

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, JANUARY 22, 2002. 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 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 Phillips moved to approve minutes of the January 7, 2002 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tax Releases and Refunds

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following routine requests for tax releases and refunds for the Board's approval. They were approved by motion of Commissioner Talton, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
BELL, HEBER ELI DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0003553	\$ 173.88
BRYANT, EARNEST ALVESTER SR & MOBILE HOME BURNED IN 1998	2001-0091776	\$ 269.01
BS DEVELOPERS LLC TRANSFERRED TO PROPERTY OWNERS ASSO	2001-0006763	\$ 64.83
CENTURY DEVP OF HAVELOCK INC ROADS ACCEPTED BY CITY IN 1997	2001-0008540	\$ 43.66
CHAPMAN, PANDORA DOUBLE LISTING WITH ACCT #6096900	2001-0091173	\$ 428.78
CHURCH-CHERRY BRANCH BAPTIST C EXEMPT PERGS 105-278.3	2001-0091494	\$ 114.55
COBB, NANETTE S DWELLING VACANT	2001-0009775	\$ 32.00

FEDERLE, INGO & HEIDI M DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT 258460	2001-0091201	\$ 170.14
IVES, WALTER T & THELMA C DWELLING VACANT	2001-0025389	\$ 32.00
JAMES, DEWAYNE RAY DID NOT OWN MH AS OF 1-1-2001	2001-0025670	\$ 19.43
KING, MARY LOU BUSINESS OWNED NO PROPERTY AS OF 1/1/01	2001-0091605	\$ 56.98
LIGON, LOTTIE W MOBILE HOME VACANT	2001-0030113	\$ 32.00
NAIK, PRAKASHCHANDRA D & NAIK BILLED INCORRECTLY IN SUPPLEMENTAL	2001-0091747	\$ 995.66
RICE, GORDON A & SANDRA L BILLED IN ERROR	2001-0090715	\$ 85.83
SAMMONS, JUDY F MOBILE HOME TRADED IN 1997	1998-0092768	\$ 92.91
SAMMONS, JUDY F MOBILE HOME TRADED IN 1997	1999-0041508	\$ 84.50
SAMMONS, JUDY F MOBILE HOME TRADED IN 1997	2001-0043056	\$ 77.43
SAMMONS, JUDY F MOBILE HOME TRADED IN 1997	2000-0042678	\$ 75.52
TRANSPORT INT. POOL I NO PROPERTY IN COUNTY 1/1/2001	2001-0090838	\$1,130.63
TRANSPORT INT. POOL I NO PORPERTY IN COUNTY 1/1/2001	2001-0090839	\$ 308.99
TRANSPORT INT. POOL I NO PROPERTY IN COUNTY 1/1/2001	2001-0090840	\$ 406.16
VIETH, EDWARD W III & KAREN P MILITARY RESIDENT OF ILLINOIS ½ VALUE	2001-0050542	\$ 118.06
WEBBER, GARY HILTON & RHODA M BOAT SOLD NOV. 2000	2001-0051816	\$ 41.20
WHEELER, GRAY JR & GLORIA DID NOT OWN AS OF 1/1/01	2001-0052868	\$ 93.84
WHITFIELD, CHRISTOPHER DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCOUNT #40784	2001-0091681	\$ 243.44

25 – CREDIT MEMO(S) \$5,191.43

Refunds

BAUGUESS, JENNIFER & SCOTT BARN INCORRECTLY LISTED TO SITE	2001-0003013	\$ 8.27
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COOKE, PENNY ELAINE DOUBLE LISTED AS REAL ON ACCOUNT 1465375	2001-0010381	\$ 142.04
COOKE, PENNY ELAINE DOUBLE LISTED AS REAL ON ACCOUNT 1465375	2000-0010255	\$ 145.30
JOHNSON, DORSEY MOBILE HOME VACANT	2001-0026261	\$ 32.00
LEACH, CHINA DWELLING VACANT	2001-0029439	\$ 32.00
SNYDER, STEPHEN WALL & TERRY B BILLED IN ERROR	2001-0045697	\$ 190.68
THORPE, DOROTHY LEE MOBILE HOME VACANT	1997-0044734	\$ 27.00
THORPE, DOROTHY LEE MOBILE HOME VACANT	1998-0044783	\$ 24.00
THORPE, DOROTHY LEE MOBILE HOME VACANT	1999-0046942	\$ 24.00
THORPE, DOROTHY LEE MOBILE HOME VACANT	2000-0048335	\$ 24.00
THORPE, DOROTHY LEE MOBILE HOME VACANT	2001-0048714	\$ 32.00

11 – REFUNDS \$ 681.29

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 Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Health/Home Health

JOURNAL ENTRY

101-6500-440-97-10 \$ 3,900.00 To Health Admin	101-5001-366-03-00 \$ 3,900.00 From Home Health
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BUDGET AMENDMENT

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-6500-399-02-00 Home Health Fund Balance	\$ 3,900.00	101-6500-440-97-10 Transfer to Home Health Admin	\$ 3,900.00
101-5001-366-03-00 Transfer from Home Health	\$ 3,900.00	101-5001-440-40-00 Transfer to Contractual Services	\$ 3,900.00
TOTAL	\$ 0.00	TOTAL	\$ 0.00

Justification: Transfer requested to cover additional monthly rental fee through year end for new copiers/printers. Contract from Copy-Pro. Approval was granted by County Finance Officer.

Health/Env. Asthma

101-3136-348-28-00	\$10,000.00	101-3136-420-27-00	\$ 1,420.00
Asthma State Grant		Advertising	
		101-3136-420-32-40	\$ 7,420.00
		Supplies	
		101-3136-420-40-50	\$ 1,160.00
		Cont Temp Services	
TOTAL	\$10,000.00	TOTAL	\$10,000.00

Justification: Funding Authorization received from State effective 12/18/01 for Childhood Asthma granted in the amount of \$10,000.

Health Carolinians

101-6604-369-25-00	\$(6,680.00)	101-6604-440-24-00	\$ (300.00)
Inter-Government/CRMC		Health/Meeting Exp	
Health Carolinians		101-6604-440-25-00	\$ (720.00)
		Health/Travel Train	
		101-6604-440-27-00	\$ 100.00
		Health/Advertising	
		101-6604-440-32-40	\$ (250.00)
		Supplies/Other Supp	
		101-6604-440-40-0	\$(5,510.00)
		Health/Contractual	
TOTAL	\$(6,680.00)	TOTAL	\$(6,680.00)

Justification: The above budget must be reduced to reflect actual amount to be received for Health Carolinians. The budget was placed on "HOLD" until we received notice from the State. This budget can now be released for spending.

DSS/Mandated Programs

101-7291-349-32-00	\$ 3,121.00	101-7291-450-23-03	\$ 3,121.00
Energy CIP & CPL		Energy CPL	
TOTAL	\$ 3,121.00	TOTAL	\$ 3,121.00

Justification: Increase in allocation from the Division of Social Services. Funding is 100% State, no County match.

HUD/DRI

TRANSFER

265-4055-430-98-10	\$ 5,448.00	265-4055-430-76-21	\$ 4,692.00
Trans Out		Relocation	
265-4055-430-76-25	\$ 9,588.00	265-4055-430-76-21	\$ 558.00
City of New Bern		Relocation	
		265-4055-430-15-10	\$ 198.00
		Admin	
		265-4055-430-76-21	\$ 9,588.00
		Relocation	

TOTAL	\$15,036.00	TOTAL	\$15,036.00
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BUDGET AMENDMENT

265-0000-329-00-00	\$ 914.00	265-4055-430-33-02	\$ 914.00
Interest		Refund HUD	

TOTAL	\$ 914.00	TOTAL	\$ 914.00
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Justification: Close out HUD/DRI Project.

ORDINANCE:

1997 HUD Disaster Recovery Initiative Project – Fund 265

Expenditures:

Housing Improvements	\$615,000.00
Waterlines	\$122,000.00
Drainage	\$ 15,000.00
City of New Bern-Housing Imp	\$386,074.00
County Rehab/Relocate	\$155,838.00
Planning Costs	\$ 19,552.00
Administration	\$ 25,535.00
Refund to HUD	\$ 914.00

TOTAL	\$1,339,913.00
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Revenue:

HUD-DRI	\$1,338,999.00
Interest	\$ 914.00

TOTAL	\$1,339,913.00
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This ordinance is hereby amended this 22nd day of January, 2002.

FY 2000 Crisis Housing Assistance (CHA) Contract Award for Septic System Installation

The Board was advised that a bid opening was held on January 15, 2002 for the installation of a septic tank system for one unit in the CHA project. Bids were received from three contractors on the dwelling of Edward Ipock at 790 Clark Road, Vanceboro, the low bidder being Raymond Fillingame in the amount of \$2,185. Commissioner Talton moved to award the bid to Raymond Fillingame for \$2,185, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

FY 2000 Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP) Buyout Project Contract Award for Asbestos Material Removal

The Board was advised that a bid opening was held on January 4, 2002 for asbestos removal services for one unit acquired in the HMGP Buyout. Bids were received from two contractors on the dwelling at 6520 River Road, Vanceboro, with the low bidder being Enviro Assessments in the amount of \$2,380. Commissioner Talton moved to award the bid to Enviro Assessments in the amount of \$2,380, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Request from Homeowner in Buyout to use SARF Relocation Funds to Purchase Replacement Housing Outside of Craven County

The Board was advised that Mack and Bonnie Creech have accepted Craven County’s offer to purchase their flood-damaged property at 8115 River Road, Vanceboro making them eligible for State funded SARF monies to aid in purchasing replacement housing. The Board was requested to approve a waiver of SARF guidelines which require that the replacement property and home be located in Craven County limits, as the Creech’s are seeking to purchase a replacement home in Wilson County. Commissioner Talton moved to approve the requested waiver, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Adoption of Corporate Resolution

The Board was requested to adopt an annual corporate resolution, as follows, authorizing Harold Blizzard, County Manager, Richard F. Hemphill, Finance Officer, and Linda A. LeDrew, Assistant Finance Officer, to sign documents, transact business and give direction to First Citizens Bank concerning financial arrangements. Commissioner Talton moved to approve the corporate resolution, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**CERTIFIED COPY OF CORPORATE RESOLUTION
Of
Craven County**

Including Craven Regional Airport, Neuse River Water and Sewer, Twp #6 W/S, East Craven Water and Sewer, Northwest Craven Water and Sewer District

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Chairman of the Board of the above named Corporation which Corporation is duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina; that the following is a true copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said Corporation effective on the 22nd day of January, 2002

RESOLVED, that the officers listed below are authorized Representatives of the Company with the authority to conduct all Trust Business on behalf of the Company with First Citizens Bank & Trust Company.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
Harold Blizzard	County Manager	
Richard F. Hemphill	Finance Officer	
Linda A. LeDrew	Assistant Finance Officer	
C.W. “Pete” Bland	Chairman of the Board	

I further certify that this Resolution has neither been rescinded nor modified.

Witness my hand and seal of Craven County this 22nd Day of January, 2002.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MATTERS

By-Laws

Arey Grady, Attorney with Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks & Hart, presented the following proposed amendment to the Economic Development Commission By-Laws and a resolution aligning the terms of current members to comply with the by-laws changes. He advised the Board that the amendment and the resolution were approved by the Economic Development Commission at its meeting on January 14th. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt both resolutions and to defer consideration of appointments to the expiring terms on the Economic Development Commission until the Board’s next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.



**RESOLUTION AMENDING BYLAWS OF
THE CRAVEN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Craven County Economic Development Commission (hereinafter “EDC”) desires that the bylaws of the EDC be amended as hereinafter specified in order to clarify the beginning date for terms of appointment to the EDC; and,

WHEREAS, the EDC has requested that the Craven County Board of Commissioners consent to and approve said amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Craven County Economic Development Commission that its bylaws be amended as follows:

1. Item 2 of Article III is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

 “The terms of office of the members of EDC shall be three (3) years, unless a shorter term is specified by the Board of Commissioners of Craven County, North Carolina, and they shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Terms of office for regular appointees begin at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the EDC held after the appointment of any such member.”

2. Item 4 of Article III is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

 “Each member shall take office at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the EDC held after the appointment of any such member.”

3. In all other respects, the bylaws of the Craven County Economic Development Commission are hereby confirmed and ratified in their entirety.

**RESOLUTION SETTING TERMS OF APPOINTMENT
FOR MEMBERS OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter “Commissioners”) desires that changes be made in the terms of appointment for members of the Craven County Economic Development Commission (hereinafter “EDC”) so that the terms of members of the EDC run simultaneously to the extent possible; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 158-8 and Bylaws of the EDC, the Commissioners appoint all members of the EDC; and

WHEREAS, the current EDC members and the expiration of their respective terms are as follows:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Current Appointee</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
1	Harold Blizzard	<i>ex officio/County Manager</i>
2	Al Coley	02/01
3	Robert Crawford	12/01
4	Bill Hartman	11/03
5	Dell Ipock	11/03
6	Lonnie Pridgen	06/03
7	Steve Redd	12/01

8	Michael Sullivan	12/00
9	Harold Talton	12/02
10	Joe Thomas	06/03

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire that the terms of appointment for members of the EDC be amended as hereinafter specified.

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

- The terms of members of the Craven County Economic Development Commission are hereby amended as follows:

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Current Appointee</u>	<u>Expiration of Current Term/ Beginning of Next Term</u>
1	Harold Blizzard	<i>ex officio</i> /County Manager
2	Al Coley	01-02
3	Robert Crawford	01-02
4	Bill Hartman	01-04
5	Dell Ipock	01-04
6	Lonnie Pridgen	01-04
7	Steve Redd	01-02
8	Michael Sullivan	01-02
9	Harold Talton	12-02
10	Joe Thomas	01-04

- In all other respects, and except as herein amended, the appointments of all members of the EDC are hereby confirmed and ratified in their entirety.

Fire Training Center Site Recommendation

The Board was advised of the Economic Development Commission’s recommendation concerning a proposal by the Craven County Firemen’s Association to construct a fire training center on a lot in the Industrial Park. The Economic Development Commission recommended that the center not be placed at the requested site in the park because it would constitute an incompatible use of the property and would be an undesirable use of valuable acreage. Commissioner Talton stated that the average cost of parcels in the Industrial Park is approximately \$25,000 per acre. He recommended that an alternate site for a fire training operation be sought for less cost per acre. There was discussion concerning acreage that is being offered by the City of New Bern and it was the consensus of the Board to delay a vote until it can be determined where the City land is located and if it is suitable for the intended use. Commissioner Allen committed his support to finding a site for the Firemen’s Association at wherever location is most feasible. This matter was deferred until the Board’s next meeting.

COURTHOUSE SLATE ROOFING PROJECT AND BIDS

Paul Stephens of Stephens & Francis, Architects and Assistant Manager, George Sawyer, presented bids for the Courthouse roofing project, as follows, which were opened on January 10th.

SINGLE PRIME

<u>General Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate G-1</u>	<u>Low Bid</u>
RE Bengal Sheet Metal	\$275,000	(4,000)	\$275,000
Curtis Construction	\$318,324	(12,444)	
Owens Roofing	\$318,674	(15,477)	
Baker Roofing	\$334,962	39,226	

T.R. Driscoll \$551,800 (12,000)

Mr. Stephens indicated the low bid is approximately \$100,000 less than anticipated for the total project cost. Commissioner Talton moved to approve the contract with the recommended low bidder, RE Bengal Sheet Metal, in the amount of \$275,000, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

At 9:20 a.m. the Chairman declared a five minute recess.

At 9:25 a.m. the Board was declared back in regular session.

**REQUEST BY COMMUNITY COMPANIES FOR HOSPICE HOME CARE
LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Ms. Sonya Rozier, Vice President of Development for Community Companies, appeared before the Board on behalf of Community Home Care and Hospice of Rocky Mount, N.C., to request a letter of support that would accompany her application to operate a Hospice service in Craven County. She stated, however, that she appeared out of courtesy to the Board and the Manager, emphasizing that the company’s application for a certificate of need would not require endorsement by the Board of Commissioners. She provided background of the company, its history, and current operations. There was discussion of the determination of need that had been made by the State; however, there was no evidence of an unmet need in Craven County. It was emphasized by Commissioner Allen and Craven County Health Director, Wanda Sandelé, that there have been no requests going unanswered in Craven County for Hospice services and that the Craven County’s Hospice program does, in fact, have capacity to address additional needs. Ms. Sandelé clarified, however, that Craven County has no authority at this point to deny another service provider an opportunity to initiate service in Craven County.

**PLANNING MATTERS-FLOYD STATUS REPORT AND HOUSING GRANT
APPLICATION UPDATE**

Mr. Reed Whitesell of Holland Consulting Planners provided a short summary of the accomplishments to date with the projects involved in the Floyd Housing Grant Program, which follows, and engaged in a short discussion of current CDBG projects applied for which are anticipated to be funded in the Spring of 2002.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Scheduled Activities</u>	<u>Anticipated Activities</u>	<u>Completed to Date</u>
FY 97 NCHFA Rehab (Disaster Recovery Amendment)	\$200,000	Rehab of 8 owners occupied homes	Rehab of 8 owner-occupied homes	5 units complete; remaining units awarded
Hurricane Floyd HFPAR (Homeowner) Buyout	\$2,571,223	Acquisition of 22 owner occupied homes; relocation of 22 owner occupants	Acquisition of 10 owner occupied relocation of 10 occupants	6 units acquired 3 homeowners relocated
Hurricane Floyd HMGP (Rental) Buyout	\$2,746,904	Acquisition of 26 tenant occupied properties relocation of 26 tenants	Acquisition of 21 tenant occupied properties; relocation of 21 tenants	All offers made; tenant comparables identified
Hurricane Floyd Crisis Housing Assistance	\$7,285,000	Replacement of 67 homes; rehabilitation Of 55 homes (122 total Units)	Replacement of 69 homes; rehab of 31 homes (100 units)	25 replacements complete; 10 rehab complete

TAX MATTERS-REVALUATION UPDATE

Phil Nelson, Chief Appraiser, provided a monthly update on the revaluation project. He stated that the revaluation has been completed and the individual neighborhood review is

currently underway. The only area that remains to be reviewed is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. commercial district.

APPOINTMENTS

Neuse River Basin Regional Advisory Council

The Board considered an appointment to replace Bobbi Waters as the Craven County appointee to the Neuse River Basin Regional Advisory Council. Commissioner Tyson nominated Mr. William Ritchie of River Bend. Commissioner Phillips moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried with Mr. Ritchie being appointed by acclamation.

Upcoming Appointments

The Board was apprised of upcoming appointments in February on the EMS Advisory Council (Ann Davis, Anthony Frank, Tim Weatherington) and the Craven Aging Planning Board (Ann Johnson and Lois Pugh). These appointments were deferred until the Board's next meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Vehicle Disposal

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, advised the Board that a Sheriff's Department vehicle, a 1997 Crown Victoria, VIN #2FALP71WX225300, was declared a total wreck by the insurance company. A check for \$2,550 was received after a deduction of \$5,000. The Board was asked to approve transfer of title of the vehicle to the insurance company. Commissioner Sampson moved to transfer title of the wrecked vehicle to the insurance company, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

Environmental Conference

The Board was asked to designate an individual to attend the North Carolina Eastern Region 2002 Environmental Conference in Greenville on February 28th and March 1st. Commissioner Sampson moved to request that Jim Davis, Economic Development Director for Craven County, be asked to attend. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

Outlying Landing Field Site Scoping

Mr. Blizzard asked the Board to make known their intention concerning the comment period for the Environmental Impact Statement regarding the siting of an Outlying Landing Field (OLF) for the F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft. One potential site is in Craven County and there was discussion concerning the actual area that would be needed. The deadline for Craven County to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement is February 8th. Commissioner Bland indicated that he has received significant opposition from the residents in his district since that is the area that will receive the greatest impact if the OLF is located in Craven County. He further stated, however, that those opposed would be in favor of supporting the siting at the proposed location in Craven County if the Super Hornet aircraft were to be based at Cherry Point Marine Corp Air Station. Their willingness to give up their property is directly related to the overall potential benefit to Craven County. Mr. Blizzard explained that the entire area that would experience an impact from this OLF is 53,000 acres; however, only 25,750 are located in Craven County and the actual area for which fee simple would be necessary is thought to be only 1,500 to 2,000 acres. He explained that this decreases the impact on ad valorem taxes significantly. The air strip area of 1,500 acres would reflect an approximate tax value of \$2.7 million with an approximate loss of ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$16,500. The entire area of 25,750 acres reflects an approximate tax value of 23.4 million resulting in approximate loss of ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$140,000

should fee simple be required for the entire land area in Craven County. He stated that the Community Plans & Liaison Office at Cherry Point is available to attend the Board's next meeting on February 4th to answer some of questions that the Board may have. Commissioner Phillips expressed interest in the financial impact on the tax base, as well as impact on payroll, residential and industrial development and how the location of the OLF in Craven County would affect Cherry Point if the Hornet Squadron does not come to Cherry Point. The Board also indicated a need to know the amount of land required and the noise level relative to the various sections of the affected land.

CRSWMA Public Information Meeting

Mr. Blizzard reminded the Board that Coastal Regional Solid Waste Management Authority will be conducting a public information meeting on January 28th concerning the landfill.

Request for Closed Session

Mr. Blizzard requested that the Board go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6), relative to the sewer system transfer. It was the Board's consensus to go into closed session at the end of the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Tyson reported on the Mental Health training workshop that was attended by staff and five Commissioners on January 17th. He advised that the State's deadline for the County's decision on structuring mental health services is October 1. The alternative for counties is to include mental health as a county function or to participate in four county partnerships that total at least 200,000 in population. He moved that Craven County go on record to express its willingness to maintain a regional identity and to invite adjoining counties to participate. He recommended that Craven County send a resolution to Pamlico, Jones, and Carteret Counties, who are the County's current partners in the Neuse Center for Mental Health, stating Craven County's intention of partnering with adjoining counties and encouraging them to join such a partnership. He stated that resolution for the County's intention should also be sent to other adjoining counties to facilitate adding a fifth county to the partnership. The total population of the four counties currently participating in the authority is approximately 180,000. Commissioner Talton seconded the motion, which carried by six (6) "Ayes", there being one (1) "Nay" from Commissioner Phillips.

Commissioner Tyson inquired about the status of the Work Release Center and why it is not being utilized, although completed. Mr. Blizzard advised the Board that he has tried more than once to get that information but the Sheriff will not respond. Commissioner Bland stated that he would contact the Sheriff and determine what is holding up occupation of the facility.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Toon moved to go into closed session, as requested by the County Manager pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6), seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

At 11:20 a.m. the Board was declared back in regular session. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, reported that there had been discussion of a personnel issue, but no action had been taken. Commissioner Talton moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk

