

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, JUNE 18, 2001. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman C.W. "Pete" Bland
 Vice-Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
 Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
 Commissioner J. Harold Talton
 Commissioner Albert H. Toon
 Commissioner Charles F. Tyson, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Donald 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
 Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
 James R. Sugg, County Attorney

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the minutes of June 4, 2001, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were considered and approved:

Budget Amendments & Ordinance Updates

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

Data Processing/Software

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
Line Item Transfers			
101-0401-400-73-01 DP Software	\$ 53,000.00	101-0567-400-98-59 To Fund 360	\$ 53,000.00
Journal Entry			
101-0567-400-98-59 To Fund 360	\$ 53,000.00	101-0000-101-00-00 Cash	\$ 53,000.00
360-0000-101-00-00 Cash	\$ 53,000.00	360-0000-366-07-00 Fr Fund 101	\$ 53,000.00
TOTAL	\$159,000.00	TOTAL	\$159,000.00
REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
360-0000-366-07-00 From Genl Fund	\$ 53,000.00	360-0501-400-40-00 Cont Ser	\$ 53,000.00

TOTAL	\$ 53,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 53,000.00
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Justification: Transfer funds from Data Processing to Transfers, and rebudget unspent funds allocated for the changeover to the new HTE system to the Software Capital Project.

Convention Center

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
101-1204-400-26-01 M/R Bldg Grds	\$ 2,244.00	101-8201-430-40.00 Cont Services	\$ 2,869.00
101-1204-400-32-07 Janitorial Supplies	\$ 413.00		
101-1204-400-40-00 Cont Services	\$ 212.00		
TOTAL	\$ 2,869.00	TOTAL	\$ 2,869.00

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-8201-357-75-00 Space Rental	\$48,050.00	101-8201-430-40-00 Cont Ser	\$20,000.00
		101-8201-430-15-02 Legal	\$ 1,000.00
		101-8201-430-23-0 Utilities	\$18,000.00
		101-8201-430-10-04 PT Salaries	\$ 4,050.00
		101-8201-430-35-01 Rental	\$ 1,000.00
		101-8201-430-32-40 Supplies	\$ 600.00
		101-8201-430-32-11 Laundry	\$ 1,600.00
		101-8201-430-32-23 Coffee Breaks	\$ 1,800.00
TOTAL	\$48,050.00	TOTAL	\$48,050.00

Justification: Transfer funds budgeted in Bldgs Grounds Department for the Convention Center to cover contractual services at the Convention Center. Budget additional revenue to cover the cost of operations at the Convention Center.

Schools

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
379-8500-480-40-12 Genl Contractor	\$ 7,710.00	379-8500-480-98-01 To Fund 275 Schools	\$ 81,156.00
379-8500-480-40-14 Heat Air	\$ 931.00		
379-8500-480-40-51 Env Impact	\$ 1.00		
379-8500-480-73-01 C/O	\$70,920.00		
379-8500-480-76-59 Contingency	\$ 1,594.00		
TOTAL	\$81,156.00	TOTAL	\$81,156.00

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
379-0000-354-02-00 Contractors Sales Tax	\$19,834.00	379-8500-480-98-01 To Fund 275 Schools	\$19,834.00
TOTAL	\$19,834.00	TOTAL	\$19,834.00

Justification: Transfer from unexpended line items for transfer to Schools Debt Service Project. Budget Contractor's Sales Tax to be transferred to D/S Project Close Out Fund.

Schools

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
JOURNAL ENTRY			
379-8500-480-98-01 D/S Fd 275	\$100,889.74	379-0000-101-00-00 Cash	\$100,889.74
275-0000-101-00-00 Cash	\$100,889.74	275-0000-366-10-00 Fr Fund 379	\$100,889.74

Transfer funds from Project to Reserve

PROJECT CLOSE OUT

TOTAL	\$201,779.48	TOTAL	\$201,779.48
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DSS Mandated Programs

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7221-349-50-00 Medicaid Trans Serv	\$ 25,461.00	101-7221-450-39-20 Purch. Serv. Medicaid Trans.	\$ 27,000.00
101-0000-399-01-00 General Fund Balance	\$751,539.00	101-7291-450-39-03 Medicaid	\$750,000.00
TOTAL	\$777,000.00	TOTAL	\$777,000.00

Justification: Costs continue to rise as a result of the dramatic increase in Medicaid expenses. Funds are also needed to continue to provide transportation under this program. There is a 5.7% match on the transportation funds. The Medicaid draft (101-7291-450-39.03) is all county dollars.

Non Dept./Health Benefits

JOURNAL ENTRY

101-0560-400-11.06	\$350,000.00	101-0000-101-00-00	\$350,000.00
512-00-101-00-0	\$350,000.00	512-0321-354-31-00	\$350,000.00

Budget Amendment

101-0000-399-01-00	\$350,000.00	101-0560-400-11-06 Tr to Fund 512	\$350,000.00
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512-0321-399-01-00	\$162,154.00	512-0321-400-40-81	\$512,154.00
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512-321-354-31-0 Fr GF	\$350,000.00		
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ORDINANCES

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Fund 379 Schools Construction

This ordinance is hereby amended in the following amounts for expenditures for the NEW MIDDLE SCHOOLS PROJECT.

Expenditures:

Administration/Legal	\$ 54,517.00
Grading	\$ 403,383.00
Environmental Testing	\$ 42,311.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 5,645.00
Land Purchase	\$ 611,846.00
Architect	\$ 527,035.00
Construction	\$6,918,201.00
Lighting	\$ 45,500.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 473,506.00
Heating/Air	\$1,089,243.00
Electrical	\$ 853,505.00
Plumbing	\$ 553,108.00
Transfer to Schools Debt Reserve Fd 275	\$ 100,990.00
TOTAL	\$11,678,790.00

The following revenues are hereby estimated for the NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL Project.

Revenues:

Interest on Bond Proceeds	\$
Bond Proceeds	\$11,523,530.00
Sales Tax	\$ 146,334.00
Transfer in From Fund 78	\$ 8,926.00
TOTAL	\$11,678,790.00

This ordinance is hereby amended this 18th day of June, 2001.

SOFTWARE PROJECT
Fund 360

This ordinance is hereby amended in the following amounts for expenditures.

Expenditures:

Contractual Service – HTE	\$ 471,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 471,000.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available to fund this project.

Revenues:

From General Capital Reserve	\$ 378,000.00
From Water Capital Reserve	\$ 93,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 471,000.00

This ordinance is hereby amended this 18th day of June, 2001.

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
BOROS, LOUIS L BOAT SOLD 4-30-1999-DID NOT OWN 1-1-2000	2000-0090288	\$ 362.98
CARTER, TRAVIS MOBILE HOME TITLED TO WIFE & SHE IS ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY	2000-0090646	\$ 174.50
CLARK, ALLAN RAY DWELLING VACANT SINCE '93	2000-0009212	\$ 24.00
DIXON, DIANNIA CARLA MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL	1999-0012903	\$ 195.69
FARREN, RANDY JOE MILITARY BOTH NAMES ACTIVE 1-1-00	2000-0015682	\$ 32.82
FRYE, LANCE M DID NOT OWN BOAT 1-1-2000	2000-0017376	\$ 155.37
GRIFFIN, WILLIAM LESLIE & CHAR DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #39541	2000-0020097	\$ 43.59
HARRISON, JUDE WILLIAM & DELSH MOBILE HOME LISTED W/30405	1999-0021293	\$ 144.79
HARRISON, JUDE WILLIAM & DELSH MOBILE HOME LISTED ON ACCT #30405	1999-0021901	\$ 127.48
HILL, SHERI DID NOT OWN 1-1-2000	2000-0090412	\$ 71.24
HORNER, CHARLES W JR MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/35912	2000-0024104	\$ 124.04
HUGGINS, FURNIE EDWARD DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL #36523	2000-0024460	\$ 324.47
JONES, ROBERT ANDREW DID NOT OWN MOBILE HOME OR VEH FOR 1-1-2000	2000-0026865	\$ 46.96
MILLS, ARGIRTHA D CREDIT FOR RECYCLING FEE ALREADY PAID	2001-0090070	\$ 48.00
OCWEN FEDERAL BANK FSB MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/36567	2000-0036992	\$ 247.90
STROUP, KIRK DOUGLAS MOBILE HOME NOT IN CRAVEN CO 1-1-00	2000-0046603	\$ 165.62
SUPPORT SYSTEMS ASSOCIATES INC BUSINESS CLOSED PRIOR TO 1-01-2000	2000-0046800	\$ 112.75

VOGELSANG, FRED 2000-0050286 \$ 25.20
 DWELLING UNOCCUPIED SINCE 1995

WILLIAMS, JESSE EUGENE 2000-0053873 \$ 95.26
 MOBILE HOME SOLD IN 1998

WRIGHT, JOHN DUDLEY 2000-0055131 \$ 25.38
 CHARGED RECYCLE IN ERROR

21 – CREDIT MEMO(S) \$2,548.04

Refunds

CLARK, ALLAN RAY 1997-0008550 \$ 27.00
 MOBILE HOME VACANT SINCE '93

CLARK, ALLAN RAY 1998-0091739 \$ 24.00
 MOBILE HOME VACANT SINCE '93

CLARK, ALLAN RAY 1999-0009069 \$ 24.00
 MOBILE HOME VACANT SINCE '93

DIXON, DIANNIA CARLA 1999-0012903 \$ 289.42
 MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL

4 – REFUND(S) \$364.42

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECONDARY ROADS PROGRAM

District Engineer, Aaron Everett, presented an update on last year's Secondary Road Program and presented the Secondary Road Program for the upcoming year as follows:

SR No.	Local Name	From	To	Proposed Improvements	Estimated Cost
1354	Gethsemane Church	SR 1224	End	Grade, Drain, Stabilize, & Pave	\$ 50,000.00
1714	Godette School Road	SR 1715	End	Grade, Drain, Stabilize, & Pave	\$ 120,000.00
1643	Pollard Swamp Road	SR 1476	Cnty Ln	Grade, Drain, Stabilize, & Pave	\$ 480,000.00
1434	Askins Brick Road	US 17	US 17	Grade, Drain, Stabilize, & Pave	\$ 380,000.00
1700	Adams Creek Road	SR 1710	SR 1701	Widening	\$ 20,000.00
1711	Temples Point Road	NC 101	End	Widening	\$ 15,000.00
1715	Blades Road	SR 1711	SR 1714	Widening	\$ 5,000.00
1703	Belangia Farm Road	SR 1700	SR 1820	Pavement Strengthening	\$ 7,000.00
1400	River Road	SR 1443	SR 1468	Widening & Pavement Strength	\$ 60,000.00
1440	Streets Ferry Road	SR 1484	SR 1444	Widening	\$ 40,000.00
1470	Maple Cypress Road	SR 1472	SR 1450	Widening & Pavement Strength	\$ 50,000.00
1472	Biddle Farm Road	NC 55	SR 1470	Widening & Pavement Strength	\$ 40,000.00
1640	Gray Road	US 17	SR 1638	Grade & Drain	\$ 16,500.00
1638	Maul Swamp Road	US 17	SR 1639	Grade & Drain	\$ 16,500.00
1643	Vanceboro VFD			Stabilize & Pave	\$ 6,000.00
Maintenance Functions-Stabilization, Pipe Replacement, & Paved Road Improvements					\$ 195,000.00
Retained for Road Additions, Overdrafts, Countywide Surveys & Contingencies					\$ 129,000.00

Notes:

1. Program subject to availability of funds, right of way, & environmental review. If a project is dropped due to any of these reasons, alternate projects will be set up in priority order.
2. Rural Road Priority #13-R, Catfish Lake Road, was skipped in 1998-99 Program due to request and resolution from County Commissioners
3. Complete Funding of SR 1354-Total Estimated Cost \$340,000.00
4. Partial Funding of SR 1643-Total Estimated Cost \$500,000.00

Commissioner Talton moved to approve the proposed Secondary Road Improvement Plan, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried. Mr. Neil Lassiter, Division Engineer, and Mr. Cameron W. McRae, Department of Transportation board member, were also present and introduced.

**8:45 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON SALE OF PROPERTY AT INDUSTRIAL
PARK**

At 8:55 a.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, concerning the sale of property at Industrial Park, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried. There were no members of the public who wished to speak. At 9:00 a.m. the public hearing was closed by motion of Commissioner Sampson, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried. The following resolution approving the sale was presented and approved by motion of Commissioner Tyson, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION OF CRAVEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ACCEPTING OFFER TO PURCHASE AND
AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, NextMedia Operating, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, has made an offer to purchase from Craven County (hereinafter “County”) for Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) per acre that certain tract or parcel of land located in Number 8 Township, Craven County, North Carolina, containing 3.25 acres more or less and being all of tract Number 2 as depicted on a map entitled “Craven County Industrial Development Commission,” dated March 6, 2000, prepared by the East Group, and recorded in Plat Cabinet G at Slide 96-H in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 158 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Craven County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on June 4, 2001, calling for a public hearing on said sale, which public hearing was held June 18, 2001. The Notice of Public Hearing was advertised and published in the *Sun Journal* on the 6th day of June, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the notice, a copy of which is attached, described the interest to be conveyed, the value of the interest, the proposed consideration for the conveyance and the governing bodies and the County’s intention to approve the conveyance; and

WHEREAS it was determined and the County Commissioners find that probable average hourly wage to be paid to workers by the purchaser to be located on the property shall be \$14.00 per hour. The County Commissioners further find that the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) per acre is a fair market value and that the property shall be subject to the same covenants, conditions and restrictions that are placed on other property being sold in the Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, County has determined and finds that the conveyance of the property will stimulate the local economy and promote business, which will result in the creation of a substantial number of jobs in the county that pay at or above the medium average wage in the county; and

WHEREAS, the purchaser shall be contractually bound to construct, within a period of time not to exceed five (5) years, improvements on the property that will generate the tax revenue taken into account in arriving at the consideration that it will be in the best interest of County to complete this sale and that failure of purchaser to construct the improvements specified in the contract shall result in the purchaser reconveying the property to County, if County so elects to purchase the same; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said public notice, more than ten (10) days have expired since the publication of said notice and no objection to the proposed sale has been submitted to the Clerk to the Craven County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the General Statutes of North Carolina, County hereby accepts the offer of NextMedia Operating, Inc. of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) per acre and authorizes the Chairman of the Craven County Board

of Commissioners to execute a deed conveying said property described herein to NextMedia Operating, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners accepts the offer of NextMedia Operating, Inc to purchase the hereinabove described property at the purchase price of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) per acre and does authorize the preparation of a deed and the execution of said deed by the Chairman of the Craven County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 18th day of June, 2001.

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, asked the Board to consider an additional resolution, which follows, concerning the right-of-way easement adjustment which will be necessary as a result of the sale and subsequent use of the property. Commissioner Toon moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the construction of State Highway Project 6.172260, makes it necessary for the North Carolina Department of Transportation to acquire right of way from CRAVEN COUNTY.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and by this resolution the Board does hereby authorize the CHAIRMAN to execute the necessary papers in behalf of CRAVEN COUNTY.

9:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ROAD NAME ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

At 9:04 a.m. Commissioner Toon moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, for proposed road name additions and changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried. There were no members of the public who wished to speak and at 9:05 a.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to come out of public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried. Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, advised the Board that the road name changes that are being proposed have been advertised and are the result of either corrections or residents' petitions. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the changes, as follows, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried.

Updated list of roads that need to be added to the ordinance:

Banks Drive, 7
Blount Brimage Drive, 7
Blueberry Lane, 2
Brandon Drive, 9
Brody Lane, 7
Corporate Lane, 8
Countryside Drive, 1
Cowan Drive, 2
Day Star Lane, 7
Dorn Circle, 1
Dreamwood Drive, 1
Ellis Court, 1
Fish Farm Road, 2
Florist Drive, 8
Gary Thomas Road, 2
Gloria Court, 1
Golden Acres Road, 2
Grooms Drive, 7
Hill Randolph Lane, 7
Lariat Circle, 9
Lisa Lane, 2

Luke Court, 7
 Marie Court, 5
 Messiahs Way, 1
 Millwood Drive, 1
 Newby Lane, 5
 Scotter Drive, 9
 Scotts Creek Drive, 7 SR 1167
 Slocum Road, 6
 South Business Plaza, 8
 Staffordshire Drive, 7
 Victor Road, 9
 Waddell Drive, 7
 Westerly Drive, 7
 Wilcox Lane, 1
 Wilda Lane, 1
 Woodcroft Court, 7

APPOINTMENTS

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Carol Mattocks submitted the following slate for appointment and reappointment to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Commissioner Sampson nominated the slate, which was presented as follows: Michael Barnhill, Blake Belcher, Richard Bowers, Chandra Green, Donn Gunderson, Terrance Hicks, Jennifer Knight, Taren Lee, Mary Mallard, Rachelle Martin, Carol Mattocks, Mary Moore, Pat Newman, Frank Palumbo, Forrest Pruitt, Johnnie Sampson, Jr., George Sawyer, Joy Strickland, and Jerry Wadell. Commissioner Talton moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried, with the slate being appointed by acclamation.

Council on Women

The Board was requested to consider Gail P. Anderson, Catherine Benda, Anna H. Harris, JoAnne F. Shell, and Francis “Bee” Mayo for reappointment. Commissioner Allen nominated the slate for reappointment. Commissioner Toon moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried with the slate being appointed by acclamation.

Upcoming Appointments – July

The Board was advised of the expiring terms on the COG EMS Advisory Council of Joe Piner, Stanley Kite, and Henry Sermons, and on the Havelock Board of Adjustment, the term of Carl Melvin. These appointments were deferred until the Board’s next meeting.

REQUEST FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR BOND REFERENDUM

Craven County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, presented a resolution adopted by the Craven County Board of Education on May 29, 2001 proposing a bond referendum date of November 6, 2001. There was no action taken and action on this matter was deferred until the Board’s next regular meeting on July 2nd.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Hemphill presented one additional budget amendment, as follows:

DSS CARTS

101-7002-348-04-00	\$ 3,036.00	101-7002-450-31-01	\$ 3,036.00
HCCBG CARTS		Gasoline	
101-7221-349-79-00	\$ 3,036.00	101-7221-450-40-00	\$ 3,036.00

Care Mgmt		Cont Ser	
TOTAL	\$ 6,072.00	TOTAL	\$ 6,072.00

Justification: The Area Agency on Aging has received a turn in of funds which has become available for use by Craven County. CARTS and Social Services-Care Management have each received \$3,036. They currently have the match budgeted in operating funds so will not need additional funds for a local match (\$337 each).

BUDGET ORDINANCE

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented the budget ordinance for FY 2001-2002, as follows:

SECTION I

The following amounts are appropriated for expenditure in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Commissioners	\$ 289,697.00
Administration	466,344.00
Personnel	241,166.00
Data Processing	606,224.00
Transportation (CARTS)	759,524.00
Elderly Handicap	62,000.00
Finance	567,372.00
General Public Transportation	45,193.00
Craven County Clean Sweep	1,899,476.00
Elections	176,610.00
Tax Assessor	787,045.00
Tax Collections	315,137.00
Register of Deeds	585,024.00
Planning	436,761.00
Public Buildings	766,277.00
Housekeeping	150,903.00
Court Facilities	548,908.00
Maintenance	232,881.00
Sheriff	3,464,167.00
Craven County Schools:	
- Current Expense	12,442,585.00
- Capital Outlay	600,000.00

- PILT	50,000.00
- Transfer to School Debt Service Fund	3,306,000.00
Craven Community College:	
- Current Expense	2,067,588.00
- Capital Outlay	75,000.00
- Principal	50,000.00
- Interest Community College Bldg.	95,000.00
Rescue Squads	644,100.00
Pass Through Grants	432,454.00
Mental Health	269,827.00
Libraries	1,016,166.00
Non-Departmental	235,500.00
Contribution to Other Funds	234,400.00
Economic Development	312,859.00
Convention Center	579,224.00
Special Appropriation	250,910.00
Total	\$65,844,589.00

SECTION II

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Current Year's Property Taxes	\$ 23,011,974.00
Prior Year's Property Taxes	131,000.00
Vehicle Property Taxes	3,849,912.00
Prior Year's Vehicle Property Taxes	220,000.00
Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	50,000.00
Late Listing Penalty	60,000.00
Inventory Tax Reimbursement	900,000.00
Annual Fee (Solid Waste/Recycling)	1,143,800.00
In Lieu of Taxes	107,000.00

Penalty and Interest	77,500.00
Local Beer and Wine	8,200.00
Franchise Fees - (Cable T.V.)	95,000.00
Interest - Investments	854,200.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	80,700.00
Donations/Contributions	52,975.00
Intangibles Tax Reimbursement	908,000.00
State Beer/Wine Tax	150,000.00
One Cent Sales Tax	5,175,000.00
One Half Cent Sales Tax - 1st	3,695,000.00
One Half Cent Sales Tax - 2nd	3,663,000.00
Food Stamp Sales Tax	71,000.00
Vehicle Gross Receipts Tax	60,000.00
Alcoholic Beverage Control	332,000.00
State Grants	1,656,658.00
State Revenue	10,873,074.00
Court Fees	290,000.00
Sheriff Fees	60,000.00
First Party Payment for Services	57,700.00
Third Party Payment for Services	152,100.00
Fees for Services	2,921,626.00
Transfers In From Other Funds	55,250.00
Refunds	1,000.00
Inter-Departmental	278,193.00
Inter-Governmental	641,035.00
Medicaid	1,585,446.00
Medicare	1,473,307.00
Medicaid Maximization	255,575.00
Federal Revenue	19,458.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	827,906.00

Total **\$65,844,589.00**

SECTION III

The following amount is appropriated to the Health Benefits Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Health Benefits Expenses \$ 2,114,400.00

Total **\$ 2,114,400.00**

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Health Benefits Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Interest \$ 5,000.00

Employer Contribution - Health 1,665,000.00

Employee Contribution - Health 239,400.00

Employer Contribution - Dental 125,000.00

Employee Contribution - Dental 80,000.00

Total **\$ 2,114,400.00**

The above revenues reflect the following rates, which are changed for Health Coverage:

Health – Employee	\$ 254.00
Child Only	155.00
Family	400.00

SECTION IV

The following amount is appropriated to the Seized Property – Sheriff’s Department Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Expense:

Miscellaneous \$46,700.00

Total **\$46,700.00**

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Seized Property – Sheriff’s Department Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Fund Balance Appropriated \$11,700.00

Seized Asset Funds	\$20,000.00
Substance Abuse	\$15,000.00
Total	\$46,700.00

SECTION V

The following amount is appropriated to the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Juvenile Restitution Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Juvenile Restitution Expense	\$ 36,500.00
Total	\$ 36,500.00

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Juvenile Restitution Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

CBA - Juvenile Restitution	\$ 36,500.00
Total	\$ 36,500.00

SECTION VI

The following amount is appropriated for the Craven County Water Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Water Operations Expense	\$ 2,734,148.00
Total	\$ 2,734,148.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Craven County Water Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Penalty and Interest	\$ 71,800.00
Interest on Investments	120,000.00
Fees	149,725.00
Water Sales	2,392,623.00
Total	\$ 2,734,148.00

The above revenues are based on rates which are changed to:

Neuse River Water & Sewer District – Residential availability fee of \$7.00

Business availability fee of \$11.00
Usage charge of \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons

for all users
Township #6 Water & Sewer District – Business availability fee of \$20.00
Usage charge of \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons

for all users
Northwest Craven Water & Sewer District – Residential availability fee of \$12.00
Business availability fee of \$18.00
Usage charge of \$1.60 per 1,000 gallons

for all users
East Craven Water & Sewer District – Residential availability fee of \$11.00
Business availability fee of \$17.00

Any rates not listed remain unchanged from prior year.

SECTION VII

The following amount is appropriated for the Enhanced 911 Project for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Enhanced 911 Operating Expenses	\$344,833.00
Total	\$344,833.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Enhanced 911 Project during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Interest	\$ 12,500.00
Telephone Subscriber Charges	332,333.00
Total	\$ 344,833.00

SECTION VIII

The following amount is appropriated for the Schools Debt Service for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Debt Service Expenses	\$3,136,747.00
Transfer to Fund 380	\$2,000,000.00
Total	\$5,136,747.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Schools Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Interest	\$ 100,000.00
Sales Tax	3,306,000.00
State ADM	788,000.00

Fund Balance Appropriated	942,747.00
Total	\$5,136,747.00

SECTION VIX

The following amounts are appropriated for the Rhems Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Workers Compensation	\$ 1,800.00
Insurance	1,025.00
Payment to District	149,184.00
Total	\$152,009.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Rhems Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 95,227.00
(Rate of .0375; Valuation of \$ 261,200,000.00)	
Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	187.00
Inventory Tax Reimbursement	3,410.00
Sales Tax	46,919.00
Food Stamp Sales Tax	266.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	6,000.00
Total	\$ 152,009.00

SECTION X

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 1 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,800.00
Insurance	1,025.00
Payment to District	147,996.00
Payment to Little Swift Creek Fire Department	5,146.00
Capital Reserve – Equipment	18,535.00
Total	\$ 176,502.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 1 Fire

Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	95,747.00
(Rate of .0238; Valuation of \$413,800,000.00)	
Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	187.00
Inventory Tax Reimbursement	3,410.00
Sales Tax	46,892.00
Food Stamp Sales Tax	266.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	30,000.00
Total	\$176,502.00

SECTION XI

The following amounts are appropriated for the Tri-Community Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Workers Compensation	\$ 4,300.00
Insurance	
1,150.00	
Payment to District	164,341.00
Total	\$ 169,791.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Tri-Community Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 103,081.00
(Rate of .0297; Valuation of \$357,000,000.00)	
Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	201.00
Inventory Tax Reimbursement	3,664.00
Sales Tax	50,414.00
Food Stamp Sales Tax	286.00
Sandy Point Appropriation	12,145.00
Total	\$169,791.00

SECTION XII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Little Swift Creek Fire

Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,500.00
Insurance	1,025.00
Payment to District	81,038.00
Total	\$ 84,563.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Little Swift Creek Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$50,305.00
(Rate of .0590; Valuation of \$87,700,000.00)	
Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	96.00
Inventory Tax Reimbursement 1,754.00	
Sales Tax	24,125.00
Food Stamp Sales Tax	137.00
Township No. 1 Appropriation	5,146.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	3,000.00
Total	\$84,563.00

SECTION XIII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 3 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Workers Compensation - Cove City	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance - Cove City	800.00
Payment to Cove City	41,741.00
Payment to Dover	32,042.00
Workers Compensation - Fort Barnwell	1,900.00
Insurance - Fort Barnwell	800.00
Payment to Fort Barnwell	43,978.00

Cove City Payment from Township #9	3,000.00
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Total	\$ 125,761.00
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It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 3 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 80,110.00
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(Rate of .0681; Valuation of \$121,000,000.00)

Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	157.00
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Inventory Tax Reimbursement	2,864.00
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Sales Tax	39,407.00
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Food Stamp Sales Tax	223.00
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Payment from Township #9	3,000.00
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Total	\$ 125,761.00
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SECTION XIV

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 5 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Workers Compensation	\$ 1,500.00
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Insurance	1,025.00
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Payment to District	148,950.00
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Capital Reserve	1,992.00
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Total	\$ 153,467.00
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It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 5 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$102,177.00
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(Rate of .0661; Valuation of \$159,000,000.00)

Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	189.00
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Inventory Tax Reimbursement	3,444.00
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Sales Tax	47,389.00
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Food Stamp Sales Tax	268.00
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Total \$ 153,467.00

SECTION XV

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 6 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,100.00
Insurance	1,025.00
Payment to District	120,482.00
Total	\$123,607.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 6 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 60,908.00
(Rate of .0350; Valuation of \$179,000,000.00)	
Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	120.00
Inventory Tax Reimbursement	2,182.00
Sales Tax	30,022.00
Food Stamp Sales Tax	170.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	30,205
Total	\$123,607 .00

SECTION XVI

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 7 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,000.00
Insurance	1,025.00
Payment to District	269,646.00
Total	\$ 273,671.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 7 Fire

Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 179,449.00
(Rate of .0365; Valuation of \$505,700,000.00)	
Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	347.00
Inventory Tax Reimbursement	6,328.00
Sales Tax	87,054.00
Food Stamp Sales Tax	493.00
Total	\$273,671.00

SECTION XVII

The following amounts are appropriated for the West of New Bern Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,100.00
Insurance	1,025.00
Payment to District	249,050.00
Capital Reserve – Equipment	5,013.00
Total	\$ 257,188.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the West of New Bern Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 168,379.00
(Rate of .03560; Valuation of \$486,500,000.00)	
Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	327.00
Inventory Tax Reimbursement	5,964.00
Sales Tax	82,053.00
Food Stamp Sales Tax	465.00
Total	\$ 257,188.00

SECTION XVIII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 9 Fire Department

Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,850.00
Insurance	1,025.00
Payment to District	122,739.00
Payment to Cove City	3,000.00
Total	\$ 129,614.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 9 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 85,261.00
(Rate of .0713; Valuation of \$123,000,000.00)	
Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	163.00
Inventory Tax Reimbursement	2,978.00
Sales Tax	40,980.00
Food Stamp Sales Tax	232.00
Total	\$129,614.00

SECTION XIX

The following amounts are appropriated for the Sandy Point Service District for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Payment to District	12,145.00
Total	\$ 12,145.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Sandy Point Service District during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	7,944.00
(Rate of .0619; Valuation of \$13,200,000.00)	
Senior Citizen Exemption Reimbursement	15.00
Inventory Tax Reimbursement	282.00
Sales Tax	3,882.00

Food Stamp Sales Tax	22.00
Total	\$ 12,145.00

SECTION XX

The following amounts are appropriated for the Industrial Park Water and Sewer Service Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Water & Sewer Operations Expense	\$156,000.00
Total	\$ 156,000.00

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Industrial Park Water and Sewer Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Water and Sewer Sales	\$ 148,000.00
Interest	8,000.00
Total	\$ 156,000.00

SECTION XXI

The following amount is appropriated for the Revaluation Reserve Project for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Expense:

2002 Expense Transfer to Revaluation Fund 375:	\$ 385,000.00
Total	\$ 385,000.00

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Revaluation Reserve Project for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Revenue – Appropriations from General Fund (Multiple Years):	\$ 350,000.00
Interest	35,000.00
Total	\$ 385,000.00

SECTION XXII

The following amount is appropriated for the Creekside Park operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Parks Expense	\$ 2,098,787.00
Total	\$ 2,098,787.00

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Creekside Park during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Revenue	\$2,098,787.00
Total	\$ 2,098,787.00

SECTION XXIII

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Neuse River Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Debt Service	\$ 97,002.00
Total	\$ 97,002.00

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Neuse River Water and Sewer –Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Transfers in from Water Operating Fund	\$ 97,002.00
Total	\$ 97,002.00

SECTION XXIV

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Neuse River Water and Sewer - Sewer Operations Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Sewer Operations Expense	\$ 830,159.00
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Total **\$ 830,159.00**

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Neuse River Water and Sewer - Sewer Operations Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Penalty and Interest	\$ 24,000.00
Interest – Investments	22,000.00
Fees	19,300.00
Transfers In From Revenue	14,244.00
Sewer Sales	735,615.00
Transfers In From Industrial Park Sewer	15,000.00
Total	\$ 830,159.00

The above revenues are based on rates changed as follows:

- Sewer availability fee of \$8.52 and usage charge of \$4.18 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

SECTION XXV

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Number Six Township Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Debt Service	\$ 139,973.00
Total	\$ 139,973.00

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Number Six Township Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Transfers in from Water Operating Fund	\$ 139,973.00
Total	\$ 139,973.00

SECTION XXVI

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Debt Service	\$ 458,388.00
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Total \$ 458,388.00

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Transfers in From Water Operating Fund \$ 458,388.00

Total \$ 458,388.00

SECTION XXVII

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the East Craven Water & Sewer Debt Service for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Debt Service \$ 145,163.00

Total \$ 145,163.00

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the East Craven Water & Sewer Debt Service for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Transfer in from Water Operating Fund \$ 145,163.00

Total \$ 145,163.00

SECTION XXVIII

The following amount is appropriated for the TDA Trust Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Administrative Expenses \$ 50,000.00

Debt Services 1,824,482.00

Inter-Governmental 485,000.00

Transfer to Fund 377 1,500,000.00

Total \$ 3,859,482.00

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the TDA Trust Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Revenue:

Tourism Development Authority Occupancy Tax	\$ 3,584,482.00
Interest	275,000.00
Total	\$ 3,859,482.00

SECTION XXIX

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Transfer to Fund 450 – Operations	\$ 1,041,620.00
Total	\$ 1,041,620.00

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002.

Tap On Fees	\$ 1,041,620.00
Total	\$ 1,041,620.00

SECTION XXX

There is levied a tax rate of \$.6000 per \$100.00 valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2001, for the purpose of raising revenues listed as current year's property tax in Section II of this Ordinance.

The rate of tax is based on an estimated valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$4,605,000,000.00 and an estimated collection rate of 97.22%.

Rates for ambulance service are to be increased July 1, 2001 to \$275.00 for Basic Life Support and \$415.00 for Advanced Life Support. A charge of \$5.00 per loaded mile will also be charged.

SECTION XXXI

The Budget Officer is authorized to make line item transfers within each department.

The Budget Officer is authorized to transfer between departments within the same fund amounts not to exceed \$10,000.00.

The Budget Officer is authorized to loan dollars between funds for the purpose of maintaining a constant cash flow, provided that such funds are repaid in the scope of this Fiscal Year.

The Budget Officer is authorized to freeze any new/vacant positions until such time as the necessity and imperativeness can be ascertained and assuredness

of available fiscal funding can be better determined.

The Budget Officer is further authorized to decide the time any capital improvements or capital outlay items in the budget may be processed.

SECTION XXXII

Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out the duties of that office.

This Ordinance is hereby adopted this 18th day of June, 2001.

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

ATTEST:

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Talton moved to approve the budget ordinance, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. During discussion Commissioner Tyson recommended and moved for an amendment to the budget ordinance, as follows:

Recommended deletions to the budget ordinance:

- Commissioners' discretionary travel allowance be reduced from \$28,076 to \$3,076 – net reduction \$ 25,000.
- Defer purchasing 10 of the 13 Sheriff's patrol cars until next year - \$232,960.
- 1% to be deleted from this budget year for the employees 401k Supplemental Retirement Plan. Currently it is 3% (2% match 1% unmatched) - \$98,862.

Total Deletions - \$ 356,822.00

Recommended additions to the budget ordinance:

- Coastal Women's Shelter \$ 15,000.00
 - Council on Women \$ 15,000.00
 - Senior Companion Program \$ 15,000.00
 - Merci Clinic \$ 15,000.00
 - Craven Arts Council \$ 15,000.00
 - Swiss Bear \$ 15,000.00
 - RCS Homeless Shelter \$ 15,000.00
 - American Red Cross \$ 10,000.00
 - Big Brother-Big Sisters \$ 5,000.00
 - New Bern Area Improvement \$ 5,000.00
 - Havelock Historical \$ 5,000.00
 - Cove City Library \$ 3,000.00
 - Vanceboro Library \$ 3,000.00
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- 136,000.00

The net adjustment to the budget ordinance will be a (-220,822), which can be used to reduce the proposed income in property taxes from 3¢ per \$100 to 2 ½¢ per \$100. (½¢ = \$220,000)

The motion died without a second. During discussion of the original motion Commissioner Allen emphasized that the burden for the increase in the ad valorem tax rate rests squarely on the shoulders of the North Carolina General Assembly. He also expressed the hope that, despite a projection of zero growth in Craven County, the reality will be more favorable. Commissioner Tyson expressed the opinion that a budget this size would have enough flexibility to accommodate reprioritizing and funding some of the non-profit programs. Commissioner Toon reported that the citizens with whom he has had contact seem to understand the budget constraints after being properly informed and have little objection. Commissioner Sampson appealed to the Commissioners not to become isolationists in an attempt to economize. He stressed the value of networking and benefits of attending conferences as the need for collaboration increases. Commissioner Bland stated that the set of priorities that were funded in the budget ordinance reflect education and public safety. He expressed the hope to be able to return to the prior ad valorem tax rate.

A vote was taken on the original motion, which carried with five (5) “Ayes” from Commissioners Allen, Bland, Sampson, Talton, and Toon, there being one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Tyson and one absence (Commissioner Phillips).

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDS

At 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, concerning application for CDBG funds. Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, explained Craven County is seeking \$75,000 in grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. Funding is available through the CDBG infrastructure hook-up demonstration program and no local match funds are required. During the public hearing Mrs. Helen Adams of 909 Bern Street, New Bern, inquired about eligibility and the procedure for being funded through this grant. Mr. Baumgardner responded that low to moderate income families are eligible and there must be an existing line going past the structure. He indicated that it would be 60 to 90 days before it is known if the application is received favorably. There were no additional members of the public who wished to speak, and at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Talton moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the request to authorize the grant application, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

Outdoor Sign Ordinance

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented revisions to the proposed sign control ordinance at the request of the Board and asked for guidance on establishing parameters within which to proceed. He proposed that the Board take a tour of the corridor on Hwy. 70 East that is affected by the current moratorium on the placement of signs, to have a better idea of what kinds of signs are involved in such a regulation. Commissioner Talton also recommended that a work session be scheduled at a later date after having the tour. Commissioner Talton moved to take the tour following a recess and to schedule a work session on June 25th at 5:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

School Request for Grant Match

Mr. Blizzard presented a letter from the Superintendent of Schools requesting consideration of a fifty percent (50%) match for the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant. This is for the purpose of eliminating waste water discharged into the Neuse River at West Craven Middle School. He recommended that the Board consider funding 50% of the match from fund balance, in the amount of \$146,250, subject to the Board of Education coming up with the same amount for the match. Commissioner Allen moved

to defer action until the Board's reconvened session on June 25th, pending the Board of Education's action on Mr. Blizzard's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Sampson reported on the dedication of a Habitat for Humanity home, which he attended on Sunday. He commended the volunteers who participated in its construction.

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to recess to reconvene for a tour on Highway 70 East after the Water & Sewer Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board