

**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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2001. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Chairman C.W. "Pete" Bland
- Vice-Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
- Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
- Commissioner Donald 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
- 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 minutes of the August 20, 2001 regular session, the August 3, 2001 special session, and the August 14, 2001 reconvened session, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Prior to the Board's consideration of the consent agenda, Commissioner Allen moved that he be excused from the vote based on his personal interest in one of the items listed on the request for tax releases and refunds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried. Commissioner Talton moved to be excused from the vote as well, because of his personal interest in one of the items on the tax releases and refunds listing. Commissioner Tyson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

*Budget Amendments*

The following budget amendments were submitted by the Finance Department for approval. They were approved by motion of Commissioner Sampson, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Sheriff*

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-0000-399-01-00	\$ 4,906.00	101-2006-410-32-40	\$ 4,906.00
Fund Balance		LLEBG Match-other supplies	
101-2006-377-06-00	\$ 44,157.00	101-2006-410-32-40	\$ 44,157.00
LLEBG Revenue		Other Supplies	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 49,063.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 49,063.00</b>

**Justification:** To appropriate match for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant of \$44,157.00 from fund balance in amount of \$4,906.00.

*Health/Prostate*

101-6606-399-12-00	\$ (408.00)	101-6606-440-32-40	\$ (408.00)
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Fund Balance Approp  
American Cancer-Prostate

Other Supplies

TOTAL \$ (408.00)

TOTAL \$ (408.00)

**Justification:** Fund balance for prostate was estimated at \$2300.00. Actual fund balance is \$1,892. Reduction of \$408.00 required to line budget up appropriately.

**Occupancy Trust**

590-0000-329-00-00 \$( 200,000.00)  
Interest

590-9600-500-15-10 \$( 50,000.00)  
Admin Fees

590-0000-345-44-00 \$(2,770,026.00)  
Occ Tax

590-9600-500-80-01 \$( 335,000.00)  
D/S Principal

590-9600-500-80-11 \$( 697,026.00)  
D/S Interest

590-9600-500-96-69 \$( 388,000.00)  
Spec Approp Havelock

590-9600-500-98-0 \$(1500000.00)

TOTAL \$(2,970,026.00)

TOTAL \$(2970026.00)

**Justification:** Budget was carried over as a project and should have been a new budget. No County appropriation – bookkeeping entries.

*Tax Releases and Refunds*

The Tax Department submitted the following routine requests for tax releases and refunds, which were approved by motion of Commissioner Sampson, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Credits*

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ANDREWS, MEREDITH ALICIA MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL	2001-0001177	\$ 196.47
BLOUNT, ANNA & BLOURN, ROBERT SCE LEFT OFF IN ERROR	2001-0004551	\$ 146.76
BOYD, ROGER J VEHICLES NOW LISTED AS REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES P	2001-0005144	\$ 220.92
BROADWAY, ROBERT E MOBILE HOME 8X40 1955 DESTROYED IN 1999 & 2 RECYCL	2001-0005823	\$ 67.12
BRYAN, CHARLES L ET AL HOUSE REMOVED FROM LOT	2001-0006375	\$ 32.00
CASWELL, MICHAEL PATRICK & VIC MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL	2001-0008330	\$ 49.94
CHERRY BRANCH, LTD BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2001-0008909	\$ 153.00
CHURCH-FIRST BAPTIST OF HAVELO EXEMPT FOR RELIGIOUS USE ONLY	2001-0009135	\$ 528.33

CHURCH-HAVELOCK FIRST BAPTIST DWELLING VACANT SINCE 1999	2001-0009150	\$ 32.00
CHURCH-TEMPLE BAPTIST OF NEW B EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2001-0009197	\$ 252.48
COASTAL LUMBER COMPANY CHARGED LATE PENALTY IN ERROR	2001-0009683	\$ 521.91
COPELAND, JESSICA SOLD MOBILE HOME IN '99 REBILLED TO STEPHEN REGAN	2001-0010457	\$ 40.49
COPELAND, JESSICA SOLD MOBILE HOME IN '99 REBILLED TO STEPHEN REGAN	2000-0010330	\$ 34.82
COWAN, THOMAS EARL TRANSFERRED IN ERROR REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2001-0010777	\$ 58.20
DEMORANVILLE, MARK A MILITARY HIS NAME ONLY-FLORIDA RESIDENT	2001-0012919	\$ 103.02
DEWITT, GEORGE L MOBILE HOME DESTROYED	1999-0012633	\$ 41.99
DEWITT, GEORGE L MOBILE HOME DESTROYED	2000-0012911	\$ 38.14
DORSETT, STUART B & JOSEPHINE BUILDING TORN DOWN 6-2000	2001-0013644	\$ 473.17
DOWNEY, CHARLES P & APRIL W 1975 MOBILE HOME TRADED IN ON 2000 DOUBLE WIDE	2001-0013814	\$ 47.36
EAGAN, TALENA DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #28484-REPOSSESSED MARCH 20	2001-0014426	\$ 361.12
EDWARDS, DONALD R DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #30924	2001-0014741	\$ 220.55
EVANS, DAVID SAVAGE MOBILE HOME BILLED W/REAL IN ERROR REBILLING MOBIL	2001-0015429	\$ 495.14
FELDER, DORIS RICHARDSON DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL	2001-0015909	\$ 421.90
FLYNN, MYRTLE CARAWAN BUILDING REMOVED IN MAY 2000	2001-0016631	\$ 63.40
FORNES, LESLIE A & MARY MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/2397340	2001-0016844	\$ 95.38
GANN, RAYMOND R & SANDRA GAYLE BILLED IN CITY OF HAVELOCK S/B FIRE DIST	2001-0017861	\$ 19.07
GARVER, JIMMIE T CORRECTED APPRAISAL OF LAND	2001-0018122	\$ 393.85
GODETTE, MARY LOUISE MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/2750300 AS REAL	2001-0019318	\$ 262.00

GOSSETT, VELMA LEE ALSTON MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/42113	2001-0019688	\$ 385.06
GOULART, JR ALEXANDRE MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/2851075	2000-0090388	\$ 143.92
GRANT, VIRGINIA GINN MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/33955	2001-0019814	\$ 409.81
GRIFFIN, OLIVER JR RECYCLE BILLED IN ERROR	2001-0020222	\$ 32.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER G.S. 105-278.6	2001-0020636	\$ 10.14
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2001-0020637	\$ 9.48
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2001-0020638	\$ 12.60
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2001-0020639	\$ 13.50
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2001-0020640	\$ 13.50
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2001-0020645	\$ 18.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2001-0020644	\$ 18.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2001-0020643	\$ 18.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2001-0020641	\$ 62.40
HARDEE, CECIL F & NANCY E ADDITION DID NOT EXIST ON 1-1-2001	2001-0021219	\$ 147.30
HARTLEY, BRIAN WAYNE MOBILE HOME REVALUED PER BILL OF SALE	2001-0022171	\$ 86.76
HAWKINS, BILLY LEE BOAT MOTOR WAS DESTROYED BEFORE 1-1-2001	2001-0022451	\$ 3.85
HAYS, BYRD WISE BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2001-0022676	\$ 938.60
IPOCK, DELORES JEAN DID NOT OWN ON 1-1-2001	2001-0025129	\$ 49.15
IRONS, CLYDE M JR BILLED IN FIRE DIST S/B INSIDE CITY OF HAVELOCK	2001-0025368	\$ 1.94
JOHNSON, LINWOOD C SR BOAT LISTED TO ACCT #0036783	2001-0026407	\$ 8.91

KEEL, SHIRLEY MAE DID NOT OWN MOBILE HOME 1-1-2001	2001-0027562	\$ 45.10
KIBLER, DEVIN & NINA MILITARY HALF VALUE "IL" RESIDENCE	2001-0027861	\$ 77.57
KING, SCOTT A MILITARY BOAT IN HIS NAME ONLY FL RESIDENT	2001-0028095	\$ 102.00
LAMM, ALSTON JR & ELLLLVA O DWELLING UNOCCUPIED SINCE AUG 1999	2001-0028903	\$ 32.00
LEWIS, TERRY MCCOY MOBILE HOME BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED TO TERRY M	2001-0030016	\$ 137.76
LYSOGORSKI, GLENN JOSEPH REVALUED BOAT FOR HURRICANE DAMAGE	2001-0030959	\$ 122.46
MARBLE, CLARENCE MOBILE HOME LISTED ON ACC #40505	2001-0031533	\$ 199.63
MARTIN, DORETHA F VACANT SINCE '95	2001-0031797	\$ 32.00
MCCOY, RAVON BILLED RECYCLE IN ERROR	2001-0032710	\$ 32.00
MCCOY, RAVON BILLED RECYCLE IN ERROR	2000-0032384	\$ 24.00
MCLAWHORN, BOBBY A & MICHELLE BILLED IN WRG TWP S/B CITY OF NB REBILLED ON SUPPL	2001-0033222	\$ 157.38
MEWBORN, CHRISTANNIA B BILLED IN ERROR REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2001-0033770	\$ 186.62
MEYER, THOMAS A BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2001-0033808	\$ 339.28
MILLER, JAMES C & SHERRIL G BOAT REVALUED TO REFLECT CORRECT LENGTH	2001-0034036	\$ 145.35
MILLER, NORMA W BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2001-0034088	\$ 469.04
MOBERLY, ORA A HOUSE REMOVED FROM SITE FOR 1-1-01	2001-0034542	\$ 112.41
MORRIS, TRAVIS LYNN BILLED IN CITY OF VANCEBORO REBILLED IN FIRE DIST	2001-0035652	\$ 123.20
MURPHY, RUE BELLE DID NOT RECEIVE SCE	2001-0036022	\$ 142.00
PACA, DAVID W DID NOT OWN 1-1-2001	2001-0037820	\$ 165.30
PACA, DAVID W & JUDITH S DID NOT OWN ON 1-1-2001	2001-0037821	\$ 1,105.51

PADGETT, ROY A JR BILLED IN CITY OF HAVELOCK S/B 5/E	2001-0037848	\$ 3.33
PATTERSON, CAROLYN ROSE DWELLING UNOCCUPIED SINCE MAY 1998	2001-0038367	\$ 32.00
PETERS, HELEN SCE WAS LEFT OFF ORIGINAL BILL	2001-0038826	\$ 153.80
PITTS, WILLIAM JEFFERY BILLED IN TOWN OF DOVER; REBILLED IN TWSP #3 FIRE	2001-0039331	\$ 236.88
PRESTON, JOHN F & PRESTON JOHN NOT A BUILDABLE LOT	2001-0039900	\$ 44.45
PRINGLE, GERALD & VELMA CHARGED RECYCLE IN ERROR	2001-0040048	\$ 35.31
PURYEAR, MARY CAUDLE & MICHAEL DOUBLE LISTED W/REAL	2001-0040317	\$ 367.05
RESCH, STEPHEN B BILLED IN CITY OF HAVELOCK S/B 6/F REBILLED ON SUP	2001-0041019	\$ 98.43
ROBERTSON, CAL D JR & KAREN DID NOT OWN BOAT 1-1-2001	2001-0042014	\$ 145.35
ROGERS, OVELLA GODETTE MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/6202850	2001-0042265	\$ 144.84
ROYAL, STEPHEN R REVALUED BOAT PER BILL OF SALE	2001-0042679	\$ 3.43
RUSSELL, DOROTHY DID NOT OWN ON 1-1-2001	2001-0042679	\$ 50.38
SINCLAIR, JOHN C BILLED IN WRONG TWP S/B 5/E REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2001-0044694	\$ 33.09
STALLINGS, PEGGY T W DWELLING VACANT SINCE APRIL 2000	2001-0046167	\$ 32.00
STEWART, JOHN A III BOAT NOT TAXABLE IN CRAVEN CO	2001-0046606	\$ 33.42
TALTON, JOHN H JR & KATHERINE ENTIRE TRACT IS WETLAND	2001-0047608	\$ 17.28
TOTH, TROY A & BARBARA W BILLED INCORRECTLY REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2001-0049146	\$ 812.71
TURNER, EMMA H DOUBLE LISTED AS REAL ON SAME ACCT	2001-0049813	\$ 42.32
VAUGHT, CHARLES CURTIS DID NOT OWN BOAT 1-1-2001	2001-0050406	\$ 9.05
WALKER, CLINTON A RECYCLING FEE CHARGED TO BOAT IN ERROR	2001-0050862	\$ 32.00

WALKER, HAROLD CLAIR & TERRY A BILLED IN FIRE DIST S/B 6/H REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2001-0050880	\$ 8.34
WARE, MARY REBECCA HRS VACANT DWELLING SINCE 1995	2001-0051342	\$ 32.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING LATE LISTING CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0051944	\$ 73.24
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING LATE LISTING CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0051945	\$ 3.35
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING LATE LISTING CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0051946	\$ 4.11
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING LATE LISTING CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0051947	\$ 10.81
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING LATE LISTING CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0051948	\$ 2.53
WILLARD, THOMAS L & RUBY BILLED IN FIRE DIST REBILLED IN 6/H	2001-0053993	\$ 12.77
WILLIAMSON, JAMES WILBUR III BILLED IN ERROR REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2001-0054468	\$ 43.67
WOLLERTON, JOHN H & PATRICIA A REVALUED BOAT PER ABOS BOOK	2001-0055098	\$ 75.31
WOODALL, WILLIAM EDGAR JR MILITARY BOAT IN HIS NAME ONLY "AL" RESIDENCE	2001-0055199	\$ 55.46
YOUNG, DARRELL L & SHELLEY D CORRECTED APPRAISAL OF DWELLING	2001-0055752	\$ 249.45

100 – CREDIT MEMO(S) \$14,402.22

*Refunds*

FORNES, LESLIE A & MARY MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/2397340	1999-0016211	\$ 95.57
FORNES, LESLIE A & MARY MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED W/2397340	2000-0016700	\$ 92.17
MARTIN, DORETHA F VACANT SINCE '95	2000-0031489	\$ 24.00
MARTIN, DORETHA F VACANT SINCE '95	1997-0029199	\$ 27.00
MARTIN, DORETHA F VACANT SINCE '95	1996-0028713	\$ 27.00

5 – REFUND(S) \$265.74

*Subdivisions for Approval*

At the recommendation of the Planning Board, the following subdivisions were considered for approval. Commissioner Sampson moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Windmill – Final: The property, owned by Gary L. Hollar and surveyed by Suitt and Associates, is located within Township 7 along SR 1962 (Goose Creek Road). The subdivision contains 3 lots and is proposed to be served by individual wells and septic systems. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Indian Woods Park, Section One, Phase One – Final: The property, owned by B. Fetzer Properties, Inc. and surveyed by Suitt and Associates, is located within Township 6 off of SR 1101 (County Line Road). The subdivision contains 10 lots on 2.39 acres of land and is proposed to be served by community water and sewer. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Tebo Woods, Phase Two – Final: The property, owned by S&T Land, LLC and surveyed by Robert H. Davis, is located within Township 6 along SR 1102 (Tebo Road). The subdivision contains 4 lots on 1.34 acres of land. The lots are proposed to be served by community water and sewer. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Country Living, Phase Two – Final: The property, owned by Vern-Co Investments, LLC and Sand-Co Properties and surveyed by Terry K. Wheeler, is located within Township 2 along SR 1435 (Cool Springs Road). The subdivision contains 3 lots on 1.54 acres of land and is proposed to be served by individual wells and septic systems. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

The Oaks, Phase Three – Final: The property, owned by S&T Land, LLC and surveyed by Robert H. Davis, is located within Township 7 along Leonard Drive. The subdivision contains one lot (1.1 acres of land) and one tract (5.75 acres of land). The lots are proposed to be served by community water and sewer. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

*2002 Holiday Schedule*

The following 2002 Holiday Schedule for Craven County employees was submitted by the Human Resources Department and approved by motion of Commissioner Sampson, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**2002  
HOLIDAYS**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**Monday, December 31, 2001 (Floating)**  
**Tuesday, January 1, 2002**

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**Friday, March 29, 2002**

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**Monday, May 27, 2002**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**Thursday, July 4, 2002**  
**Friday, July 5, 2002 (Floating)**

**LABOR DAY**

**Monday, September 2, 2002**

**VETERANS DAY**

**Monday, November 11, 2002**

**THANKSGIVING**

**Thursday, November 28, 2002**

**Friday, November 29, 2002**

**CHRISTMAS**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2002**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2002**

**Thursday, December 26, 2002**

**PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**

*Mr. John Jenkins* presented a petition on behalf of citizens who reside in the vicinity of the West Craven High School Road and River Road in the Vanceboro area. The petition requested that the State be asked to replace “No Parking Signs” on the affected roads, which were removed on August 9, 2001. Commissioner Tyson moved to request that the County Manager send a letter to the appropriate authorities at the North Carolina Department of Transportation inquiring as to the rationale for the removal of the signs and requesting that they be replaced. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Mr. Ray Griffin* requested an update on progress in getting the Ten Commandments and other official documents displayed in public buildings, specifically the Craven County Courthouse and other County buildings. The County Attorney and Manager were directed to discuss a manner of handling such a display of the Ten Commandments in conjunction with other historical documents and report to the Board before its next meeting.

*Ms. Johnnie Bunting* deferred to County Attorney, Jim Sugg, who spoke on behalf of Ms. Bunting and residents of Neuse Harbour. He reported on his meetings with the community residents concerning their agreement to participate in a proposed road improvement project. He stated the discussions are moving forward. The Board was informed that the project is estimated to cost nearly \$50,000. Commissioner Tyson moved to direct the County Attorney and staff to pursue bids for the road construction and discuss the cost with Neuse Harbour residents, soliciting their agreement to refund the cost should the County advance it. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried. The Board agreed to consider advancing the funds for the project, to be repaid by the citizens once specific costs are known, and if at least 75% of residents have consented to the project.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

*7:30 P.M. Public Hearing on Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance*

At 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Toon moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, on an amendment to Craven County’s Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, advised the Board that the amendments proposed would not result in any change in the manner in which the Planning Department operates in addressing disasters, such as the Hurricane Floyd disaster. The amendments were necessary to respond to changes in State and federal laws that went into effect after the ordinance was last drafted. The following citizens spoke:

1. *Ms. Marie Fulcher*, owner of Myrtle Grove Mobile Home Park, inquired what effect the changes would have since the April discussions concerning these issues. Chris

Roberson responded that there were no substantial changes since April. Ms. Fulcher sought clarification of some of the language in the amended ordinance.

2. *Mr. Rick Goodman*, mobile home mover, asked for clarification on some wording regarding requirements for mobile home foundations, as a mandate for the successors to the current planning staff. He stated that some of the wording is open to interpretation and, should staff change, there could be a different interpretation. Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, stated that the language is FEMA universal language.

There being no additional members of the public who wished to speak, Commissioner Phillips moved to end the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried. Commissioner Phillips moved to adopt the amendments to the ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

*FY 2002 Crisis Housing Assistance Award (Floyd Recovery)*

The Board was asked to approve a bid for the installation of a new septic system for Elijah and Laura Pugh of 8426 Highway 17 N., Vanceboro, N.C. The Board was advised that a bid opening had been held on Thursday, August, 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., resulting in Ralph Provost Construction being the low bidder at \$1,855.00. The Planning staff recommended award of the bid to the low bidder. Commissioner Toon moved to award the bid to Ralph Provost Construction in the amount of \$1,855.00, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**8:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMISSIONERS' REDISTRICTING PLAN**

At 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, on a proposed Commissioners' redistricting plan. Ms. Debra Stagner, counsel with Tharrington-Smith, explained the plan developed by her firm, stating that it is necessary to review the district populations following each census. In the current review, several commissioner districts were found to be out of balance with the ideal numbers, as follows:

District 1:	10% over
District 2:	14% over
District 3	19% under
District 4	within 5% of ideal number
District 5:	within 5% of ideal number
District 6:	12% under
District 7:	11% over

She stated that the proposed redistricting plan would balance the numbers in a manner that would maintain the integrity of the two minority districts created in compliance with Justice Department requirements.

The following citizens spoke:

1. Don Loudin, 5020 Bucco Reef Road, objected to splitting Precinct 20, comprised of Fairfield Harbour and Broad Creek Road, which occurs in the proposed plan. He stated that splitting the precinct between Districts 1 and 7 would result in the precinct being represented by two commissioners, which could put them in competition with each other.

Ms. Stagner responded with the rationale for splitting the precinct, stating that it was the most feasible way to accomplish the objective.

2. Charlie Simmons, 2218 Tuscarora-Rhems Road, stated that the public had not been adequately informed of the public hearing. He was advised that there had been notice published and television coverage concerning the impending hearing.

There was discussion among the commissioners concerning the lack of citizen participation in the public hearing, and the significance of changes that would be made if the proposed plan should be adopted. Commissioner Phillips expressed the opinion that the numbers should be balanced on the basis of eligible voters as opposed to raw population. Commissioner Tyson stated that it would be difficult to explain to 3,290 voters who have been accustomed to voting for five commissioners that they would be limited to voting for one commissioner under the proposed plan.

At 8:25 p.m., there being no additional comment from the public, Commissioner Talton moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried.

The Chairman indicated his desire to enter active debate and asked the County Attorney, Jim Sugg, to preside. He presented an alternative to the current voting method for commissioner elections in Craven County, whereby voters in Districts 3 and 5 would vote for commissioners in their respective districts, as well as Districts 1,2,4,6 and 7. Residents of Districts 1,2,4,6 and 7 would vote for commissioners in Districts 1,2,4,6 and 7 only. He reported that Don Wright, Attorney for the North Carolina Board of Elections, had advised that the voting method could be changed only by an act of the North Carolina General Assembly, not by referendum. He moved that the Board adopt a resolution to forward to Craven County's legislative delegation, requesting an amendment to pending legislation that would change the voting method in Craven County to reflect the model presented. Commissioner Talton seconded the motion.

During discussion, Commissioners Allen, Tyson and Phillips strongly objected, stating that the proposed model is unfair and that there had been insufficient opportunity to study it. There was discussion concerning the impact of the model on the total number of votes that would be cast in a commissioner election, and speculation on the ramifications for each political party. Commissioner Toon recounted how the current method was established in 1989 when the two new districts were created.

Commissioner Allen moved to table the motion to petition the legislature for a change in voting method, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion failed in a roll call vote, there being three (3) "Ayes" by Commissioners Allen, Phillips and Tyson, and four (4) "nays" by Commissioners Bland, Sampson, Talton and Toon.

The original motion carried in a roll call vote, there being four (4) "ayes" by Commissioners Bland, Sampson, Talton and Toon, and three (3) "nays" by Commissioners Allen, Phillips and Tyson.

Commissioner Tyson moved to table action on the proposed redistricting plan. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion, which failed in a roll call vote, there being three (3) "Ayes" by Commissioners Allen, Phillips and Tyson, and four (4) "nays" by Commissioners Bland, Sampson, Talton and Toon.

Commissioner Talton moved to approve the proposed redistricting plan, and direct Ms. Stagner's firm to draft a resolution adopting the plan for presentation to the Board by its September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion, which carried in a roll call vote with four (4) "ayes" by Commissioners Bland, Sampson, Talton and Toon, there being three (3) "nays" by Commissioners Allen, Phillips and Tyson.

The Board was advised that it would need to pass an official resolution adopting the plan. Ms. Stagner was directed to draft a resolution for the Board's consideration by its meeting on September 17, 2001.

**WASTE INDUSTRIES REQUEST**

Mr. Frank Birdsong, Residential Supervisor of Waste Industries, requested that the Board approve a change in service days for some of the residents in the Township 7 area. The request was to change the curbside garbage pick up day from Tuesday to Wednesday in order to assure good service to the residents. Waste Industries advised the Board that, should the request be approved, they would be responsible for notifying those affected by the change at least one week before a change in service schedule by hand delivery to each household. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the request, beginning the week of September 25<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**TAX DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

*2000 Collection Settlement*

The Board was requested to accept the settlement of the 2000 taxes, as follows:

General Fund Original Levy	\$25,067,756.78
Fire District Original Levy	<u>1,004,203.66</u>
Total Original Levy	\$26,071,960.44

Add:

Afterlists	\$ 870,810.97
Additions	961.83
Plus Adjustments	<u>64.07</u>
Total	\$26,943,797.31

Less:

Write-offs	\$ 9,634.07
Adjustments	49.81
Releases	<u>454,973.54</u>

Net Levy \$26,479,139.89

Collected \$25,761,054.59

Uncollected as of June 30, 2001 \$ 718,085.30

**Percentage of 2000 taxes collected-----97.29**

Net taxable valuation--\$4,457,110,691

**ANNUAL REPORT OF REAL PROPERTY, CERTIFIED VALUATION AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES**

General Fund Original Levy	\$21,133,885.84
Fire District Original Levy	<u>842,450.17</u>
Total Levy	\$21,976,336.01

Add:		
After lists	\$	870,810.97
Additions		912.02
Plus Adjustments		<u>62.84</u>

Total	\$22,848,121.84
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Less:

Writeoffs	\$	1,481.47
Releases		<u>85,243.33</u>

Net Levy	\$22,761,397.04
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Collected	\$22,413,620.74
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Uncollected as of June 30, 2001	\$ 347,776.30
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**Percentage of 2000 taxes collected-----98.48**

Net taxable valuation--\$3,828,214,196

**ANNUAL REPORT OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES**

General Fund Original Levy	\$	3,933,870.94
Fire District Original Levy		<u>161,753.49</u>

Total Original Levy	\$ 4,095,624.43
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Add:

Additions	\$	49.81
Plus Adjustments		<u>1.23</u>

Total	\$ 4,095,675.47
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Less:

Write-offs	\$	8,152.60
Adjustments		49.81
Releases		<u>369,730.21</u>

Net Levy	\$ 3,717,742.85
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Collected	\$ 3,347,433.85
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Uncollected as of June 30, 2001	\$ 370,309.00
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**Percentage of 2000 taxes collected-----90.04**

Net taxable valuation--\$628,896,495

Commissioner Toon moved to adopt the settlement of the Tax Collector, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

*Charge to Tax Collector*

As is done at this time each year, Commissioner Sampson moved to charge the Tax Collector, as follows to collect the taxes for the year 2000 pursuant to NCGS 105-321(b). Commissioner Toon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **2001 CHARGE TO THE CRAVEN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CRAVEN**

### **TO THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN**

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Craven County Tax Collector and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Craven, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayer, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT**

At 9:10 p.m. Commissioner Phillips moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, to consider the proposed use of funds received by the Sheriff's Department under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Commissioner Sampson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Capt. Bob Brown explained that the funds would be used for purchasing equipment such as mobile radios and laptop computers. There were no members of the public who wished to speak and at 9:15 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve receipt of the grant in the amount of \$44,157.00 and the local match in the amount of \$4,906.00 from fund balance. Commissioner Phillips seconded, and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### *Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee*

The Board considered a request from Recreation Director, Jan Parker, to appoint Mr. Mike Marks to replace Mr. Randy Register, who resigned. Commissioner Sampson nominated Mr. Marks. Commissioner Phillips moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried, with Mr. Marks being appointed by acclamation.

#### *Coastal Resources Advisory Committee*

The Board considered the expiring term of Ms. Natalie Baggett, representing Craven County on the Coastal Resources Advisory Committee. Commissioner Talton nominated Ms. Baggett for reappointment. Commissioner Sampson moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried, with Ms. Baggett being reappointed by acclamation.

#### *Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees*

The Board had been advised at its previous meeting of the expiring terms of E.F Johnson and Gary Whitley of Dover, Arthur Thompson and Carol White of Ft. Barnwell, Vernon Whitford of Bridgeton, and Grant Williams of Township 7. Craven County Fire Marshal, Stanley Kite, explained to the Board that all were recommended for reappointment except Vernon Whitford, due to the Board's action in dissolving the Bridgeton Department. He stated that funds for that Department, which no longer exists, have been turned over to the Tri-Community Fire Department. Commissioner Talton nominated Mr. Johnson, Mr. Whitley, Mr. Thompson, Mr. White, and Mr. Williams for reappointment. Commissioner Sampson moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried with all being reappointed by acclamation.

*APES Regional Council*

The Board considered an appointment of a representative of Craven County to replace Bobbi Waters on the APES Regional Council. Commissioner Phillips moved to table this appointment until staff could identify a suitable candidate, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, requested that the Board go into closed session for potential litigation and for a water and sewer matter pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (5). It was the consensus of the Board to defer the closed session until the end of the meeting.

**COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, requested that the Board set an auction date for October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and that he be designated as the County official to conduct the sale, and report back to the Board on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Toon moved to set the auction date, as requested, and to authorize Mr. Sawyer as the County official to dispose of the property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

At 9:25 p.m. Commissioner Toon moved to go into closed session, as requested by the Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

At 10:05 p.m. the Board came out of closed session. The Attorney announced that there had been no action, but that there had been discussion of road failure in the Green Tree Subdivision, and issues relative to the mobile home park owned by Mr. John Jenkins.

At 10:06 p.m. Commissioner Phillips moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried.

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Chairman C.W. “Pete” Bland  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
Clerk to the Board