asbestos	\$ 23,400.00
General Administration	\$ 54,515.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,114,816.00

The following revenues are hereby approved for the Hazard Mitigation HFPAR Grant.

REVENUES:

Supplemental Acquisition Funds	\$ 1,144,816.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,144,816.00

This ordinance is hereby approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

**CRAVEN COUNTY CRISIS HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND 261**

This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amounts.

EXPENDITURES:

Replacement	\$ 268,800.00
Rehabilitation	\$ 829,900.00
Owner Relocation	\$ 831,192.00
Tenant Relocation	\$ 216,645.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,146,537.00

The following revenues are hereby approved for the Crisis Housing Assistance Grant.

REVENUES:

State – Crisis Housing Asst Grant	\$ 2,146,537.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,146,537.00

This ordinance is hereby amended this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

*CARTS Request to Set Public Hearing Date*

A request was submitted by CARTS Director, Johnny Purvis, to set a public hearing for 8:30 p.m. on January 2, 2001, concerning the Community Transportation Program, formerly know as the Section 18 Grant Program. Commissioner Allen moved to set the public hearing date, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

## **AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2000**

Mr. Lou Cannon of McGladrey & Pullen presented the Craven County Audit Report for the fiscal year just ended. He explained the process and the categories of opinions that are issued, and announced that Craven County has received an unqualified opinion. He summarized some of the statistics concerning Craven County's tax rate and fund balance and expenditures compared to other similar size counties and to the State averages.

### **FOLLOW UP ON ELECTION RESULT REPORTING**

Director of Elections, Kathleen Orringer, presented an update to the report that was given at the Board's last meeting concerning problems that were encountered at the November 7<sup>th</sup> election in transmitting data from the precincts. Mr. Ken Carbullido, Senior Vice President of Software Services, Election Systems and Software, was introduced. He explained the problems that have been encountered in the software product that is being used and the company's plans to introduce a new software product called Unity Software. This software is expected to enhance the compatibility of the modem for data transfer. He pledged to go through a process, with Craven County staff, which he expects to be done by May 2001, to ensure that all of Craven County's needs and uses will be accommodated by this software. Ms. Orringer indicated that the next election is in 2001, which is a municipal election. The next big election is in the year 2002. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, inquired of Mr. Carbullido, if there were not two problems that existed in the last election, one being the incompatibility of software for transfer of data by modem, and the second being that the presentation was in a format inconsistent with the one chosen by the Craven County Board of Elections. Mr. Carbullido acknowledged this and pledged that someone from the company will be present to test the system in advance for the next election in Craven County. He also made a commitment that there will be no extra cost to Craven County for correcting the problems.

### **CONSIDERATION OF SIGN MORATORIUM RESOLUTION**

At the Board's last meeting, a vote was taken to impose a 90-day moratorium on the permitting of signs in the corridor of Highway 70 East from the Trent River Bridge. Because the vote was not unanimous at that time, NCGS 153A-45 requires that any ordinance or action having the effect of an ordinance must be considered again at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, presented a resolution for the Board's consideration on a second vote. Commissioner Talton inquired of the County Attorney if the City has authority to regulate the signage. Commissioner Talton moved to defer consideration of the resolution until the City's intentions concerning extension of its extraterritorial jurisdiction in the area in question can be determined. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Toon. Commissioner Tyson moved that the Board request the City of New Bern to clarify its intentions on exercising its extraterritorial jurisdiction in the area across the Trent River Bridge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allen, but later withdrawn. Commissioner Tyson presented another motion to request that the City of New Bern Aldermen, exercise extraterritorial jurisdiction on the corridor on Highway 70 East across the Trent River Bridge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. During discussion County Manager, Harold Blizzard, explained the result of his research into the documentation for the sign permit that was issued to the Outback. He stated that it complies with the County's permitting requirements; however, it may violate some Department of Transportation standards. In addition, Mr. Blizzard explained the ramifications of the City's extension of their extraterritorial jurisdiction, emphasizing that it would mean that the City takes over the enforcement of the North Carolina Building code in the extraterritorial area plus other City requirements, above and beyond the North Carolina Code would be applicable. Secondly, the City would take over enforcement of the subdivision regulations in the extraterritorial area and zoning would fall under the City's jurisdiction relative especially to lot sizes, landscaping regulations, building setbacks and uses. The motion failed with five (5) "Nays" from Commissioners Bland, Phillips, Sampson, Talton, and Toon, there being two (2) "Ayes" from Commissioners Allen and Tyson. A vote was taken on the original motion to defer consideration and it carried with four (4) "Ayes" from

Commissioners Bland, Sampson, Talton, and Toon, there being three (3) “Nays” from Commissioners Allen, Phillips, and Tyson.

### **WORK FIRST COUNTY PLAN**

#### *9:00 P.M. Public Hearing*

At 9:27 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, to receive public comment concerning the proposed Work First County Plan. The plan was available for review by the public during the preceding week at the County Commissioners’ Office and all of the branches of the Craven County Library System. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried. There were no speakers from the public and at 9:28 p.m. Commissioner Talton moved to return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

#### *Consideration of Plan For Adoption*

Commissioner Talton moved to adopt the proposed Work First County Plan, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

### **FY 2000 FLOYD CRISIS HOUSING ASSISTANCE BID AWARDS**

Craven County Planning Director, Don Buamgardner, discussed with the Board bid awards that were made during the Board’s last meeting on November 20, 2000. At that time bids were awarded to J.E. Dillahunt & Associates for work on the Willie Stallings residence at 509 New Liberty Rd. in New Bern, in the amount of \$67,000, and to George Celinski for work on the Carolyn Fullmore home at 2505 Spring Garden Rd. in New Bern, in the amount of \$29,495. Mr. Baumgardner explained that at the time of the original bid opening there were three (3) bids opened and two (2) bids that had been received prior to the bid deadline had been inadvertently left unopened on the desk. He stated that in two cases the remaining two bids were more competitive than those awarded to J.E. Dillahunt & Associates and George Celinski. He explained that he had notified the two contractors and informed them that the bid awards would need to be withdrawn and that the contractors, J.E. Dillahunt & Associates and George Celinski had no objection. He further explained that he sought counsel from the Institute of Government concerning the procedure and had been advised that it would be feasible not to re-bid the two projects. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, recommended that the two contractors who were upset in the bidding process be asked to sign a release. Commissioner Tyson moved to rescind the awards made to J.E. Dillahunt on November 20, 2000, for \$67,000, and to George Celinski for \$29,495. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried. Commissioner Tyson moved to award the two projects to Kraft works in the amount of \$56,742.00 for the Willie Stallings residence and \$26,264 for the Carolyn Fullmore residence, contingent upon getting a signed release from J.E. Dillahunt & Associates and George Celinski. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

### **REQUEST FOR AMBULANCE FRANCHISE**

Craven County Fire Marshal, Stanley Kite, presented a request on behalf of MED1 Medical Transport, LLC for a franchise to operate in Craven County. He reported that the Craven County EMS Advisory Council met on November 16, 2000 and approved MED1 Medical Transport, LLC to go before the Board of Commissioners for approval. Mr. Kite announced that one of the previous franchisees, East Coast, has advised the Emergency Services Department of its plans to cease operations in Craven County, which creates a vacancy for another provider for convalescent service. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the franchise application, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried. The Board was advised that a second vote on the granting of the franchise will be required at the Board’s next meeting.

## APPOINTMENTS

### *EMS Advisory Council*

The Board considered a request to make appointments to replace Ms. Roseanne Leahy on the Region P EMS Advisory Council and on the Craven County EMS Advisory Council. Mr. Keith Morris was recommended by Emergency Services for appointment to the Region P Council, and Ms. Mary Humm of the Craven Regional Medical Center, was recommended for appointment to the Craven County Emergency Services Council. Commissioner Tyson nominated Mr. Morris for the Region P Council and Ms. Humm for the Craven County Council. Commissioner Phillips moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried, with Mr. Morris and Ms. Humm being appointed by acclamation. In addition, Commissioner Tyson nominated Mr. Alvin Moore for appointment to the Craven County Emergency Services Advisory Council to replace Ms. Tracy Jones as a representative of New Bern Craven County Rescue Squad, and to appoint Ms. Ingrid Myers to the Craven County Council to represent No. 7 Township Rescue Squad, replacing Mr. David Yusko. Commissioner Phillips moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried, with Ms. Myers and Mr. Moore being appointed by acclamation.

### *Neuse River Development Authority*

The Board considered appointment to the expiring term of Mr. Michael Rogers to the Neuse River Development Authority. Commissioner Talton nominated Mr. Rogers for reappointment. Commissioner Sampson moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried, with Mr. Rogers being reappointed by acclamation.

### *Commissioner Appointments*

The Board considered appointment of Commissioners to Boards and Committees upon which they are required to serve, as well as those that are optional. This was done by prerogative of the Chairman, as follows:

## APPOINTMENTS – December 2000

### *Commissioner Appointments to Boards and Committees – For the Year 2001*

Tourism Development Authority – Commissioner Tyson  
Neuse Center for Mental Health – Commissioner Tyson with Commissioner Sampson as alternate  
Criminal Justice Advisory Board – Commissioner Bland  
Craven County Health Board – Commissioner Allen  
East Carolina Work Force Development – Commissioner Sampson with Commissioner Talton as alternate  
New Bern/Craven County Library – Commissioner Talton  
Swiss Bear – Commissioner Phillips with Commissioner Talton as alternate  
Craven Evaluation and Training Center – Commissioner Sampson  
Civilian Military Community Council – Commissioner Toon  
Aging Planning Board – Commissioner Talton  
Kellenberger Foundation – Commissioner Bland  
Tryon Palace Commission – Commissioner Bland  
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Commissioner Sampson  
Smart Start Committee – Commissioner Sampson  
Eastern Carolina Council – Commissioner Sampson

All of the foregoing Boards and Committees require that a Commissioner serve. Other Boards to which Commissioners were appointed are as follows:

Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority – Commissioner Bland  
Economic Development Commission – Commissioner Talton

Local Emergency Planning Committee – Commissioner Bland  
Cove City Library Board – Commissioner Phillips  
Havelock Library Board – Commissioner Allen  
Vanceboro Library Board – Commissioner Bland  
Craven-Pamlico Transportation Committee – Commissioner

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, requested that the Board go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(4), concerning location and expansion of industry; pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(5), instruction to agent on negotiations. It was the consensus of the Board to defer the closed session until the end of the agenda.

### **COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT**

#### *Funding Request*

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented a request on behalf of Craven/Pamlico/Jones Transportation Committee for financial support to fund a transportation consultant. There was discussion concerning the potential partners among the counties in funding this project. Commissioner Tyson suggested that the County take responsibility for the funding, rather than involving municipalities. It was the consensus of the Board that the County Manager explore funding options with his counterparts in other counties and municipalities in Craven County, as well as the Highway 17 Association.

#### *United Senior Services, Inc. Request for a Surplus Vehicle*

Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, presented a request on behalf of United Senior Services, Inc. for transfer of a surplus vehicle. Commissioner Talton moved to authorize the transfer of a 1992 Ford Crown Victoria, which is available to United Senior Services, Inc., with the last four digits of the Vin # 1608. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

### **COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS**

*Commissioner Sampson* requested that the Board submit a letter of support for inclusion in grant applications for funding of Harmony House in the Duffy field area of New Bern. He moved that the Board authorize staff to draft a letter, which follows. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried.

December 6, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

The Craven County Board of Commissioners voted, in its meeting on December 4, 2000, to extend its support, in principle, to the establishment of Harmony House in New Bern. Sponsored by the Christian Community Charitable Workers, Inc., this facility will offer job training, housing for the needy, substance abuse counseling, AIDS awareness and computer literacy education, and an after school program.

This is an effort that is being launched by concerned citizens to address these needs that remain present in our community, and the Board of Commissioners supports the objectives.

Sincerely,

Calton W. Bland  
Chairman  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

At 10:10 p.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to go into closed session, as requested by the County Attorney pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(4), and NCGS 143-318.11(5) regarding a lease at the Craven Regional Airport. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

At 10:35 p.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to go out of closed session and for adjournment of the regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

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Calton W. Bland, Chairman  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board