

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, JANUARY 7, 2002. 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 December 17, 2001 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tax Releases and Refunds

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following routine requests for tax releases and refunds, which were approved in a unanimous roll call vote by motion of Commissioner Talton, seconded by Commissioner Phillips.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
BEASLEY, EMMA M CORRECTED VALUE OF MOBILE HOME	2001-0091690	\$ 47.26
CHERRY, EVELYN DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #0043847	2001-0091779	\$620.89
CHISOLM, LENETTE SWMH LISTED ON ACCT #30325	2001-0091492	\$178.59
DANIELS, EDWIN H SR & EDWIN H EDWIN, JR IS MILITARY RESIDENT "FL"	2001-0011945	\$178.50
DAUGHERTY, CHARLES P & CONNIE BOAT INCORRECTLY BILLED	2001-0012079	\$282.28
DEWITT, HOMER JAMES DID NOT OWN AS OF 1/1/2000	2000-0012912	\$ 8.88
DEWITT, HOMER JAMES DID NOT OWN AS OF 1/1/2001	2001-0091509	\$ 8.36

DUNN CONSTRUCTION CO INC-GENE 2001-0014157 HOUSE DID NOT EXIST AS OF 1/1/01	\$536.24
DUNN CONSTRUCTION CO INC-GENE 2001-0014135 PARCEL CONSOLIDATED W/8-211-1-007 PRIOR TO 1/1/20	\$ 90.00
DUNN, ROBERT E & EVELYN 2001-0014265 BILLED 8 RECYCLE FEES-ONLY 3 UNITS OCCUPIED TO DATE	\$160.00
DURO COMMUNICATIONS INC 2001-0090339 CLOSED LOCATION AS OF 1-1-2001	\$ 19.95
DURO COMMUNICATIONS INC 2001-0090340 CLOSED LOCATION AS OF 1-1-2001	\$ 15.88
ELSON, JOHN PHILLIP & CYNTHIA 2001-0091708 DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #41548	\$218.19
FIELDS, JAMES JONES 2001-0090371 MOBILE HOME NEVER BEEN OCCUPIED – NOT LIVABLE	\$ 32.00
FIELDS, JAMES JONES 2001-0091053 MOBILE HOME NEVER BEEN OCCUPIED – NOT LIVABLE	\$126.00
FRAZIER, BRIAN K 2001-0091711 CORRECTED APPRAISAL OF MOBILE HOME	\$ 15.83
GRAY, SHIRLEY ALILEEN MOBLEY 2001-0019900 DWELLING VACANT	\$ 32.00
ICON CASH FLOW PARTNERS L P SE 2001-0024975 PROPERTY LISTED IN ERROR – AMENDED RETURNS	\$ 29.13
JENKINS, LINDA TIPPETT 2001-0025970 SWMH LOCATED IN PAMLICO CO	\$ 40.59
KANE, ERIC L & OBELIA P 1995-0090290 PROPERTY DESTROYED BY HURRICANE – '94	\$ 87.54
KANE, ERIC L & OBELIA P 1996-0024941 PROPERTY DESTROYED BY HURRICANE – '94	\$ 76.70
KANE, ERIC L & OBELIA P 1997-0025342 PROPERTY DESTROYED BY HURRICANE – '94	\$ 66.46
KANE, ERIC L & OBELIA P 1998-0092149 PROPERTY DESTROYED BY HURRICANE – '94	\$ 63.83
KANE, ERIC L & OBELIA P 1999-0026505 PROPERTY DESTROYED BY HURRICANE – '94	\$ 56.73
KANE, ERIC L & OBELIA P 2000-0027230 PROPERTY DESTROYED BY HURRICANE – '94	\$ 49.87
KANE, ERIC L & OBELIA P 2001-0027449 PROPERTY DESTROYED BY HURRICANE – '94	\$ 45.12
MOBERLY, ORA A 2001-0090601 REBILLED IN ERROR	\$113.74

MODO INC CORRECTED APPRAISAL BASED UPON ACREAGE CORRECT	2001-0034565	\$814.67
MONNIER CUSTOM HOMES INC MODEL HOME-NEVER BEEN OCCUPIED	2001-0034681	\$ 32.00
SIMS, ELROD BOAT HAS NO TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2001-0044688	\$ 86.78
SIMS, ELROD & MARIA BOAT HAS NO TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2001-0044689	\$ 13.07
WADDELL, HARDY RAND SWMH SOLD IN 1996	1999-0048812	\$ 46.40
WALKER, DURWARD WILLIAM SR 1997 REDMAN MH DOUBLE LISTED WITH 3-055-055	2001-0050871	\$ 12.08
WALSTON, DOUGLAS E DWELLING VACANT	2001-0051091	\$ 32.00
WEYERHAEUSER REAL ESTATE CO PARCEL TRANSFERRED TO HOMEOWNERS ASSOC	2001-0052752	\$ 23.40
WEYERHAEUSER REAL ESTATE CO PARCEL TRANSFERRED TO HOMEOWNERS ASSOC	2001-0052753	\$ 7.20
WEYERHAEUSER REAL ESTATE CO PARCEL TRANSFERRED TO HOMEOWNERS ASSOC	2001-0052754	\$ 8.10
WEYERHAEUSER REAL ESTATE CO PARCEL TRANSFERRED TO HOMEOWNERS ASSOC	2001-0052757	\$ 19.80
WEYERHAEUSER REAL ESTATE CO PARCEL TRANSFERRED TO HOMEOWNERS ASSOC	2001-0052759	\$ 5.40
WEYERHAEUSER REAL ESTATE CO PARCEL TRANSFERRED TO HOMEOWNERS ASSOC	2001-0052760	\$ 41.40

40 – CREDIT MEMO (S) \$4,342.86

Refunds

FORNES, EVELYN IRENE CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2001-0091785	\$ 30.86
WALSTON, DOUGLAS E DWELLING VACANT	2000-0050734	\$ 24.00
WALSTON, DOUGLAS E DWELLING VACANT	1999-0049143	\$ 24.00
WALSTON, DOUGLAS E DWELLING VACANT	1998-0046813	\$ 24.00
WALSTON, DOUGLAS E DWELLING VACANT	1997-0046753	\$ 27.00

5 – REFUND (S) \$ 129.86

Budget Amendments and Ordinance Update

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

CBA

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0564-348-62-00	\$ 2,241.00	101-0564-450-91-39	\$ 2,241.00
Crisis Respite Ser		Crisis Respite Ser	
101-7231-348-03-00	\$ 2,241.00	101-7231-450-39-15	\$ 2,241.00
Mentor		Pruch Ser Children	
565-0000-348-19-00	\$ 2,240.00	565-7500-500-46-20	\$ 440.00
Juvenile Restitution		Insurance	
101-0564-348-10-00	\$ 8,000.00	565-7500-500-32-01	\$ 2,225.00
Comm for Children		Office Supplies	
101-0564-348-15-00	\$ 2,241.00	565-7500-500-40-47	\$ (440.00)
Structured Day Report		Rest Bank	
101-0564-348-11-00	\$ 2,241.00	565-7500-500-11-04	\$ 15.00
HBIT Delq		W/C	
101-0564-348-12-00	\$ 2,241.00	101-0564-450-91-01	\$ 8,000.00
Ct Referred Youth		Comm for Children	
101-0564-348-37-00	\$ 2,241.00	101-0564-450-91-05	\$ 2,241.00
Future		Structured Day Report	
101-0564-348-50-00	\$ 2,241.00	101-0564-450-91-07	\$ 2,241.00
Resolve		HBIT Delq	
101-0564-348-60-00	\$ 2,241.00	101-0564-450-91-03	\$ 2,241.00
Tau Rites of Passage		Ct Referred Youth	
		101-564-450-91-08	\$ 2,241.00
		Future	
		101-564-450-91-04	\$ 2,241.00
		Resolve	
		101-0564-450-91-06	\$ 2,241.00
		Tau Rites of Passage	
TOTAL	\$28,168.00	TOTAL	\$28,168.00

Justification: Additional CBA Funds from the State.

Rescue

101-0000-399-01-00	\$15,000.00	101-2825-410-33-20	\$15,000.00
Fund Balance		NB Craven Rescue Grant Match	
TOTAL	\$15,000.00	TOTAL	\$15,000.00

Justification: To cover the grant match for the Department of Insurance Grant.

2001 Local School Bond

383-0000-380-01-00	\$28,000,000.00	383-8510-480-76-01	\$ 8,500,000.00
Bond Proceeds		Havelock Elem	
383-0000-329-00-00	\$ 95,000.00	383-8503-480-76-01	\$ 8,500,000.00
		Bridgeton	
		383-8512-480-76-01	\$ 2,600,000.00
		Havelock High Aud	

		383-8513-480-76-01	\$ 2,400,000.00
		West Crav High Aud	
		383-8506-480-76-01	\$ 550,000.00
		GC Fields Aud	
		383-8500-480-97-05	\$ 2,159,000.00
		Trans to D/S Fd 275	
		383-8500-480-76-07	\$ 3,291,000.00
		Roofs	
		383-8500-480-76-70	\$ 95,000.00
		Admin	
TOTAL	\$28,095,000.00	TOTAL	\$28,095,000.0

Justification: Set up 2001 Local School Bond

Health/Health Promotion

101-6700-349-04-00	\$ (3,900.00)	101-6700-440-25-00	\$ (900.00)
State Rev/Risk Red		Health/Travel	
		101-6700-440-27-00	\$ (500.00)
		Health/Advert	
		101-6700-440-32-01	\$ (500.00)
		Supplies/Office	
		101-6700-440-32-40	\$ (2,000.00)
TOTAL	\$ (3,900.00)	TOTAL	\$ (3,900.00)

Justification: Due to state cut of Health Promotion funds, above reduction is necessary to accommodate cut.

Health/Health Promotion

101-6700-349-04-00	\$ (9,887.00)	101-6700-440-10-02	\$ (7,773.00)
State Rev/Risk Red		Salaries/Fulltime	
		101-6700-440-11-01	\$ (594.00)
		Benefits/FICA	
		101-6700-440-11-02	\$ (382.00)
		Benefits/Retir	
		101-6700-440-11-03	\$ (155.00)
		Benefits/401K	
		101-6700-440-11-04	\$ (13.00)
		Benefits/Work C	
		101-6700-440-11-06	\$ (889.00)
		Benefits/Health I	
		101-6700-440-11-07	\$ (67.00)
		Benefits/Dental I	
		101-6700-440-11-08	\$ (5.00)
		Benefits/Life Ins	
		101-6700-440-11-09	\$ (9.00)
		Benefits/Disability	
TOTAL	\$ (9,887.00)	TOTAL	\$ (9,887.00)

Justification: Due to State cut of Health Promotion funds, above reduction will be moved from Health Promotion to Project Assist. Chandra Green's remaining 50% of her salary will be paid from Project Assist. Appropriate cuts in Project Assist will be made to accommodate the increase in salary and fringe.

Health/Project Assist

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
101-6701-440-32-01 Supplies/Office S	\$ 1,000.00	101-6701-440-10-02 Salaries/Fulltime	\$ 7,773.00
101-6701-440-32-40 Supplies/Other S	\$ 8,500.00	101-6701-440-11-01 Benefits/FICA	\$ 594.00
101-6701-440-10-03 Salaries/Merit	\$ 210.00	101-6701-440-11-02 Benefits/Retir	\$ 382.00
101-6700-440-10-03 Salaries/Merit	\$ 177.00	101-6701-440-11-03 Benefits/401K	\$ 155.00
		101-6701-440-11-04 Benefits/Work	\$ 13.00
		101-6701-440-11-06 Benefits/Health In	\$ 889.00
		101-6701-440-11-07 Benefits/Dental In	\$ 67.00
		101-6701-440-11-08 Benefits/Life Ins	\$ 5.00
		101-6701-440-11-09 Benefits/Disability	\$ 9.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,887.00	TOTAL	\$ 9,887.00

Justification: Above request to accommodate 50% of Chandra Green’s salary being moved from Health Promotion to Project Assist.

Health/Health Promotion – BUDGET AMENDMENT

101-6700-349-04-00 State Rev/Risk Red	\$ (7,251.00)	101-6700-440-10-02 Salaries/Fulltime	\$ (5,884.00)
		101-6700-440-11-01 Benefits/FICA	\$ (450.00)
		101-6700-440-11-02 Benefits/Retir	\$ (289.00)
		101-6700-440-11-03 Benefits/401K	\$ (1.00)
		101-6700-440-11-04 Benefits/Work C	\$ (73.00)
		101-6700-440-11-06 Benefits/Health I	\$ (508.00)
		101-6700-440-11-07 Benefits/Dental I	\$ (38.00)
		101-6700-440-11-08 Benefits/Life Ins	\$ (3.00)
		101-6700-440-11-09 Benefits/Disability	\$ (5.00)
TOTAL	\$ (7,251.00)	TOTAL	\$ (7,251.00)

Justification: Due to State cut of Health Promotion funds, above reduction will be moved from Health Promotion to Project Assist. Stephanie Fisher’s remaining 50 % of her salary will be paid from CVH. Appropriate cuts in CVH will be made to accommodate the increase in salary and fringe.

Health/Cardiovascular – CVH

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
101-6702-440-10-03 Salaries/Merit	\$ 1.00	101-6702-440-10-02 Salaries/Fulltime	\$ 5,884.00
101-6702-440-24-00 Health/Meeting Exp	\$ 1,000.00	101-6702-440-11-01 Benefits/FICA	\$ 450.00
101-6702-440-25-00 Health/Travel Train	\$ 250.00	101-6702-440-11-02 Benefits/Reti	\$ 289.00
101-6702-440-27-00 Health/Advertising	\$ 3,000.00	101-6702-440-11-03 Benefits/401K	\$ 1.00
101-6702-440-32-40 Supplies/Other S	\$ 3,000.00	101-6702-440-11-04 Benefits/Work	\$ 73.00
		101-6702-440-11-06 Benefits/Heal	\$ 508.00
		101-6702-440-11-07 Benefits/Dent	\$ 38.00
		101-6702-440-11-08 Benefits/Life	\$ 3.00
		101-6702-440-11-09 Benefits/Disa	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,251.00	TOTAL	\$ 7,251.00

Justification: Above request to accommodate 50% of Stephanie Fisher’s salary being moved from Health Promotion to CVH.

Health/Health Promotion – BUDGET AMENDMENT

101-6700-369-55-00 KBR-Duffyfield Project	\$10,000.00	Not to be budgeted on expenditures. This will absorb remainder of Health Promotion cut.
101-6700-349-04-0 Risk Red	\$(10,000.00)	

Justification: Above request will absorb remaining balance of Health Promotion cut.

Health/Home Health

101-6502-353-07-00 Hospice-3 rd Party	\$10,000.00	101-6502-440-32-01 Hospice-Office 95% Spent	\$ 550.00
101-6502-370-03-00 Hospice-Medicaid	\$ 6,000.00	101-6502-440-32-05 Hospice-Presc Drug 98% Spent	\$15,000.00
101-6502-370-02-00 Hospice-Medicare	\$14,000.00	101-6502-440-32-08 Hospice-Medical S 89% Spent	\$ 5,100.00
		101-6502-440-40-27 Hospice-Room/Bd 97% Spent	\$ 9,350.00
TOTAL	\$30,000.00	TOTAL	\$30,000.00

Justification: Increase in Hospice patients resulting in more revenue being received and conversely more expense being incurred. Al less than the one half year mark, expenses have exceeded the current budget for the above line items.

ORDINANCE UPDATE:

This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amounts for expenditures for the 2001 Local School Bond Project.

Expenditures:

Havelock Elementary	\$ 8,500,000.00
Bridgeton Elementary	\$ 8,500,000.00
Havelock High Auditorium	\$ 2,600,000.00
West Craven High Auditorium	\$ 2,400,000.00
Grover C Fields Auditorium	\$ 550,000.00
Trans To Fd 275 D/S	\$ 2,159,000.00
School Roofs	\$ 3,291,000.00
Administration	\$ 95,000.00
TOTAL	\$28,095,000.00

The following revenues are hereby estimated for the 2001 Local School Bond Project.

Revenues:

Bond Proceeds	\$28,000,000.00
Interest	\$ 95,000.00
TOTAL	\$28,095,000.00

This ordinance is hereby approved this 7th day of January, 2002.

NEW BERN CRAVEN COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD REQUEST

Brian Ipock, President of New Bern Craven County Rescue Squad, requested the Board’s consideration of a match for a \$30,000.00 grant received from the Department of Insurance. The purpose of the grant is for purchase of new equipment. The grant requires a \$15,000.00 match from the County. Mr. Ipock indicated that the total equipment cost is \$80,000.00, with \$50,000.00 to be financed through a local lending institution. Commissioner Tyson moved to allocate \$15,000.00 from fund balance to match the grant, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

SOLID WASTE MATTERS

CP&L Easement

Solid Waste Supervisor, Stuart Daniels, presented an easement agreement with CP&L for the Bridgeton convenience site. The easement is to permit the relocation of a utility pole on the site due to road construction. He stated that the relocation of the pole will not interfere with the operations of the site or potential expansion plans for the future. Commissioner Talton moved to grant the easement, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Update on Junk Vehicle Ordinance

Mr. Daniels, at the request of the Board, provided an update on enforcement of Craven County’s Junk Vehicle Ordinance. He stated that thirteen (13) vehicles have been removed since the ordinance enactment, twelve (12) having been removed voluntarily or semi-voluntarily in cases where they were on the property owned by citizens making the request for removal. There was one (1) removal of an out-of-state vehicle. In this case, attempts to locate the owner were unsuccessful; however, when the owner was identified it was determined that there were three (3) outstanding warrants on the individual. Mr.

Daniels explained that his office receives many calls which do not qualify for enforcement under the provisions of the ordinance. In situations where there are six (6) or more cars on a property, the property is technically considered a junkyard; however, there is no junkyard ordinance to regulate these sites in Craven County.

Commercial Recycling

Commissioner Talton inquired about the collection of recyclables from businesses by GDS and future plans to include this service. Mr. Daniels and Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, indicated that they would find out and return to the Board with a report.

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Tyson informed the Board of a vacancy on the Neuse Center Board of Directors created by the resignation of Attorney Randy Hunter. He announced his intent to appoint Arey Grady, also as an Attorney, to replace Mr. Hunter as a representative of Craven County on the Neuse Board, without objection from the Commissioners. The Commissioners were all in agreement with this appointment.

Mr. Tyson discussed with the Board a workshop to be held on January 17, 2002 concerning proposed changes in the way that mental health services are to be provided in North Carolina and encouraged Commissioners to attend. He cautioned that the proposed changes, if implemented, would alter the cost and delivery of services in Craven County significantly.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Cove City Fire Department Amendment

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, presented the following amendment to the County's agreement with the Cove City Fire Department to include up to \$15,000 for the purpose of paving the driveway in their new building, which is expected to be repaid within twelve (12) months. Commissioner Talton moved to authorize the Chairman to execute the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

NORTH CAROLINA

AMENDED AGREEMENT

CRAVEN COUNTY

THIS AMENDED AGREEMENT entered into by and between Craven County, a body politic and corporate (hereinafter "County"), and the Cove City Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., a nonprofit corporation (hereinafter "Fire Department"), is effective on the 7th day of January 2002;

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto entered into an agreement dated the 1st day of July 2001, a copy of which is attached hereto, designated as "Attachment 1" and incorporated herein, wherein County and Fire Department provide fire protection in the Number Three Township Fire Tax District and that part of Number Nine Township Fire Tax District that has been established as the Cove City Volunteer Fire Department Response District (hereinafter "Fire Protection District"); and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2001, Fire Department requested County to amend the said agreement to provide for additional funds in the amount of Fifteen Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of providing fire protection in said Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, County has agreed to this Amended Agreement to provide an additional Fifteen Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) as requested by Fire Department upon the condition that County be reimbursed the said sum on or before the 31st day of December 2002 by said Fire Department. In the event said sum is not repaid to County as herein agreed, County shall levy a tax, appropriate, and collect said sum from the funds generated as referred to in the agreement attached hereto.

THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED that the agreement attached as Attachment 1 is amended to provide for an additional sum of Fifteen Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be paid to Fire Department by County as herein provided and repaid to County on or before December 31, 2002.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that if said \$15,000.00 is not repaid on or before December 31, 2002, County shall levy a tax, appropriate, and collect said sum from funds generated as referred to in Attachment 1 attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Craven County has caused this agreement to be signed by the Chairman and attested by the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Craven County and its official seal to be hereto affixed all by the authority of said Board duly given, and said Fire Department has caused this agreement to be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Fire Department, all by the authority duly given.

Neuse Harbour Roads

Mr. Sugg asked that the Board consider adoption of a nonbinding resolution setting out the County's statement of intent relative to the financing and tax levy for road improvements in Neuse Harbour. He stated that the purpose of the nonbinding resolution would be to inform residents of what they are committing to when signing the petition being circulated. He explained that the Board's adoption of a preliminary assessment resolution followed by advertising, public hearing, calculations, and a final resolution would follow receipt of the citizens' petition. The nonbinding resolution, however, will satisfy citizens' inquiries and provide their property owners group some legitimacy in soliciting bids. Commissioner Talton moved to adopt the following nonbinding resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

**NONBINDING RESOLUTION
OF THE
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGARDING FINANCING ALL OF THE
COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS OF
ROADWAYS IN NEUSE HARBOUR SUBDIVISION
THAT CURRENTLY QUALIFY TO BE
ADDED TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA'S
SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM BY THE
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND TO ASSESS A FAIR SHARE OF THE COSTS TO
OWNERS OF PROPERTY TO BE ASSESSED**

Article 9, Chapter 153A, of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides that the County may finance the costs of improvements to a subdivision or residential street provided that a petition is received by the Board of Commissioners from at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the owners of the property in said subdivision to be assessed and who must represent at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the lineal feet of frontage of the land abutting on the street or portion thereof to be improved;

This nonbinding resolution of intent of the Craven County Board of Commissioners is for the purpose of stating the County's intention regarding this project, but does not in any way bind the County to do anything.

THEREFORE, the County does state its intention to do the following:

1. Participate in providing funds to finance all of the costs of improvement of the roadways in Neuse Harbour Subdivision that currently qualify to be added to the State's secondary road system.
2. Determine costs of the project when it is completed, but the County states that it will not finance an amount greater than Eighty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$80,000.00) for the costs of all the improvements of said roadway system in Neuse Harbour Subdivision.
3. Assess property owners along the streets that qualify for an addition to the secondary road system in Neuse Harbour Subdivision in annual installments of not less than ten (10) installments.
4. Any portion of the assessment that is not paid within thirty (30) days after the notice of confirmation of the assessment role is published shall, until paid, bear interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum.
5. The Assessment is a lien on the property assessed to the same extent as the lien for the county property taxes.
6. Determine the costs of the project to include construction costs, the costs of necessary legal services, the amount of interest paid during construction, the costs of any rights of ways, and the costs of publishing and mailing notices and resolutions.
7. Prior to any preliminary or final assessment resolution being adopted, petitions must be obtained from seventy-five percent (75%) of the owners of the property to be assessed who must represent at least seventy-five (75%) of all the lineal feet of frontage of the land abutting on the street or portion thereof to be improved.
8. Comply with all legal requirements set forth in the provisions of Article 9, Chapter 153A, including public hearings and the right of citizens to voice their opinion regarding the levying and imposition of an assessment on their property.
9. Declare the signing of a petition to improve the streets shall not constitute a binding obligation on the part of the property owners to be assessed until all of the legal requirements as to public hearings and preliminary and final assessment resolutions have been adopted.
10. Require that the Neuse Harbour Home Owners Association be responsible for executing all contracts and otherwise be responsible for all work to be performed with the help of the County Attorney, whose fees shall be considered a part of the cost of the project as provided in Paragraph #6 above.

Done this 7th day of January, 2002.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Allen informed the Board of his appointment to the Program Committee of the National Association of Local Boards of Health Annual Conference, which will be held in New Orleans in July. He stated that the conference would immediately precede the Annual NACo Conference and expressed his desire to participate, without objection from the Board. There were no Commissioners who objected.

Commissioner Sampson advised citizens to begin to voluntarily conserve water as the County will be required to implement a 75% reduction in water usage over a period of years..

Commissioner Bland announced that the last tugboat removed from Scott's Creek is being dismantled. This completes the project that has involved removal of six (6) barges in the Trent River and two (2) tugboats in Scott's Creek.

At 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Talton moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk