

**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, APRIL 15, 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 Tyson moved to approve minutes of the April 1, 2002 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Phillips 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 Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Credits*

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>TICKET #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
BEAVERS, TIMOTHY D DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0003260	\$ 102.19
BRYANT, EARL HEIRS DET. GARAGE LISTED TO SITE IN ERROR	2001-0006590	\$ 48.78
GOLDEN, MARGARET D TRUSTEE INCORRECT AGREAGE USED IN VALUATION	2002-0090047	\$2,116.61
KEARNEY, PATRICE DID NOT OWN 1/1/99	1999-0026592	\$ 47.64
KEARNEY, PATRICE DID NOT OWN 1/1/99	2000-0027318	\$ 43.42
LAKEMERE ASSOCIATES INC EXEMPT PER GS 105-277.8	2001-0028849	\$ 15.16
MAESTRETTI, WILLIAM DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0031124	\$ 89.13

MERCKER, MARY S & SCHUSTER, ST DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #44268	2001-0090163	\$ 289.93
THOMPSON, ROBERT W MILITARY-D-214-TX BILLED IN ERROR	2001-0091375	\$ 48.99
TUNE, RUBY BELL DOUBLE BILLED AS PERSONAL PROPERTY	2001-0049732	\$ 399.83
UNKNOWN OWNER OWNED BY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION-EXEMPT	1999-0048280	\$ 34.37
UNKNOWN OWNER OWNED BY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION-EXEMPT	2001-0050154	\$ 33.47
UNKNOWN OWNER OWNED BY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION-EXEMPT	2000-0049800	\$ 32.72
13 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$3,302.24

*Refunds*

BLOUNT, WHEELER L & BARBARA A MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN FLOOD	2001-0004587	\$ 49.57
BRYANT, EARL HEIRS DET. GARAGE LISTED TO SITE IN ERROR	2000-0006515	\$ 45.02
BRYANT, EARL HEIRS DET GARAGE LISTED TO SITE IN ERROR	1999-0006348	\$ 45.02
BRYANT, EARL HEIRS DET GARAGE LISTED TO SITE IN ERROR	1998-0006063	\$ 45.02
BRYANT, EARL HEIRS DET GARAGE LISTED TO SITE IN ERROR	1997-0005995	\$ 45.73
KEARNEY, PATRICE DID NOT OWN 1/1/99	2001-0090513	\$ 46.28
THOMPSON, ROBERT W MILITARY-DD-214-TX BILLED IN ERROR	2001-0091462	\$ 51.38
7 – REFUND (S)		\$328.02

*Road Addition Request*

The Planning Department requested to have the Department of Transportation add the following road to the state maintenance system. Commissioner Phillips moved to approve a standard SR-2 Road Addition Resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

North Carolina

County of Craven

Road Description Nina Lane – Wilson Parker Sub. Twp 8

Length: 0.18 miles Width: 20 feet

**WHEREAS**, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven requesting that the above described road, the

location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the system.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

*Subdivision for Approval*

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivision for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Phillips moved for its approval, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Franklin G. Bryant Division – Final: The property, owned by Janie Kornegay and surveyed by Matthews Surveying, is located within Twp 9 off NC Hwy 55W. The subdivision contains 1 lot on 0.59 acres of land. The lot is proposed to be served by an individual septic system and community water. The Planning Department reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

*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 Phillips moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Admin Building*

**JOURNAL ENTRY**

358-0201-400-76-00	\$	0.99	358-0000-101-00-00	\$	0.99
Const			Cash		
101-0000-101-00-00	\$	0.99	101-0000-335-00-00	\$	0.99

Residual Fund Transfer to General Fund

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
358-0000-329-00-00	\$ (65.00)	358-0201-400-76-00	\$ (65.00)
Interest		Const	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ (65.00)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ (65.00)</b>

**Justification:** Project close out.

*Coop.Ext. – PAT*

101-4242-348-59-00	\$(1,204.00)	101-4242-420-25-00	\$(884.00)
Parents As Teachers		Travel	
		101-4242-420-25-15	\$(320.00)
		Training	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$(1,204.00)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$(1,204.00)</b>

**Justification:** Smart Start requested a reversion of funds.

***DSS – 7291 Mandated***

101-7291-349-10-00	\$400,000.00	101-7291-450-39-26	\$400,000.00
Day Care Combined		Pur Serv-Child Day Care	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$400,000.00</b>

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

***DSS – 7291-Mandated  
7221-Adult Services***

<b>TRANSFER FROM</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TRANSFER TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-7291-450-39-03	\$ 52,000.00	101-7221-450-39-20	\$ 51,000.00
Medicaid		Medicaid Transportation	
		101-7221-450-39-08	\$ 1,000.00
		OASDI-Diab Determ	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 52,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 52,000.00</b>

**Justification:** Medicaid Transportation costs continue to rise along with need. Regular Medicaid drafts have been below state estimates. There will be no additional cost to the County. OASDI (Disability Determination) is also increasing, and is 100% reimbursable.

***Health/Healthy Carolinians***

**Budget Amendment**

101-6604-336-07-00	\$ 3,000.00	101-6604-440-40-00	\$ 3,000.00
Harold Bates Found		Contractual Service	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>

**Justification:** Mini Donation for the Water Safety program for Healthy Carolinians.

**ORDINANCE:**

**Admin Building Renovations  
Fund 358**

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

Expenditures:	
Demolition	\$ 32,780.00
Contractual Service-Architect	\$ 4,000.00
Construction	\$190,155.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$226,935.00</b>

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

Revenues:	
From General Fund	\$ 70,000.00
From Capital Reserve	\$150,000.00
Interest	\$ 6,935.00

**Total** **\$226,935.00**

This ordinance is hereby amended this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

### **AIRPORT MATTERS**

#### *Transfer of Land*

Airport Director, John Price, requested that the Board approve the transfer of 1.56 acres of land in the James City area to the State of North Carolina for a road easement for the Brownsville Subdivision. Commissioner Toon moved to approve the transfer of land, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

#### *Authorization of Grants*

A request was made to authorize the Chairman to accept grants for airport improvements and security, as follows. No local funds were asked of the County.

- Commissioner Sampson moved to accept a grant of \$19,066 for reimbursement of security operational costs. Commissioner Talton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Sampson moved to accept a pending federal grant of \$1,150,646.00 for FY 2002 projects, including Rwy 13-31 Rehabilitation. Commissioner Talton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Tyson moved to accept a pending federal grant of \$322,000 for security improvements (fencing, patrol vehicle, etc), seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

### **UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN RESULTS**

Ms. Bibbiana Carlson of the Craven County Health Department, who served as Craven County's coordinator for the employee United Way campaign, reported on the results of the campaign. She announced that the results were 32% above the previous years results. The Board acknowledged Ms. Carlson's work and congratulated her on her successful first effort at organizing the campaign. She stated that she has agreed to do it again next year.

### **REPORT OF NURSING HOME AND ADULT CARE HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Regional Ombudsman, Ms. Angelia Wallace presented the report of the Craven County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee, stating that there are five (5) homes that are overseen by the committee, totaling 499 beds. She gave a sampling of complaints received by the committee. Among 359 regional complaints, 84 were from Craven County and 69 were from nursing homes. She apprised the Board of the need to appoint one additional member to the committee to replace Ms. Gertrude Adkins, who has resigned.

Mr. John Thompson, Chairperson of the Adult Care Home Advisory Committee, reported on the eight (8) homes which his committee oversees. He stressed the need for more volunteers to visit the residents of the homes and to assist them when needed.

## **INTRODUCTION OF AREA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AGENT AND PROJECT UPDATE**

Billy Dunham, Cooperative Extension Director, provided an update on the Core Creek Clean Water Management Grant Project, which was generated in 1995 by water quality concerns as a result of fish kills. He reminded the Board that a position had been assigned to Craven, Pamlico, Carteret and Jones Counties through this project. He introduced Mr. Chris Agee, who has recently assumed this position to replace David Hardy. He emphasized that the position is of no cost to the County, which provides office space only.

## **UPDATE ON NC RURAL INTERNET ACTIVITIES**

Dennis Holton, Craven County Information Technology Director, updated the Board on the statewide initiative e:NC: Connecting North Carolina to a Better Future. He reported that several meetings of the steering committee have taken place, resulting in the drafting of a mission statement, motto and list of objectives to be a part of the Craven County initiative. He presented the drafts to the Commissioners, in addition to a draft survey designed to gather information on citizen and business internet usage, which will be distributed throughout Craven County.

## **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

### *Authorize Governor's Crime Commission Grant Application*

Captain Bob Brown presented a request that the Board approve a grant application to the Governor's Crime Commission for the purchase of nine mobile data terminals, for a total cost of \$77,310. The Crime Commission Grant funds would provide \$57,982.50, with a County match being required in the amount of \$19,327.50. Captain Brown indicated a desire to acquire more than nine (9) such units; however, it will be limited to nine during this grant process, with the hope of increasing the number so that all Sheriffs' vehicles would be able to have this equipment. Commissioner Tyson commented on the imposition of the grant deadline, which commits the County before an opportunity to look at the budget for the upcoming year. It was explained, however, that if the grant were to be received it could be refused should the County be unable to provide the matching funds. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the grant application and authorize the Sheriff's Department to proceed with submitting it. Commissioner Toon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### *Disposal of Surplus Property*

Captain Brown submitted a request from the Sheriff for the disposal of two (2) surplus desks and two (2) office chairs by donation to the City of Pollocksville in Jones County. Discussion ensued concerning the philosophical issues involved in disposition of property in this manner. Commissioner Tyson suggested that the property, having been purchased by Craven County tax payers, should be disposed of in a manner that would benefit those tax payers. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Toon, however the motion failed with four (4) "Nays" from Commissioners Allen, Phillips, Talton, and Tyson, there being only three (3) "Ayes" from Commissioners Toon, Sampson, and Bland. There was discussion concerning the need for a County policy regarding disposition of County property. Commissioner Toon moved that the chairs and desks be donated to the Harlowe Community Center. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion, which carried with six (6) "Ayes", there being one (1) "Nay" from Commissioner Tyson.

At 10:10 a.m. the Board was declared in recess.

At 10:20 a.m. the regular session reconvened.

**AMBULANCE FRANCHISE REQUEST**

Fire Marshal, Stanley Kite, presented a recommendation of the Craven County EMS Advisory Council that an Ambulance Franchise be approved for Coastline Ambulance Service for a one-year period of operation. If approved, this franchise will be the fourth franchise for ambulance service, which is stipulated in the Craven County’s Ambulance Ordinance. Coastline Ambulance Service will replace Johnson Ambulance Service, which did not renew its franchise upon expiration. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the recommendation that the franchise be granted to Coastline Ambulance Service, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried. This will appear on the Board’s next agenda for a second vote.

**PROCLAMATION FOR OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

Commissioner Phillips moved to adopt the following proclamation, which proclaims May as Older Americans Month in Craven County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

**PROCLAMATION  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
OLDER AMERICANS**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is celebrated each year as National Older Americans Month, having been so proclaimed by the President, Governors, Mayors and Commissioners, calling for greater awareness of the contributions and needs of older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Craven County remains sensitive to the needs of its older citizens and supports programs to address their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Craven County is keenly aware of the tremendous contributions made locally by older adults who continue to be productive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED BY THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that May, 2002 will be observed as Older Americans Month in Craven County.

**FURTHER**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes Craven County’s Older Americans for their vital role in our community and salutes them for their accomplishments and contributions.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CURRENT ABC SYSTEM**

The Board considered a request from the Craven County ABC Board that it go on record opposing any effort by the State of North Carolina to privatize the beverage/alcohol business of the State. Commissioner Talton moved to adopt the following resolution opposing privatization, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

**A RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

**WHEREAS**, the people of Craven County voted to permit the sale of spirituous liquor through the establishment of the Craven County ABC Board, which is a part of the State’s control system for the sale of spirituous liquors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Craven County ABC Board makes spirituous liquor available to the public and to 62 mixed beverage permittees through local ABC stores, while

curtailing the intemperate use of alcohol through control over the distribution, sale and advertisement of spirits; and

**WHEREAS**, the State’s ABC system is self-sufficient in that consumers of spirits pay for the costs of operating the State ABC Commission and for the distribution and sale of spirits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Craven County ABC system generated nearly \$500,000.00 in the local economy over the past year, which includes revenue for Craven County, City of New Bern, Town of Vanceboro, and the City of Havelock; and

**WHEREAS**, the total distribution locally includes funds for alcohol education, rehabilitation, and alcohol law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly recently created the Legislative Alcoholic Beverage Control Study Commission (ratified Senate Bill 166) which is required to study and address, among other things, the benefits of a “control” system and a “license” system for spirituous liquor, including privatization of alcoholic beverage sales.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:**

The **CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** support the present control system for the sale and distribution of spirituous liquor and desires to retain the Craven County ABC Board.

**UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS – MAY**

The Board was apprised of six (6) terms on the Craven Regional Medical Center Authority Board of Commissioners. The terms of Edward Armstrong, Jimmy Morris, Myrle Swicegood, Sydney Barnwell, Johnnie Sampson, Jr., and Robert W. Eaves, Jr. are due to expire by May 30<sup>th</sup>. These appointments were deferred until the Board’s May 20<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, requested that the Board go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4), concerning industrial expansion. At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Toon moved to go into closed session, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried. At 12:05 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session by motion of Commissioner Toon, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Mr. Sugg announced that the Board had discussed incentives in closed session, but no action had been taken.

At 12:07 p.m. Commissioner Talton moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Samspon 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