

**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 18, 2000. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman C.W. "Pete" Bland  
Vice-Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Commissioner Lee K. Allen  
Commissioner Donald L. Phillips  
Commissioner J. Harold Talton  
Commissioner Albert H. Toon  
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 Commissioner Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Phillips moved to approve minutes of October 30, 2000 special session and minutes of December 4, 2000 regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was presented as follows:

*Acceptance of December 2, 2000 Surplus Auction Results*

Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, submitted for the Board's approval the following list of items sold at the Craven County Surplus Auction on December 2, 2000, for a total collected of \$24,385. Commissioner Allen moved to accept the auction results, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**Craven County  
Auction  
December 2, 2000**

<b>Lot Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Buyer Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Computer cases,monitor, keyboard	10	\$12.00
2	Voice processors, CPUs, Monitor, Keyboard	10	\$10.00
3	Printers,CPU/cases,monitor,keyboard	2	\$1.00
4	4 monitors,keyboards, 3 CPUs	3	\$45.00
5	3 CPUs, monitors, keyboards	10	\$35.00
6	4 monitors,keyboards,	10	\$2.00
7	4 monitors,cpu case, keyboards	3	\$20.00
8	4 monitors, keyboards, CPUs	10	\$10.00

9	4 monitors, keyboards, CPUs,	10	\$6.00
10	5 monitors, keyboards, CPUs	10	\$15.00
11	Optical Disk Jukebox, CPU, keyboard, printer	2	\$30.00
12	Slide projector, CPUs, 3 monitors, keyboards	10	\$25.00
13	4 monitors, keyboards, CPUs	62	\$10.00
14	5 printers	10	\$2.00
15	6 printers	2	\$1.00
16	6 printers, CPU, CD ROM	10	\$30.00
17	5 printers, keyboard tray, typewriter	2	\$1.00
18	7 printers	59	\$2.00
19	Safe No Combination	27	\$160.00
20	GIS Aerial Photo Map Machine	59	\$15.00
21	Stack of twin ax cables	2	\$25.00
22	Playstation Plastic	29	\$35.00
23	7 printers	3	\$5.00
24	6 printers	59	\$5.00
25	5 printers	2	\$1.00
26	4 monitors, keyboards, 3 printers	10	\$5.00
27	4 monitors, 2 keyboards CPU	62	\$20.00
28	6 CPUs, 3 monitors	10	\$20.00
29	3 monitors, keyboards, Compaq laptop	62	\$20.00
30	3 monitors, keyboards, 5 modems, CPUs	10	\$35.00
31	3 monitors, 2 floppydrives, CPUs	62	\$5.00
32	3 monitors, CPU's, keyboards	10	\$10.00
33	3 monitors, CPU's, keyboards	10	\$30.00
34	Scanner, 3 monitors ,CPUs, keyboards	3	\$50.00
35	3 monitors, CPUs, keyboards	3	\$65.00
36	3 monitors, CPU case, keyboards	15	\$17.00
37	6 monitors	10	\$15.00
38	Printer, 4 monitors	10	\$1.00
39	Royal Typewriter, Xerox Typewriter	2	\$1.00
40	Brother typewriter, Royal typewriter	36	\$20.00
41	Brother typewriter, Royal typewriter	41	\$18.00
42	2 cash registers, calculator	41	\$40.00

43	Misc Dictaphone, microcassette recorders	2	\$1.00
44	5 fax machines	59	\$25.00
45	Overhead projector, APC UPS	41	\$5.00
46	7 calculators	41	\$15.00
47	Monitor, CPU, 2 calculators	36	\$6.00
48	Monitor, CPUs, 2 calculators, keyboard	22	\$30.00
49	Thermolyne kiln	62	\$80.00
50	3 monitors, CPU, modems, printer	2	\$3.00
51	Book Binders, Radio System, Other Misc	36	\$51.00
52	Gateway PC, 4 Monitors, CPUs, keyboard	33	\$90.00
53	IBM Map Machine w/ Accessories	27	\$5.00
54	Diazit Map Machine	27	\$2.00
55	Hope Film Processor w/Barrels	27	\$2.00
56	Minolta Copier	13	\$85.00
57	Swingline Burster	13	\$2.00
58	Computer Printer Station	36	\$10.00
59	4 Copiers and Accessories	22	\$10.00
60	Radio Equipment, Polaroid Camera Fd 830	65	\$60.00
61	Data Processing Tape Cases	27	\$3.00
62	Go to Right Stairs-Microfiche Film Reader	2	\$1.00
63	Left of Stairs - Autoclave&Map Frames	33	\$14.00
64	Easel in Case, Room Partition, Sheetrock	2	\$45.00
65	2 Metal Tables	36	\$27.00
66	SCAG riding mower with engine& tires	4	\$1,050.00
67	Clarke Wet Dry Vac	24	\$2.00
68	Clarke Leaf Vac/Grinder	62	\$65.00
69	Honda Floor Buffer, Mastercraft Buffer fd 830	36	\$65.00
70	Gasoline Post Hole digger Briggs/Stratten	2	\$35.00
71	Murray Riding Mower	42	\$40.00
72	Metal Desk, 2 Clarke Vacs, chair	61	\$55.00
73	Computer Desk & Chair	68	\$32.00
74	Computer Hutch	2	\$1.00
75	Metal Desk with 3 chairs	25	\$55.00
76	Wood Desk with 3 chairs	7	\$10.00
77	Desk w/ assorted chairs	24	\$5.00

78	6 Mauve chairs	61	\$20.00
79	Assorted Chairs (7)	24	\$5.00
80	6 Chairs	7	\$5.00
81	Power Saw, Compressor stack	15	\$115.00
82	1 Roll of chain link Fence	61	\$165.00
83	1 Roll of chain link Fence	24	\$130.00
84	Assorted chairs (5)	24	\$10.00
85	Blue connected chairs (8) FD 830	45	\$5.00
86	Blue connected chairs w/ tables (8) FD 830	45	\$5.00
87	Blue connected chairs w/ tables (8) FD8 30	45	\$5.00
88	Black connected chairs w/table (10) Fd 830	2	\$1.00
89	Black/Blue connected chairs (10) Fd 830	7	\$15.00
90	Blue connected chairs (10) Fd 830	59	\$10.00
91	Black/Blue connected chairs (14) Fd 830	2	\$12.50
92	Blue connected chairs w/tables (12) Fd 830	65	\$12.00
93	Blue connected chairs w/tables (8) Fd 830	45	\$5.00
94	Blue connected chairs (8) FD 830	59	\$5.00
95	Black connected chairs w/table (10) Fd 830	2	\$5.00
96	Blue connected chairs (10) Fd 830	7	\$20.00
97	2 doors,sink, desk unit,plastic seating	59	\$35.00
98	Assorted Desk Units Fd 830	2	\$1.00
99	Examining Table (Pink), 8 benches	72	\$30.00
100	Display case,2 urinals, sink	2	\$1.00
101	Plywood, Tar Paper	45	\$175.00
102	Restroom Partitions, Insulation Board	48	\$80.00
103	Truckbed cover	65	\$75.00
104	Truck Tool Box	2	\$1.00
105	Mailbox	59	\$27.00
106	NO ITEM		
107	Map Cabinet, shelving, utility basket	2	\$20.00
108	4 fire extinguishers, 3 drawer file	24	\$35.00
109	4 drawer letter size metal file cabinet	8	\$50.00
110	4 drawer letter size metal file cabinet	72	\$30.00

111	4 drawer letter size metal file cabinet	46	\$10.00
112	2 refrigerators	59	\$55.00
113	2 water coolers	36	\$15.00
114	Motorola Command Radio Transmitter	2	\$1.00
115	Stainless Toilet paper/r towel dispensers	65	\$175.00
116	Steel Shelving 9 boxes W/S	45	\$120.00
117	Airpack & accessories W/S	36	\$120.00
118	Lawnmower, Water Pumps, Parts W/S	59	\$35.00
119	Roto Phase ( Electrical Conversion)	2	\$12.50
120	Electrical Panel w/Transformer Oil	27	\$5.00
121	Windows		
122	3 1/2 ton AC unit w/ heat & street signs	2	\$25.00
123	windows-20	21	\$100.00
124	windows-10	52	\$40.00
125	windows-4	72	\$16.00
126	windows-5	52	\$2.00
127	windows-6	29	\$6.00
128	windows-20	21	\$200.00
129	windows-4	65	\$40.00
130	windows-15	52	\$150.00
131	windows-4	72	\$40.00
132	windows-5	52	\$25.00
133	windows-2	68	\$10.00
134	windows-10	21	\$50.00
135	windows-12	36	\$24.00
136	windows-8	65	\$16.00
		TOTAL	\$5,265.00

**VEHICLES IN YARD**

A	1989 Dodge Colt Dk Grey Mileage 65,669 VIN # JB3CU24X1KU118527 USSI	45	\$225.00
B	1987 Plymouth Colt Dk Grey Mileage 129,756 VIN # JP3BA34K7HU022357 USSI	22	\$175.00

C	1988 Chevrolet Cavalier White 4DR Mileage 106,250 VIN # 1G1JC5110J7160400 USSI	45	\$220.00
D	1989 Ford LTD Crown Vic Burgundy Mileage 107,993 VIN # 2FABP72G3KX214112 College	45	\$200.00
E	1989 Ford LTD Crown Vic Burgundy Mileage 136,827 VIN # 2FABP72G9KX214115 College	45	\$500.00
F	1986 Chevrolet Custom Deluxe Pick up White Mileage 166,881 (FX 8490) VIN # 1GCFC24H2GF438135	18	\$1,650.00
G	1991 Chevrolet S10 Pick Up White Mileage 182,618 (FX 13996-001) VIN # 1GCCS14Z1M2255451	18	\$1,050.00
H	1992 Ford Crown Vic Burgundy Mileage 124,837 VIN # 2FACP72W8NX234498 College	41	\$1,500.00
I	1992 Ford Crown Vic Burgundy Mileage 145,019 (FX 14582) VIN # 2FACP72W4NX191598	47	\$1,950.00
J	1992 Ford Crown Vic Burgundy Mileage 157,295 (FX 14585) VIN # 2FACP72W2NX191602	48	\$2,200.00
K	1992 Ford Crown Vic Burgundy Mileage 132,433 (FX 14894) VIN # 2FACP72W0NX234494	7	\$2,000.00
L	1995 Ford Thunderbird Green 2 Dr Mileage 109,350 (FX 19555) VIN # 1FALP62W1SH201218	27	\$2,700.00

Vehicles TOTAL \$14,370.00

**RECREATION SITE**

AA	1966 International Truck Mileage 64138 VIN # 359472Y007877 FX 8739	76	\$900.00
BB	1973 Mack Tri Axle Dump Truck FX 9918 VIN # DM685S10998 Mileage 122823	76	\$1,000.00
CC	1951 Dorsey Heavy Equipment Trailer FX 12525	36	\$2,050.00
DD	Gallion Motor Grader FX06890 Serial # 118-B- CC-6-09686	36	\$800.00

Recreation Bldg	Total	\$4,750.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL PAGES</b>		<b>\$24,385.00</b>
Breakdown General		\$23,871.00
Airport # 60,69,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93,94,95,96,98		\$226.50
Water Sewer # 116,117,118,119		\$287.50
Grand Total		\$24,385.00

*Tax Releases and Refunds*

The following routine requests for tax releases and refunds were submitted by Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, for the Board's approval. Commissioner Allen 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>
ADAMS, MICHAEL BRUCE DWELLING BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0000210	\$ 215.66
AMERITECH CREDIT CORPORATION OUT OF BUSINESS IN 1999	2000-0000789	\$ 10.42
ATKINS, RAY & DONNA BOAT LIST IN HARNETT CO FOR 2000	2000-0001627	\$ 279.22
BALLENGER, THOMAS J HRS PARCEL BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0002232	\$ 37.74
BEASLEY, SHONNA YVETTE MH REPOSSESSED IN 1998	1999-0091619	\$ 154.28
BRYANT, ANDRE KENT BLDG BRUNED PRIOR TO 1-1-2000	2000-0006431	\$ 37.84
CHANNELL, ROBERT WILLIAM JR MILITARY, BOAT TITLED IN HIS NAME ONLY	2000-0008612	\$ 113.28
CLARK, DONALD ASHLEY RECYCLE CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0009236	\$ 23.99
EVANS, MARIA CAMPOS MH DOUBLE LISTED W/32222	2000-0090667	\$ 177.68
HARDWOOD DIMENSIONS INC BUILDINGS BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0021179	\$ 134.18
JACKSON, GENE A BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0025309	\$ 35.70
JOHNSON, MITCHELL RAY DID NOT OWN MH AS OF 1-1-2000	2000-0090696	\$ 436.88

JONES, HATTIE HEIRS PARCEL BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0026600	\$ 104.20
JONES, HATTIE HEIRS PARCEL BILLED IN ERROR	1999-0025883	\$ 104.20
JONES, RICHARD LEE SR MH DOUBLE LISTED W/37581	2000-0090953	\$ 39.17
JOYNER, DAVID MH DOUBLE LISTED W/4058553	2000-0090700	\$ 35.54
JOYNER, DAVID MH DOUBLE LISTED W/4058553	2000-0090954	\$ 77.30
LAWRENCE, DONALD G COMMON AREA, HOMEOWNER ASSOC EXEMPT	2000-0029118	\$ 155.05
MARBLE, CALRENCE MH DOUBLE LISTED W/40505	2000-0090958	\$ 191.99
MCKAUGHAN, GARY MILITARY, BOAT TITLED IN HIS NAME ONLY TEXAS RESI	2000-0090473	\$ 195.16
MITCHELL, SARA MH DOUBLE LISTED W/2954	2000-0090480	\$ 6.34
OLIVE, DORIS BILLED SCE IN ERROR	2000-0090872	\$ 8.00
OLLISON, CARL JAYSON MH IN PAMLICO CO AS OF 1-1-2000	2000-0090501	\$ 53.21
PRESTON, JOHN F & STACIE L PARCEL DOUBLE BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0090736	\$ 440.42
PRESTON, JOHN F & STACIE L PARCEL DOUBLE BILLED	2000-0039527	\$ 60.50
PRESTON, JOHN F & STACIE L PARCEL DOUBLE LISTED	2000-0090877	\$ 379.92
ROBINSON, JANET HOPKINS & JOHN MH UNLIVEABLE	2000-0041733	\$ 24.00
ROBINSON, JANET HOPKINS & JOHN MH DOUBLE LISTED W/39580	2000-0041734	\$ 381.44
ROSE, LANA A MH DOUBLE LISTED W/38030	2000-0090974	\$ 39.21
ROUSE, DONALD ONEAL MH IN PAMLICO CO AS OF 1-1-2000	2000-0090975	\$ 34.72
RUCKS, WALTER H BOATS BILLED IN WRONG TWP S/B 2/A REBILLED ON SUPP	2000-0042334	\$ 10.54
SMITH, ERVIN LEE BUSINESS DOUBLE LISTED SON, ROBERT SMITH	2000-0044676	\$ 198.23
SMITH, JOSHUA A BILLED SCE IN ERROR	2000-0090889	\$ 8.00

STILES, ETHEL SCE BILLED IN ERROR REBILLED ON SUPP	2000-0090893	\$ 60.00
TRITON PCS OPERATING COMPANY L LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0049243	\$ 763.55
TRITON PCS OPERATING COMPANY L LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0049244	\$ 94.56
TRITON PCS OPERATING COMPANY L LATED PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0049245	\$ 89.24
TRITON PCS OPERATING COMPANY L LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2000-0049246	\$ 348.12
VERN-CO INVESTMENTS LLC & SAND PARCEL DOUBLE BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0090986	\$ 47.18
WAYNE, BARBARA L MH SOLD BEFORE 1-1-2000	2000-0051327	\$ 96.59
WEYERHAEUSER REAL ESTATE CO BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2000-0052244	\$ 374.09
WHITE, FLOYD E JR & BRENDA C MH DOUBLE LISTED	2000-0090608	\$ 248.99
WHITE, MARY MH DOUBLE LISTED W/SAME ACCT #	2000-0090913	\$ 205.73

43 – CREDIT MEMO(S) \$6,532.06

*Refunds*

JONES, HATTIE HEIRS PARCEL BILLED IN ERROR	1998-0024771	\$ 104.00
JOYNER, JOSEPH DAVID MH DOUBLE LISTED W/4058553	2000-0027113	\$ 41.45
MORRIS, CURTIS LEE & MYTRLE M PARCEL BILLED IN ERROR	2000-0090855	\$ 318.01
RUCKS, WALTER H BOATS BILLED IN WRONG TWP S/B 2/A REBILLED ON SUPP	2000-0042334	\$ 196.13

4 – REFUND(S) \$659.59

*Subdivisions for Approval*

The following subdivisions were submitted by the Planning Director for the Board's approval. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the recommendations of the Planning Board, relative to subdivision approval, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Thomas A. and Theresa W. Atkinson Div. – Final: The property owned by Thomas and Theresa Atkinson and surveyed by Matthews Surveying, is located within Twp 3 off of SR 1235 (Hobbs 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.

Tebo Woods Phase One – Reapproval: The property owned by S&T Land, LLC and surveyed by Robert Davis, is located within Twp 7 along SR 1102 (Tebo Road). The subdivision contains 4 lots and is proposed to be served by community water and sewer. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for reapproval.

*Budget Amendments*

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

***Regional Wastewater Fund***

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
369-0269-400-15.10 Prof Ser	\$ <335,019.00>	369-0269-700-36-04 Eastern Carolina Council	\$ 880,631.00
369-0269-400-40.00 Cont. Ser	\$ 134,000.00		
369-0269-400-40.58 Pirnie	\$ 209,039.00		
369-0000-329-00.00 Interest	\$ 156,611.00		
369-0000-349-88.00	\$ 716,000.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 880,631.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 880,631.00</b>

**Justification:** To transfer to ECC (COG) balance of Regional Wastewater Fund per instructions from DENR.

***Health/Healthy Carolinians***

101-6604-349-20-00 Healthy Carolinians	\$ 10,000.00	101-6604-440-27-00 Advertising	\$ 2,000.00
		101-6604-440-20-00 Postage	\$ 200.00
		101-6604-440-32-40 Other Supplies	\$ 1,860.00
		101-6604-440-24-00 Meeting Expense	\$ 1,000.00
		101-6604-440-25-00 Travel/Training	\$ 1,300.00
		101-6604-440-40-00 Cont. Services	\$ 3,640.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>

**Justification:** Additional money to be received by the state

***DSS – Mandated Programs***

101-7291-349-32.00 Energy – CIP	\$ 17,215.00	101-7291-450-23.04 Energy – CIP	\$ 17,215.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,215.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,215.00</b>

**Justification:** Additional CIP funding allocated 100% Federal funds.

***Health/Smart Start – Safety Packets***

101-5808-348.55-00 Smart Start Safety Packet	\$ (2,500.00)	101-5808-440.40-00 Cont. Services	\$ (2,500.00)
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**Justification:** During budget process \$3,500 was an estimate. Smart Start has approved \$1,000.

***Special Appropriation***

101-0000-399-01-00	\$	4,000.00	101-0190-430-96.31	\$	4,000.00
Fund Balance			Barge Removal		
TOTAL	\$	4,000.00	TOTAL	\$	4,000.00

**Justification:** Additional costs to be paid to DAMCO to cover barge removal

***DSS – Mandated Programs***

101-7291-349.32-00	\$	33,186.00	101-7291-450.23-03	\$	33,186.00
CIP/CP&L-Energy			CP&L		
TOTAL	\$	33,186.00	TOTAL	\$	33,186.00

**Justification:** Funding authorization for CP&L Project share allocates more than the original state estimates.

***Health/Home Health (Foundation)***

101-6506-336-25-00	\$	10,000.00	101-6506-440-96-52	\$	10,000.00
Health Foundation			Health Foundation		
TOTAL	\$	10,000.00	TOTAL	\$	10,000.00

**Justification:** More checks are coming through mail without “Foundation” written on them. These checks go through finance for disbursement. Recommendation by Kathy Evans to increase by \$10,000.

***Sheriff’s***

101-0000-399-01.00	\$	10,730.00	101-2001-410-73-01	\$	10,730.00
Fund Balance			C/O Equipment		
TOTAL	\$	10,730.00	TOTAL	\$	10,730.00

**Justification:** Replace vehicle #55 which was totaled in the accident involving Jeffrey Matheny. An insurance check was received in the amount of \$12,325.00 on 12/4/00.

***DSS – Mandated Program***

101-7291-349.16-00	\$	148,352.00	101-7291-450.39-17	\$	148,352.00
Smart Start Day Care			Smart Start Day Care		
TOTAL	\$	148,352.00	TOTAL	\$	148,352.00

**Justification:** Additional funding from the Division of Child Development for the Smart Start Day Care Program.

***DSS – Admin & Employ/Assist***

101-7211-349.19-00	\$	9,644.00	101-7201-450.40-00	\$	9,644.00
IM Staff & Overhead			Contractual Services		
TOTAL	\$	9,644.00	TOTAL	\$	9,644.00

**Justification:** Additional administrative money was allocated for the energy program. The funding is 100% Federal and will help fund the LIEAP temporary workers.

*Request for Position Reclassification*

The Board was requested to consider reclassification of a Public Health Nurse position to a Social Worker II position, for a net annual savings in the amount of \$3,398. The Board was asked to approve the reclassification, with the understanding that the position would not be filled until the endorsement from the Eastern Regional Personnel Office in Greenville, North Carolina is received. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the request for reclassification of the subject position, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**SECOND VOTE ON GRANTING OF AMBULANCE FRANCHISE**

At the Board's meeting on December 4, 2000, a request was considered and a vote taken to grant an ambulance franchise to MED1 Medical Transport, LLC, for convalescent transport. Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, reviewed their rate structure with the Board, explaining that it is approximately comparable to the rate structure of the ambulance service that has recently ceased operations, and lower than that of the hospital service. It was required to have a second vote and Commissioner Talton moved to affirm approval of granting the franchise, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

**GDS REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF HAULING CONTRACT**

Mr. John Crumpton, General Manager of GDS, asked for a two-year extension on the hauling agreement for the County Convenience Centers. It was the recommendation of staff that the request be approved at a new proposed rate of \$105.00 for the period July 1, 2001-June 30, 2003. Staff explained that this is still approximately \$12 per pull less than the next closest proposal received in November of 1996, and recommended the two-year extension. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the request for extension of the agreement for the amount of \$105.00, flat rate per pull for the next two years through June, 2003. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talton. Following discussion, Commissioner Tyson presented an amendment to the motion to extend the agreement with GDS from two years to five years, with \$105 for the first two years, and 75% of CPI for years three to five. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**PRESENTATION BY CITY OF NEW BERN MAYOR**

New Bern Mayor, Tom Bayliss, addressed the Board concerning his petition that was presented to the Board by Mike Avery on November 20, 2000, relative to signage in the Township Seven area. He emphasized to the Commissioners that the City of New Bern has no intention of annexing the area across the Trent River in Township Seven, nor does it have any desire to enforce its extraterritorial jurisdiction in that area, despite rumors. He stated that the Outback Restaurant has had good intentions in locating in the area, but he urges the County to consider a reasonable sign ordinance for areas outside of the City, particularly in the Highway 70 East corridor. Commissioner Talton moved to reconsider the resolution concerning the issuance of sign permits, which was deferred in the Board's meeting on December 4, 2000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the following resolution imposing a moratorium on permitting of signs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talton and carried by five "Ayes" from Commissioners Phillips, Sampson, Talton, Toon, and Tyson, there being two "Nays" from Commissioners Allen and Bland. Commissioner Tyson moved to direct staff to work in cooperation with the City of New Bern staff and to develop an ordinance to have back before the Board within 60 days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

## **RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF SIGN PERMITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Craven County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter “Board”) has found that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Craven County and the peace and dignity of Craven County will be negatively impacted by the placement of large commercial signs (hereinafter “signs”) in and around the City of New Bern and specifically for an area extending one (1) mile eastwardly along the U.S. Highway 70 corridor from the Trent River bridge towards Havelock (hereinafter “affected area”); and,

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the Board has determined that such signs negatively impact the aesthetic value of the area’s historical attractions and constitute safety hazards to motorists in that motorists are distracted by such signs which constitute potential danger from collapse during times of high winds; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-121(a) permits Craven County to enact an ordinance to define, regulate, prohibit or abate acts, omissions or conditions detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of Craven County’s citizens and the peace and dignity of Craven County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board has instructed various employees of the County, including the County Manager and County Attorney, to investigate and study the feasibility of an ordinance restricting the erection of signs in the affected area by exercise of Craven County’s power under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-121(a); and,

**WHEREAS**, such investigation and study necessary to perfect such an ordinance is expected to take ninety (90) days due to the unique and novel nature of such an ordinance; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the erection of such signs prior to the enactment of the contemplated ordinance during the investigation and study period herein mentioned will cause harm to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Craven County and the peace and dignity of the County which such ordinance is intended to prohibit and that the erection of such signs during the investigation and study period should therefore be prevented; and,

**WHEREAS**, Craven County hereby desires to adopt this resolution to prevent the erection of such signs in the affected area; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-45 requires that any ordinance or action having the effect of an ordinance must receive the unanimous approval of all members of the Board of Commissioners before such ordinance or action can be enacted at the meeting at which such ordinance or action is first introduced, or otherwise such ordinance or action must be considered at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the Monday, November 20, 2000 meeting of the Craven County Board of Commissioners, a moratorium as contemplated by this resolution was first considered by the Craven County Board of Commissioners, but such moratorium received less than a unanimous vote of all members of the Craven County Board of Commissioners, and the Board therefore desires that this resolution be again considered for the second time at the Board’s Monday, December 4, 2000 regular meeting.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Craven County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. All County departments and employees are hereby directed not to issue any sign permits for the area extending one (1) mile easterly from the Trent River bridge down the course of U.S. Highway 70 East and further extending two thousand (2,000) feet on either side of the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 70.
2. This ordinance is to be effective for a period of ninety (90) days from the

date of its enactment.

3. The County Manager and other employees of the County are hereby directed to take any action that may be necessary or useful to the implementation of this resolution.

4. The County Manager and other County employees are hereby directed to consider the feasibility and other relevant aspects of enacting a permanent ordinance controlling the erection of signs in the U.S. Highway 70 corridor from the Trent River to Havelock and other areas of Craven County and report such findings as may be appropriate to the Board on or before the Board's Monday, December 18, 2000 regularly scheduled meeting.

EFFECTIVE this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000.

### **TAX SITUS APPEAL**

The Board heard an appeal from Mr. Gerard Ditolla for relief from a discovery that was made by the Craven County Tax Office relative to a 1996 Holiday Camper. Mr. Ditolla disputed that Craven County is the tax situs of the vehicle in question. After hearing the circumstances as described by Mr. Ditolla in his appeal, and having considered counsel of the Property Tax Division of the N.C. Department of Revenue, the County Attorney, and the Institute of Government, Commissioner Toon moved to deny the appeal and uphold the recommendation of the Craven County Tax Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented the following items for the Board's approval.

#### *FY00 Crisis Housing Assistance, FY99 Community Development Block Grant and FY97 HUD-DRI Demolition Awards*

Mr. Baumgardner explained that a bid opening had been held on December 14, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. concerning four dwellings slated for demolition, with recommended awards, as follows:

Residence of Annie Vanentine,	1213 Grace Street New Bern	W.J. Foreman & Son	\$2,195.00
Residence of Mance Hardey, Jr.,	1355 Highway 118 Vanceoboro	W.J. Foreman & Son	\$1,795.00
Residence of Shirley Mitchell	8895 River Road Grifton	W.J. Foreman & Son	\$1,495.00
Residence of Melissa Campbell	2005 Shoo Fly Road Ernul	W.J. Foreman & Son	\$1,995.00

Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the demolition awards, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

#### *Craven County Regional Airport Height Control Ordinance*

Mr. John Price, Craven Regional Airport Director, presented a proposal to address height controls in the air space surrounding the airport. He requested that the Board of Commissioners set a work session to study the proposal and subsequently to schedule a public hearing concerning the proposed restrictions. Commissioner Tyson moved to schedule a work session on January 16, 2001, following the regular session of the Commissioners, and subsequently to establish a schedule for a public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried. Commissioner Tyson recommended that the Board consider imposing a moratorium for the period of

consideration relative to the height control ordinance and moved that a six month height moratorium for 2 ¾miles around the airport be imposed pursuant to statutes granting general police powers of the County (NCGS 153A-121). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

*Tourism Development Authority*

The Board received notification from the Tourism Development Authority of the resignation of Ms. Mary-Marshall Gurley, as a representative of the hotel industry. The Authority recommended the appointment of Bobbi Stanley, Director of Sales at the Sheraton Grand. Commissioner Tyson moved to appoint Ms. Bobbi Stanley, as recommended. Commissioner Talton moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried, with Ms. Stanley being appointed by acclamation.

*Upcoming Appointments in January*

The Board was apprised of terms due to expire on the Clean Sweep Committee, Farmers Market Board, Craven County Health Board, and Craven County EMS Advisory Council.

**COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT**

*New Bern/Craven County Public Library Request*

The Board was presented a letter and resolution from the New Bern/Craven County Public Library requesting that Craven County assume responsibility for maintaining the building and mechanical systems at the library beginning July 1, 2001. Mr. Blizzard recommended that this be an item for consideration during the development of the FY2001-2002 County Budget. It was the consensus of the Board to consider this request at that time.

*Budget Amendment*

Mr. Hemphill presented the following additional budget amendment for the Board’s consideration. Commissioner Talton moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

***School Roof Project***

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
380-8500-369-32-00	\$ 48,369.00	380-8504-480-76.01	\$ 637,286.00
Schools		Bangert Roof	
380-8500-366-04-00	\$2,041,589.00	380-8506-480-76.01	\$ 794,939.00
From D/S Fd 275		G C Fields	
		380-8518.480-76.01	\$ 369,740.00
		Trent Park	
		380-8505-480-76.01	\$ 88,387.00
		Vanceboro Farm Life	
		380-8500.480.75.01	\$ 199,606.00
		Architect	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,089,958.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,089,958.00</b>

**Justification:** Set up new project for Schools Roof Project (approved by Commissioners in Aug 2000)

*Bid Results for Work Release Unit*

Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, informed the Board that bids were opened on December 14, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. for the Work Release Center. The bid tabulation is as follows:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID PROPOSAL</u>
Brydge & Lee	\$258,000.00
Carolina Bldg. Assoc.	\$280,771.90
Morton Commercial	\$237,200.00

It was recommended that the award be made to the low bidder which was Morton Commercial, in the amount of \$237,200. Commissioner Talton moved to award the bid to Morton Commercial for \$237,200.00, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

*NCACC Legislative Goals Voting Delegate*

The Board was asked to designate a voting representative for the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference being held in January. Commissioner Tyson moved that the Chairman be designated, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

*Contract with Eastern Carolina Council*

Mr. Blizzard presented a request from the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments that the balance of funds remaining with Craven County that were designated for the Regional Wastewater Task Force be transferred to the Eastern Carolina Council for use by the Regional Wastewater Coordinating Council, which is the ongoing outgrowth of the original task force. Commissioner Tyson moved to allow funds in the amount of \$880,630.73 to be transferred to the Eastern Carolina Council, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Smoking Policy in Craven County Buildings*

Mr. Blizzard reviewed with the Board a request that has been considered to amend the Craven County smoking ordinance to restrict smoking in the first floor hallway of the Craven County Courthouse adjacent to the Clerk's office and in the entrance mezzanine to the Superior Courtroom. He informed the Board that state law does not authorize further restrictions in the ordinance. A proposed exchange in space between the existing areas in the corridors of the Superior Courtroom and the Clerk's office, and the Magistrate's lobby does not meet the requirements of the ordinance or the state statute. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, recommended that the proportion of designated smoking area could remain equal by making this exchange in addition to moving back the glass partition in the main Craven Street entrance vestibule, thus creating an extended smoking lobby. Commissioner Talton moved to amend the Craven County smoking ordinance, as proposed, to shift the smoking areas away from the main hallway outside the Clerk's office and the mezzanine hallway outside the Superior Courtroom and designating the Magistrate's lobby and the expanded Craven Street Courthouse entrance lobby as smoking areas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

*Extension Service Report to the People*

Mr. Blizzard reminded the Board that the Craven County Cooperative Extension Service has requested an opportunity to present its report to the people at the Farmers Market immediately following the Commissioners' meeting at 12:00 noon, and he asked that the Board recess at the end of the meeting to reconvene at the Farmers Market for this purpose.

*Joint Meeting with Jones County Board of Commissioners*

Mr. Blizzard presented a request that the Craven County Board of Commissioners meet jointly with the Jones County Board of Commissioners to discuss a prospective industry and property acquisition. It was recommended that the two Boards meet on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Craven County Commissioners' meeting room. He suggested that the Board recess its reconvened meeting at the Farmers Market to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Sampson* expressed sympathy to the family of Woody Maness and extended wishes of the season to Commissioners and staff.

*Commissioner Talton* reviewed a request from the James City Community Center for an allocation for remodeling and renovation. He stated that he would possibly propose a budget amendment at the Board's next meeting, after hearing from the officers of the Community Center, satisfying questions relative to the organization, ownership of the property, and plans for renovation.

*Commissioner Allen* reported on his attendance at the County Commissioners school that was held in New Bern by the Institute of Government and he informed the Board that other Commissioners from other parts of the state had been given a tour of the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center during that conference.

*Commissioner Toon* expressed appreciation to the Board and staff for their support during his Chairmanship and extended season's wishes.

*Commissioner Bland* informed the Board that one of the tugboats in the Neuse River has been partially removed and that D.H. Griffin and Damco, the companies that are doing the work, have asked for \$2,000 per tugboat. It was established, however, that this allocation has already been included in previous budget amendments.

*Flag Protocol*

Mr. Blizzard asked that the Board render some guidance in lowering the flag on occasions when it is appropriate, and that the Manager be given latitude to function within the protocol that is established. It was the consensus of the Board to lower the flag in the observance of the passing of Woody Maness, Assistant Emergency Services Director. Commissioner Toon moved that the Board grant authority to the County Manager to lower the flag to half-staff in the event of an active employee's death until after the funeral. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Toon moved to recess to reconvene at the Farmers Market.

At 12:30 p.m. the Board reconvened at the Farmers Market and entertained a presentation by the Cooperative Extension Service on its programs and progress.

At 2:00 p.m. the Board was declared in recess to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. December 21, 2000.

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C.W. "Pete" Bland, Chairman  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
Clerk to the Board

