

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN, SITTING AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CRAVEN WATER DISTRICTS, RECONVENED ITS REGULAR SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2002 ON OCTOBER 7, 2002 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING FUTURE WATER PROJECTS. THE MEETING CONVENEED AT 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman C.W. "Pete" Bland
 Vice Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
 Commissioner Donald Phillips
 Commissioner J. Harold Talton
 Commissioner Albert H. Toon

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
 Commissioner Charles F. Tyson, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Harold Blizzard, County Manager
 George B. Sawyer, Assistant County Manager
 Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer
 Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
 Rusty Hayes, Water & Sewer Superintendent

DISPOSITION OF SEWER FUND BALANCE

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, advised the Board of an opportunity to transfer the remaining Neuse River sewer fund balance to a water tank project to be built in Twp. 7, which will benefit the sewer customers in Twp. 7. Commissioner Talton moved to transfer the remaining sewer fund balance to the water tank project in Twp. 7, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried.

Sewer/Water Ops – Water Reserve

Budget Amendment

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
450-0000-399-01-00	\$397,262.	450-4600-475-98-40	\$399,297.
		Transfer Out	
450-0000-317-01-00	\$ 675.		
Late Payment			
450-0000-317-02-00	\$ 1,360.		
Penalties			

Journal Entry

401-0000-160-57-00	\$ 16,718.71	401-0000-101-00-00	\$ 16,718.71
450-0000-101-00-00	\$ 16,718.71	450-0000-160-03-00	\$ 16,718.71
Transfer Sewer A/R to Water			

Journal Entry

450-4600-475-98-40	\$399,296.63	493-0000-366-25-00	\$382,577.92
Transfer to W/Tank			
		401-00-335-00-0	\$ 16,718.71
		Sewer AR	

493-00-101-00-0	\$382,577.92		
401-0000-101-00-00	\$ 16,718.71	450-0000-101-00-00	\$399,296.63

Justification: To transfer fund balance of sewer fund to a water tank project fund for Neuse River W&S District. Close out sewer operations.

DISCUSSION OF WATER SUPPLY ALTERNATIVES

Tom Tant of Hazen and Sawyer recommended options for meeting the increasing demand for water, while adhering to the state mandated reduction schedule for withdrawal of water from Black Creek aquifer. The proposal makes use of a limited amount of water (30%) from the Pee Dee aquifer to blend with extractions from the Black Creek aquifer, pumped together as a single source, thereby precluding the need for treatment of the small amount of Pee Dee water. He explained that the blended water would satisfy the state’s standard for water quality. He further explained that this alternative would provide an inexpensive, short-term solution while funds are being identified and plans are being developed for using the Castle Hayne aquifer by the year 2018. Use of the Castle Hayne aquifer will require more expensive treatment. It was recommended that the Board direct Hazen and Sawyer to do an evaluation of the Pee Dee aquifer with the objective of coming back to the Board with a quote and proposal. In addition to the engineering component of the agreement with Hazen and Sawyer, test wells at approximately \$80,000 each would be required. The contract would include drilling wells and doing testing and analysis. Commissioner Talton moved to authorize Hazen and Sawyer to proceed with the evaluation at a contract cost of \$25,100.00, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF HOWELL ROAD SITE

Water and Sewer Superintendent, Rusty Hayes, introduced discussion concerning the possibility of putting a building on the Howell Road site and leasing it to the County garage. He was seeking consensus of the Board to proceed in this direction. Consensus was reached that this could be explored. Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, recommended that Stephens and Francis review the map of the property and give some preliminary ideas.

NORTHWEST CRAVEN DISTRICT

Mr. Hayes reported that the following roads are to be included in the Northwest Craven Water Improvements Project:

- Powell Road
- Griffin Road
- Richardson Road
- Cobbtown Road
- Ange Road
- Bay Bush Road
- Cove City Loop
- Bearhole Road
- VanMorideth Road
- Farrow Road
- Hwy 17 N By Pass
- Rollover Creek Road
- Lewis Road

James L. Cayton was the low bidder in the amount of \$790,395.50 for the project. The proposal was reviewed and endorsed by Hazen and Sawyer. Commissioner Phillips moved to award the project to James L. Cayton in the amount of \$790,395.50, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried. It was noted that the award was dependent upon the state funding.

At 6:25 p.m. Commissioner Talton moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk