

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, FEBRUARY 4, 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 Talton moved to approve minutes of the January 22, 2002 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Subdivisions and Mobile Home Park for Approval

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivisions and mobile home park for the Board's approval. Commissioner Talton moved for their approval, as recommended by the Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Tina Marie Rasberry Div. – Final: The property, owned by Donnie P. & Patricia K. Rasberry and surveyed by Kirby Braxton, is located within Twp 3 off of SR 1258 (Jones Town Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot and is proposed to be served by an individual septic system and community water. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Cool Spring Acres Phase III – Final: The property, owned by Vern-Co Investments, LLC and surveyed by Terry K. Wheeler, is located within Twp 2 off of SR 1435 (Cool Spring Rd). The subdivision contains 3 lots and is proposed to be served by individual water and septic systems. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Sadler Acres – Final: The property, owned by Doris Evelyn B. Sadler and surveyed by Mayo and Associates, is located within Twp 1 off of SR 1641 (Old Washington Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot and is proposed to be served by an individual septic system and community water. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

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
BALANCE, FADDIE LEE JR DWMH LISTED AND PAID ON ACCT 42884	2001-0002119	\$ 286.91
BLOUNT, ROGER & EUGINA PROPERTY VACANT	2000-0004542	\$ 25.44
CAMPBELL, ARMESTER LEE MOBILE HOME NEVER OCCUPIED	2001-0091162	\$ 32.00
CRAYTON & COMPANY PROPERTY TRANSFERRED TO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCI	2001-0011199	\$ 59.06
FAIRVIEW TRAIL TOWNHOUSES OWN DOUBLE BILLED WITH #38685	2001-0015706	\$ 65.28
FRENCH, JEFFERY LEE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0017436	\$ 95.08
GILLMAN, DANIEL L & IDELLA C MILITARY 01-1/2 VAL LES-OH VEHICLE IN TWO NAMES	2001-0019092	\$ 79.12
GODETTE, PERCY DALE DOUBLE BILLED ON RECYCLING FEE	2001-0019335	\$ 32.00
GODETTE, PERCY DALE MOBILE HOME VACANT	2000-0019203	\$ 26.64
HALLETT, JOHN JR MILITARY-01 LES-VA HIS NAME ONLY	2001-0020975	\$ 174.79
HAMILTON, CHARLES GREGORY INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0021025	\$ 2.57
HEINO, ANDREW J & LISA ANN MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY, 01 LES-FL	2001-0022942	\$ 49.95
HOWARD, IRVIN M & DOROTHY E MOBILE HOME VACANT	2001-0024402	\$ 32.00
ICON RECEIVABLES 1998-A INC NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY 1/1/2001	2001-0024978	\$ 31.79
JOHNSON, JUNIUS P JR & GEORGIA DOUBLE BILLED IN ERROR	2001-0026381	\$ 402.15
JOHNSON, LINETTE KATHERINE DID NOT OWN 1/1/01	2001-0026405	\$ 127.11
JONES, HOBSON JR MOBILE HOME VACANT	2001-0026836	\$ 32.00
LAWSON, MARILYNN STATEN DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCOUNT #2295	2001-0029416	\$ 413.24
MCGRAW, KELLY DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCOUNT #1353	2001-0091633	\$ 243.44

MEWHINNEY, LARSH BOAT DESTROYED DURING 1997 HURRICANE	1997-0030991	\$ 23.34
MIDDLE STREET DEVELOPMENT INC PROPERTY TRANSFERRED TO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCI	2001-0033854	\$ 100.98
MIDDLETON, DELSIE J DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCOUNT 39806	2001-0033866	\$ 151.54
MORRIS, GEORGE R III DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #0821920	2001-0035457	\$ 79.20
NEW BERN AREA IMPROVEMENTS EXEMPT PER GS 105.278.7	2001-0036584	\$ 571.00
NORVILLE, CHERYL ANN DOUBLE LISTED WITH REAL PROPERTY	2001-0091652	\$ 153.17
NORVILLE, CHERYL ANN DOUBLE LISTED WITH REAL PROPERTY	2001-0091796	\$ 765.59
PHILLIPS, TINA MARIE MOBILE HOME VACANT	2001-0039093	\$ 32.64
PHILLIPS, TINA MARIE MOBILE HOME VACANT	2001-0090075	\$ 24.48
POMEROY, BRIAN H DID NOT OWN 1/1/01	2001-0039481	\$ 138.83
RIDDICK, JOHN COLEMAN & JENNIF DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCOUNT #44914	2001-0091661	\$ 231.64
RUSSELL, WILLIAM KITCHIN III MOBILE HOME LOCATED AND LISTED IN PAMLICO CO	2001-0042865	\$ 87.32
TADLOCK, JAMES A DOUBLE BILLED	2001-0047566	\$ 538.38
U S A SECRETARY OF HUD REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2001-0050073	\$ 548.26
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PROPERTY VACANT	2001-0050136	\$ 32.64
VIETH, EDWARD W III & KAREN P MILITARY-WIFE DECEASED-RELEASE PER DEPT OF REVENUE	2001-0050542	\$ 117.42
WHITEHEAD, ZANA DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCOUNT 43230	2001-0091680	\$ 243.44

36 – CREDIT MEMO(S) \$6,050.44

Refunds

ACKERMANN, JOHN R BOAT VALUED INCORRECTLY	1998-0000089	\$ 3.86
ACKERMANN, JOHN R BOAT VALUED INCORRECTLY	1999-0000092	\$ 4.63

ACKERMANN, JOHN R BOAT VALUED INCORRECTLY	2000-0000100	\$ 4.55
ACKERMANN, JOHN R BOAT VALUED INCORRECTLY	2001-0000101	\$ 4.52
ANDERSON, LISA THOMAS INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0001080	\$.76
BRIDGETON HARDWARE INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0005526	\$ 1.14
DUCHARME, LEO A & FRANCES INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0013950	\$ 9.34
EDGINGTON, AUSTIN E INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0014665	\$ 20.27
EDGINGTON, AUSTIN E INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0014668	\$.45
FIGUEROA, JOSUE M & ELIZABETH BOAT & MOTOR DOUBLE LISTED ON SAME ACCOUNT	2001-0016078	\$ 18.00
JUS DEVELOPERS LLC PROPERTY OWNED BY HOMEOWNERS ASSOC	2001-0027389	\$1,209.96
SOUTHERN BANK & TRUST CO TAXES PAID ON EXPIRED LEASES	2001-0045786	\$1,237.94
THOMAS, JAMES A & FRANCES & BA INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0048421	\$.60
THOMAS, JAMES A & FRANCES W INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0048422	\$ 2.60
THOMAS, JAMES A & FRANCES W INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0048423	\$ 31.21
YOUNGER, ALVIN M & GERTRUDE P INTEREST CHARGED IN ERROR	2001-0055801	\$ 25.62

16 – REFUND (S) \$2,575.45

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.

Coop. Ext/PATS

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-4242-348-5900	\$(30,472.00)	101-4242-420-40-50 Contract Serv.	\$(26,540.00)
		101-4242-420-15-15 Dues/Subs	\$(75.00)

		101-4242-420-25-0	\$(1,600.00)
		Travel	
		101-4242-420-25-15	\$(345.00)
		Training	
		101-4242-420-32-40	\$(1,912.00)
		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$(30,472.00)	TOTAL	\$(30,472.00)

Justification: Due to a vacant position, funds have been reverted back to Smart Start.

Health/Legacy

101-6703-348-73-00	\$ 46,000.00	101-6703-440-27-00	\$ 21,500.00
State Grant/Project Assist-Legacy		Advertising	
		101-6703-440-32-40	\$ 17,000.00
		Other Supplies	
		101-6703-440-40-00	\$ 7,500.00
		Contractual Services	
TOTAL	\$ 46,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 46,000.00

Justification: To develop and/or expand at least two diverse youth-led school and community group teen tobacco use prevention and control teams to serve as a model for other schools and community groups in the coalition area.

DSS/Mandated Public Assistance

101-7291-349-10-00	\$204,052.00	101-7291-450-39-26	\$204,052.00
Day Care Combined		Purch. Serv. – Child Day Care	
TOTAL	\$204,052.00	TOTAL	\$204,052.00

Justification: Additional funds received from the Division of Child Development.

Transportation

101-7002-348-04-00	\$ 945.00	101-7001-450-31-01	\$ 1,050.00
HCCBG		Reg. Vehicle Exp.	
101-0000-399-01-00	\$ 105.00		
Gen Fund Balance			
TOTAL	\$ 1,050.00	TOTAL	\$ 1,050.00

Justification: Increase in revenue for HCCBG to cover Vehicle Exp.

7221 Adult Services

101-7221-349-27-00	\$ 944.00	101-7221-450-40-00	\$ 944.00
HCCBG in Home		Contractual Services	
TOTAL	\$ 944.00	TOTAL	\$ 944.00

Justification: Additional funds received from the Division of Aging. There is a 10% County match – included in available funds.

Pass Through

101-0564-348-08-00	\$ 945.00	101-0564-450-91-22	\$ 945.00
HCCBG		Home Delivered Meals	

101-0564-377-18-00	\$ 100.00	101-0564-450-91-18	\$ 100.00
USDA		USDA Home Delivered	
TOTAL	\$ 1,045.00	TOTAL	\$ 1,045.00

Justification: Additional funds from HCCBG and USDA for meals served.

Cooperative Ext Gold LEAF

359-0000-336-35-00	\$(7,367.00)	359-4260-420-40-00	\$(7,367.00)
Gold LEAF Foundation		Cont Ser	
TOTAL	\$(7,367.00)	TOTAL	\$(7,367.00)

Justification: Close Out Gold LEAF Cooperative Extension Economic Study.

ORDINANCE:

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
ECONOMIC STUDY
FUND 359**

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

Expenditures:

Contractual Service	\$92,633.00
TOTAL	\$92,633.00

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

Revenues:

Gold LEAF Foundation	\$92,633.00
TOTAL	\$92,633.00

This ordinance is hereby approved this 4th day of February, 2002.

Resolution of Support for Area Agency on Aging

The Board was asked to consider a resolution which the Eastern Carolina Council General Membership Board adopted in January. They requested that this resolution be considered for adoption by the Board of Commissioners to be forwarded to the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Commissioner Talton moved to adopt the following resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR
AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND EASTERN CAROLINA COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments serves as the Lead Regional Organization for the counties of Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Lenoir, Jones, Pamlico, Onslow, and Wayne; and

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging is part of the Eastern Carolina Council and serves as regional coordinator for aging programs in the nine counties; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has asked that the Department of Health and Human Services conduct a study to determine whether to reduce the Area Agencies on Aging across the state from 17 to not more than 13 and not fewer than 10 (SB 1005, Section 21.32(a)); and

WHEREAS, the potential restructuring of Area Agencies on Aging could have a detrimental impact on the local service delivery of aging services in the nine counties served by the Eastern Carolina Council; and

WHEREAS, reducing the number of Area Agencies on Aging across the state could result in fewer state and federal dollars on a local and regional level;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this resolution of support for the Area Agency on Aging and the Eastern Carolina Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners encourages its members in the North Carolina General Assembly to support efforts to ensure that the nine counties currently served by the Area Agency on Aging and the Eastern Carolina Council remain unchanged in the event of restructuring of the Area Agency on Aging program.

Adopted this 4th day of February, 2002

**PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY PLANS AND LIAISON OFFICE ON
OUTLYING LANDING FIELD**

LtCol Barry Fetzer of the Community Plans and Liaison Office at MCAS Cherry Point, presented the following letter from the Department of the Navy in response to the County's request for a representative to appear before the Board and discuss the potential location of an outlying landing field (OLF) site in Craven County.

February 1, 2002

Mr. Harold Blizzard
County Manager, Craven County
406 Craven Street
New Bern, NC 28560

Dear Mr. Blizzard,

Thank you for your letter of January 29th, 2002 to Lieutenant Colonel (LtCol) Fetzer concerning the F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet Outlying Field (OLF). I have directed LtCol Fetzer to forward your request for a Navy representative to attend the meeting of the Craven County Board of Commissioners to the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (CINCLANTFLT), via my chain of command. CINCLANTFLT is responsible for Statement (EIS) that will evaluate the environmental consequences of the homebasing of the new Super Hornet aircraft. CINCLANTFLT regrets that they are unable to send a representative to meet with you at this time because the Draft Environmental Impact Statement has not been formally approved. CINCLANTFLT believes it is premature to comment on it until it is published. However, they would like to work directly with you to arrange for such a meeting after publication of the EIS.

The EIS presents the environmental consequences associated with the aircraft operations, personnel transition and new construction or renovation of structures to accommodate the Super Hornets. An entire chapter of the EIS will be devoted to a discussion of the environmental consequences associated with each of the potential OLF sites. The EIS affords federal, state and local authorities as well as the citizens of areas potentially affected an opportunity to review the Super Hornet homebasing alternatives and potential

OLF locations. Copies of the EIS will be placed in local libraries and government buildings in the pertinent communities. The document will also be available on the Internet. In addition, a copy of the EIS may be mailed directly to an individual at their request.

Following publication, it is the Navy's intent to hold public meetings to discuss the content of the EIS. At that time, comments from all concerned on the Super Hornet homebasing alternatives, including the new OLF, will be collected. These comments will be reviewed and addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement scheduled for publication next fall. The Navy will ensure that advance notice of these public meetings is made through local media sources.

The Navy has indicated their willingness to find a mutually agreeable date to meet with the Craven County Commissioners independent of the public hearings mentioned above. The Commissioners will no doubt find such a meeting far more productive after they have had an opportunity to review the EIS. The point of contact on the MCAS Cherry Point Staff for this matter is LtCol Barry Fetzer. He can be reached at (252) 466-3041.

Sincerely,

ANDREW KOWALSKI
Chief of Staff

In the absence of a representative of the Department of the Navy, LtCol Fetzer stated that should the Hornet Squadron be based at MCAS Cherry Point, the role of the Marine Corp would simply be to attend the base and provide the home for the Squadron. He provided a contact and address for forwarding public comments and concerns and urged citizens who wished to voice concerns to do them directly to the location provided. These questions and concerns will be addressed by the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Board's comments and concerns as well as those of citizens who choose this avenue will be channeled through the County Manager who will document all items requested for inclusion in the draft study. It was the consensus of the Board to direct the County Manager to draft a letter expressing these questions and concerns to be postmarked no later than Friday, February 8, 2002. LtCol Fetzer emphasized that comments solicited in writing and at the upcoming public hearing should address the siting options for the outlying landing field only. He reminded the Board that there has already been an opportunity for public comment on the homebase siting options. Commissioners Phillips and Allen went on record to support the location of an outlying landing field in Craven County at the proposed site if the study shows that it is feasible.

The Chairman recognized Mayor George Griffin of the City of Havelock, who read the following letter into the record.

January 23, 2002

Chairman C.W. "Pete" Bland
Craven County Board of County Commissioners
406 Craven St.
New Bern, NC 28560

RE: Public Scoping, Alternative Outlying Landing Field Sites

Dear Chairman Bland:

The City of Havelock would like to share the following comments concerning the establishment of Alternative Outlying Landing Fields (OLF's) in Eastern North Carolina, more specifically, in Craven County. First, although the establishment of an OLF in any specific location will not in and of itself, guarantee or commit the Navy to a decision to locate the Atlantic Fleet F/A-18 E/F Aircraft in the immediate area, we believe that

locating the OLF in our county will put us in a much stronger position to encourage the basing of the F/A 18's here. We fully support the location of the F/A 18 Fleet on board MCAS Cherry Point. The city fears that a position that resists the development of the OLF could and will send a negative message to the Navy.

Now that BRAC 2005 is a reality, every community in the country must send forward a strong, clear, and concise statement that we will do whatever is necessary to support the mission of our military installations. The Department of Defense has clearly stated that there is a twenty-five percent surplus in facilities and the intent of BRAC 2005 is to identify and eliminate that surplus. The value of our military industry in Craven County must not be understated or endangered as a result of actions by our community in any manner. Therefore, the City of Havelock Board of Commissioners would strongly support the location of an OLF at any of the Eastern NC sites. We further support the location of the OLF in a remote area that will limit the concerns normally associated with noise issues. Further, if an OLF is located in our County we would support the implementation of land-use regulations that will act to deter the encroachment of civilian development into the area of operations.

If you have any questions or comments, or need any further information, feel free to call either Tom Phillips, 444-6401 or myself at 447-5454.

Sincerely,

George W. Griffin, Mayor
City of Havelock

PETITION OF CITIZEN

Ms. Joan Bottcher addressed the Board concerning the sub-standard roads in the Green Tree subdivision. She presented information on the chronology involving the building and inspection of roads in the subdivision and charged the Craven County Planning Department with wrong doing in the process. She requested that the County take responsibility to get the roads fixed. There was extensive discussion concerning placement of the responsibility for the roads, as the developer who would normally be responsible is now deceased. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, informed the Board that a meeting between the parties involved, including Ms. Bottcher, the Department of Transportation, the Craven County Planning Department, the engineers, and contractors, is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 7th, at 2:00 p.m.

REPORT OF UNPAID 2001 TAXES

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented to the Board the 2001 taxes that remain unpaid in the amount of \$1,008,568.43, which are a lien upon real estate. He requested that the Board authorize him to advertise the liens for 2001 in the *Sun Journal* on April 8, 2002. Commissioner Phillips moved to authorize the advertisement of the liens, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried. Mr. Antry also reported that the percent of collection is approximately the same as the previous year.

REPORT ON FIRE TRAINING SITE

Mr. Jim Davis, Executive Director of the Economic Development Commission, presented to the Board recommendations on a fire training site for the Firemen's Association. It was recommended that the Commissioners select a site in the Industrial Park which they feel is most appropriate. The site that has been discussed and proposed is approximately twenty acres adjacent to the lagoon. Commissioner Toon moved to convey twenty usable acres at the Southeast corner of the Industrial Park, adjacent to the wastewater treatment lagoon, to the Craven County Firemen's Association for the purpose of constructing a fire training center, on the condition that the appropriate approval of land development

permits is granted. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The Board emphasized that no deed would be signed until all details and restrictions are negotiated into the agreement, including provisions for future sale of the land and reasonable time frame for developing the training center. The Association indicated that the deed would need to be in their name in order to make grant application and they verified that the Association is a 501(C)(3) corporation which is made up of fourteen volunteer fire departments in Craven County. Economic Development Commission member, Robert Crawford, stated that he would assist the Association to coordinate the usable acres once they have communicated their specifications on the configuration of usable land needed.

APPOINTMENTS

Economic Development Commission

The Board considered the expiring or expired terms of Al Coley, Robert Crawford, Steve Redd, and Michael Sullivan on the Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Talton nominated Mr. Crawford, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Coley, and Mr. Redd for reappointment, and moved to reappoint all, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Commissioner Sampson, during discussion, nominated George Brown. In a roll call vote, Mr. Coley received six (6) votes from Commissioners Allen, Phillips, Talton, Tyson, Sampson, and Bland. Mr. Crawford received seven (7) votes. Mr. Redd received six (6) votes from Commissioners Allen, Phillips, Talton, Toon, Sampson, and Bland. Mr. Sullivan received six (6) votes from Commissioners Allen, Phillips, Talton, Toon, Tyson, and Bland, with Mr. Brown receiving three (3) votes from Commissioners Toon, Tyson, and Sampson. The four (4) current members were reappointed, as they received the highest number of votes.

Civilian Military Community Council

The Board was advised that Rodman Williams replaced Robert Toler as Mayor of Bridgeton. Mr. Toler served on the Civilian Military Community Council in his capacity as Mayor. Commissioner Toon moved to appoint Mr. Rodman Williams, the current mayor, to serve until December of 2002, replacing Robert Toler, on the CMCC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Phillips reported on information that he has received from Pitt and Martin Counties, concerning their beaver management programs and indicated that he will follow-up with additional information as it is received.

Commissioner Sampson reminded citizens that water resources are an issue for Craven County, as one of the aquifers is becoming depleted. He stated that water usage reduction is looming in the future and citizens should be prepared for a mandated reduction in usage, as well as increasing rates.

At 9:25 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