

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, MAY 6, 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 Tyson moved to approve minutes of the April 15, 2002 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tyson requested that the Road Abandonment request that appeared as an item on the consent agenda be removed from the consent agenda. It was the consensus of the Board to remove this item.

Road Addition Request

The Planning Department requested to have the Department of Transportation add the following road to the state maintenance system. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the 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 Extension of Alligator Road Twp 1-Work Release
Center Length: 180 feet 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.

Subdivisions for Approval

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

Berne Glade Phase II – Final: The property, owned by John Jackson and Croatan Forest, LLC and engineered by Avolis Engineering, is located within Twp 7 off of 1964 (Howell Road). The subdivision contains 8 lots on 3.79 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and sewer. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Creekwood Phase II – Final: The property, owned by Matt Piworwarski and surveyed by Atlantic Survey & Design, is located with Twp 7 off of SR 116 (Thurman Road). The subdivision contains 17 lots on 6.10 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and sewer. 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 Sampson, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
DAVIS, BARBARA S NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/02	2000-0012115	\$ 60.40
FERA, JUSTIN MILITARY-LES CT PAYING RECYCLE ONLY	2000-0090932	\$ 224.11
HAAS, PETER J MILITARY-1/2 VALUE-LES IL	2001-0020632	\$ 243.30
HART, TIMOTHY W TAXED ON INCORRECT VALUE	2001-0091217	\$ 42.32
HELMICK, ROGER MILITARY-LES "MO" ECC-8/6/03	2001-0091719	\$ 142.91
LAYTON, GERALDINE DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCOUNT # 33426	2001-0091611	\$ 86.52
MATTOX, MARK A & PAULA S MILITARY-MARK-1/2 VAL. 01 LES-OH	2001-0032147	\$ 35.74
MCCOY, GEORGE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0032627	\$ 155.95
SMALLDRIDGE, JOSEPH TOSHIO & DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0044919	\$ 46.49
SMITH, JOHN PAUL & SAUNDERS, E DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2002-0090025	\$ 253.10
SPECIAL TIMES PHOTOGRAPHY DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCOUNT #42552	2001-0090774	\$ 35.08

VALENTINE, ANNIE B RECYCLE FEE PAID ON HOUSE WHICH HAS BEEN TORN DOWN	2001-0091675	\$ 32.24
WALL & WALL CONSTRUCTION INC INCORRECT SITUS-INCORRECT VALUE	2001-0090865	\$ 25.60
WALL & WALL CONSTRUCTION INC INCORRECT SITUS-INCORRECT VALUE	2000-0050562	\$ 26.56
WHITE, WILLIAM R MILITARY-LES-TN ECC-10/19/01	2001-0091403	\$ 85.95
WILLETTS, WILLIAM O DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0053999	\$ 10.48
16 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$1,506.75
FERA, JUSTIN MILITARY-LES-CT PAYING RECYCLE ONLY	2001-0030970	\$ 196.96
VALENTINE, ANNIE B MOBILE HOME TAXED ON INCORRECT SIZE	2001-0091675	\$ 172.38
WHITE, WILLIAM R MILITARY-LES-TN ECC-10/19/01	2001-0091469	\$ 89.12
3 – REFUND (S)		\$ 458.46

Military Family Resolutions

The Chamber of Commerce requested that the Board adopt resolutions for the Military Family of the Third Quarter of 2001 and the First Quarter of 2002, which were presented to the families at a ceremony on April 30th. The request was received after the last Commissioners' meeting; therefore, resolutions were drafted and presented by Commissioner Tyson at the ceremony. Commissioner Sampson moved to ratify adoption of the following resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY OF
CORPORAL JUAN SANCHEZ III
AS MILITARY FAMILY OF THE THIRD QUARTER**

WHEREAS, Corporal Juan Sanchez III, as an EA-6B Power Plant Mechanic/Plane Captain, is responsible for maintaining his squadron's EA-6B aircraft in an operational status; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Sanchez's dedicated efforts enable the safe operation of this valuable national asset, required to carry out the mission of providing electronic warfare support to the Marine Corps as well as Joint and Combined Task Forces; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with his on-duty efforts, Corporal Sanchez and his family have, since March 1998, contributed much of their time and talents as volunteers at the Godette Head Start Center in Havelock, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Sanchez assists the center by providing transportation, and as Vice Treasurer, while his wife, Laura, a full-time

homemaker, contributes her time and “motherly” support, and has served as Chairperson for two consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the Sanchez family has been the recipient of numerous community and volunteer awards, including the Coastal Community Action, Inc. Head Start and Early Head Start Service Award, and the Outstanding Volunteer Service for 2000 Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sanchez family has earned the respect of the Command and the gratitude of the local civilian community for their efforts in providing support to the children of our military and civilian communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Corporal Sanchez, his wife, Laura, and their children, Marc (6) and Mariana (4) be saluted for their dedication and achievements.

Presented this 30th day of April, 2002.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY OF
GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN H. KREITZER
AS MILITARY FAMILY OF THE FIRST QUARTER**

WHEREAS, Gunnery Sergeant John H. Kreitzer, in addition to being a dedicated Marine, is an active member of the community, assisting young adults and newly married couples with marital, financial and personal development counseling; and

WHEREAS, GySgt Kreitzer and his wife, Sandy, who is a full time mother, homemaker and student at Craven Community College, have become an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, GySgt and Mrs. Kreitzer, their children, Rebecca (6) and Ayden (2) are actively involved in their church, Calvary Baptist Church in New Bern; and

WHEREAS, GySgt Kreitzer is active with the Missionary Program and serves as a mentor to youth; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kreitzer is involved with the Women’s Association and bible study groups which reinforce good moral and ethical values.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Kreitzer family is commended for the contribution of their time and energy to provide the local community with well-meaning assistance

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners expresses appreciation on behalf of the local community to the Kreitzer family.

Presented this 30th day of April, 2002.

Budget Amendments

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

Health/Environmental Animal

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-2601-357-18-00 Vaccinations	\$ 660.00	101-2601-410-40-43 Vaccinations	\$ 660.00
101-2601-357-37-00 Spay/Neuter	\$ 3,500.00	101-2601-410-40-45 Spay/Neuter	\$ 3,500.00
101-2601-336-02-00 Donations	\$ 500.00	101-2601-410-32-22 Donations	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,660.00	TOTAL	\$ 4,660.00

Justification: Increase in adoptions of both cats and dogs has increased the number of mandatory spay/neuter operations and rabies vaccinations performed by private veterinarians. Donation request approved by finance as recommended.

Transportation

101-7002-348-04-00 HCCBG	\$ 674.00	101-7001-450-31-01 Reg. Vehicle Exp.	\$ 749.00
101-7002-369-18-00 Pamlico-DSS	\$ 75.00		
TOTAL	\$ 749.00	TOTAL	\$ 749.00

Justification: Increase in revenue for HCCBG to cover vehicle expense.

Pass Through/Health

101-0564-348-30-00 Senior Companion	\$(10,884.00)	101-0564-450-91-23 Senior Companion	\$(10,884.00)
101-0564-348-06-00 Congregate	\$ 1,621.00	101-0564-0450-91-21 Congregate	\$ 1,621.00
101-0564-348-08-00 Home Delvd Meals	\$ 945.00	101-0564-450-91-22 Home Delvd Meals	\$ 945.00
101-6504-348-58-00 Health Inhome III	\$(1,500.00)	101-6502-440-10-02 Salaries	\$(1,500.00)
TOTAL	\$(9,818.00)	TOTAL	\$(9,818.00)

Justification: Changes in funding from HCCBG in the amount from \$455,258 to \$442,929. Net decrease of \$12,329 in multiple programs overall. Some budgets (DSS) were incorrect so are budgeting to bring up to date.

DSS 7221 Adult Services

101-7221-349-79-00 HCCBG Care Management	\$ 758.00	101-7221-450-40-00 Contractual Services	\$ 4,419.00
101-7221-349-27-00	\$ 3,661.00		
TOTAL	\$ 4,419.00	TOTAL	\$ 4,419.00

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

Health/Dental

101-5500-370-12-00	\$ 3,432.00	101-5500-440-40-50	\$ 3,432.00
Medicaid Revenues		Temp Employee	
Cover 240 Hours @ \$14.30		TESI Hire \$14.30 (Hourly rate) to Pay employee (TESI) \$10.00/hr.	
TOTAL	\$ 3,432.00	TOTAL	\$ 3,432.00

Justification: Request for increase is for temp Dental Assistant I to cover maternity leave for Aimee Gillen. Scheduled delivery date is 5/17/02 or sooner. Employee is currently being monitored by family physicians. Funds should cover DA I through fiscal year end or when lapsed salaries are available.

Health/Health Check/Health Choice-Smart S

101-5804-348-57-00	\$(265.00)	101-5804-440-25-00	\$(111.00)
Smart Start-Health Check Coord		Health/Travel Train	
		101-5804-440-24-0	\$(154.00)
		Meeting Exp	
TOTAL	\$(265.00)	TOTAL	\$(265.00)

Justification: Above request is to accommodate final reversion request from Smart Start.

LLEBG 2001-3298

101-2006-329-00-00	\$ 300.00	101-2006-410-32-40	\$ 300.00
Interest		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$ 300.00	TOTAL	\$ 300.00

Justification: Budget interest received from Federal funds to be used in project as allowed by the US Department of Justice.

Twp #6 Fire

246-0000-399-01-00	\$10,946.00	246-2900-410-96-80	\$10,946.00
Fund Balance		Allocation	
TOTAL	\$10,946.00	TOTAL	\$10,946.00

Justification: Use of fund balance to cover paving at new station.

ROAD ABANDONMENT REQUEST

The Planning Department requested to have the North Carolina Department of Transportation abandon Lima Road, Twp 9, from the intersection of Streets Field Road from the state maintenance system. Commissioner Tyson inquired about the rationale for the request. Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, explained that the road is bounded by undeveloped farmland on both sides and all of the adjacent owners wish the road to be closed. He explained that the road goes to the Old Streets Ferry bridge at the river. Since the last hurricane, the end of the road stays flooded and is not passable, resulting in citizens dumping trash and dead animals, and loitering around the end of the road. He

indicated that the adjacent owners plan to erect a barrier to block access if the request is approved. Commissioner Toon moved to approve the request for road abandonment petition, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

North Carolina

County of Craven

Road Description Lima Road from the intersection of Streets Field Road

Length for abandonment 4,800 feet (Twp 9)

WHEREAS, that attached letter from the Department of Transportation has been received by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven requesting that all of the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be abandoned from the Secondary Road System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be abandoned from 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 abandonment of the road from 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 abandon the road for maintenance.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Mr. Doug Causey presented to the Board a petition requesting adoption of a resolution to restrict hunting from the right-of-way on SR 1459 (Riverside Road) from Riverside Church, north, to SR 1460 (Saint Johns Road) and then SR 1460 to Pitt County. The petition was signed by owners of property fronting the affected roads. The Board was requested to send a resolution to the State seeking this restriction. During discussion the Board expressed its desire to advertise and hold a public hearing on the matter at its June 3, 2002 meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Martin Moore petitioned the Board on behalf of New Bern Seventh Day Adventist Church and Cornerstone Assembly of God for assistance in the closure of Maple Street right-of-way in Township 7, which extends from Highway 70 East to Old Cherry Point Road. The churches border the sides of the right-of-way which is being requested for closure. The opposite end of Maple Street accessed from Old Cherry Point road is functional and maintained by the State; however, the road was never completed or opened on the right-of-way extending from Highway 70 E. The two churches propose dividing the right-of-way after closure and utilizing the gained property for parking. The Board expressed its desire to hold a public hearing on the proposed closure after notification of all adjacent property owners. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, informed the Board that a public hearing would be a statutory requirement in this case. The Board emphasized its intent to limit its involvement to verifying adjacent owners and addresses, and advertising and conducting a public hearing. Petitioners will bear the responsibility and expense of mailings to property owners.

RECOGNITION OF "RECYCLE YOUR TALENTS" WINNERS

Recreation Director, Jan Parker, and 4-H Agent, Stacy Morgan, presented a power point presentation, which reflected the work of the winners of the "Recycle your Talents" 2002 Art Show. The show, sponsored by the Craven County Cooperative Extension and the Craven County Clean Sweep Committee, involved the creation of art from recycled material to promote anti-litter and recycling education, and to celebrate Earth Day. The participants were primarily from Craven County Schools. The Board expressed its appreciation to the participants and to the organizations that provided the awards, GDS, Weyerhauser, and the US Forest Service.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Jennifer Knight and Pete Monte, Co-Chairs of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, presented the funding recommendations for the 2002-2003 fiscal year, as follows: Commissioner Allen moved to approve the recommended funding distribution, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Program	Current Funding 2001-02	Request 2002-03	Recommendation 2002-03
Area Day Reporting	\$67,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Juvenile Restitution	\$36,500.00	\$38,916.00	\$38,916.00
Mentor	\$28,000.00	\$28,241.00	\$28,241.00
Neuse Center Temporary Shelter	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Psychological Ser	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Resolve	\$34,074.00	\$57,213.00	\$57,213.00
Tau Rites of Passage	\$18,000.00	\$28,250.00	\$28,250.00
Teen Court		\$15,956.00	\$15,956.00
JCPC			\$ 8,000.00

Funding Available: \$276,540.00
Total Recommendations: \$255,576.00
Remaining: 20,964.00

CRAVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET REQUEST

Dr. Lewis Steve Redd, President of Craven Community College, presented the proposed 2002-2003 budget for the Community College. The total budget from all sources is \$23,732,272, with a County appropriation in the amount of \$2,667,588. Dr. Redd noted that the budgeted contribution from the County is the same as the previous year's County appropriation and that no new initiatives are being requested. He highlighted several notable features, including the growth of distance learning via Internet, and an agreement with East Carolina University which will allow delivery of the second two years of teacher education on the Craven Community College campus. This agreement is expected to alleviate some of the teacher shortage being experienced by the local school system, and will require installation of a full-time East Carolina University staff person on the Craven Community College campus, to be paid by the university. He reported that the Aeronautical Institute is expected to open along with the College's other programs in August of 2003.

Commissioner Sampson urged the college to consider reinstating trades as part of the offering. Dr. Redd responded that most of the trades are currently offered and are successful; however, there are some trades which have not received good responses and have been discontinued.

At 8:25 p.m. the Board was declared in recess.

At 8:30 p.m. the Board reconvened.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET REQUEST

Superintendent of Schools, William Rivenbark, presented the proposed budget for the Board of Education for FY 2002-2003. The proposed total budget is \$18,467,998, which represents an increase of 5.9% over the previous year's budget in the amount of \$1,027,033. The appropriation from the County reflects a \$787,525 increase in the request, from \$12,492,585 to \$13,280,110. In addition, the budget reflects a request to transition from a \$1,200 fixed supplement for teachers to a 4% of salary supplement, which would guarantee a minimum of \$1,200. He indicated that the funding request for capital outlay shows a reduction. An update was provided on capital outlay projects. Mr. Rivenbark advised the Board that contingency for fund reversion at approximately 2% or more is anticipated and has been built into the budget.

REQUEST FROM TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

Mr. Al Coley, Chairman of the Tourism Development Authority, presented a request to contract with Craven County and the County Convention Center to provide administrative and marketing services for the Tourism Development Authority beginning July 1, 2002. In return, the occupancy tax revenues received by Craven County Tourism Development Authority will be paid to Craven County/New Bern Riverfront Convention Center in an agreed upon amount. Commissioner Allen inquired about the effect of such action on current Tourism Development Authority employees. Mr. Coley responded that the jobs would become County jobs and posted accordingly. Commissioner Tyson moved to adopt the Letter of Intent that was presented and to move forward with the contractual agreement, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

SECOND VOTE ON AMBULANCE FRANCHISE

At its meeting on April 15, 2002, the Board approved a recommendation to grant an ambulance franchise to Coastline Ambulance Service for a one-year period of operation. This will be the fourth franchise for ambulance service in Craven County, which is limited by the Ambulance Ordinance. Commissioner Allen moved to grant the franchise to Coastline Ambulance Service, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a second vote, as required statute.

TOWNSHIP 7 FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Mr. Ed Weigl, representing the President of No. 7 Township Fire Department, presented a request for approval of a tax-exempt loan for a fire truck. The loan is for refinancing the balloon payment on an existing loan. Mr. Weigl stated that the proposed loan would not result in a fire tax rate increase, and presented signatures of all Township 7 Fire Tax Commissioners endorsing the request. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

TOWNSHIP SIX FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Mr. Pete Bradeson, Vice President of Township Six Fire Department, presented a request for an additional \$10,945.06 from the department's capital reserve to cover the total cost of paving the driveway at the new fire station. This amount represents the difference between the estimated cost for paving, \$55,261, and the \$44,315.94, which is the amount available. Commissioner Talton moved to approve the request and the accompanying budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. During the discussion, Commissioner Toon expressed his understanding that the Department of Transportation would pave the driveway at the new fire station; however, County Manager, Harold Blizzard, cited a letter from the Department of Transportation, which was forwarded to Commissioners on April 5, 2002, indicating that the funds for paving should be provided locally and be reimbursed by the State to the allowable level. In a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Craven Regional Medical Authority

The Board was advised of appointments due to expire on the Hospital Board at its April 15th meeting. Action was deferred until May 20th as a courtesy to Commissioner Allen who had expected to be absent from this meeting; however, the Chairman informed the Board that Commissioner Sampson would be absent on May 20th. Commissioner Talton moved to add the Craven Regional Medical Center appointments to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried. Commissioner Allen nominated Ms. Myrle Swicegood and Sydney Barnwell for reappointment and Walter Masterson for appointment. Commissioner Tyson nominated Bob Eaves and Ed Armstrong for reappointment. Commissioner Toon nominated Lonnie Pridgen for appointment, Johnnie Sampson, Jr., and Jimmy Morris for reappointment. Commissioner Phillips nominated Kellon McMillian for appointment. In a roll call vote, Mr. Morris received five (5) votes from Commissioners Phillips, Talton, Toon, Sampson, and Bland. Mr. McMillian received three (3) votes from Commissioners Allen, Phillips, and Tyson. Mr. Masterson received three (3) votes from Commissioner Allen, Phillips, and Tyson. Mr. Pridgen received five (5) votes from Commissioners Talton, Toon, Tyson, Sampson, and Bland. Dr. Barnwell, Mr. Eaves, and Mr. Armstrong received seven (7) votes. Ms. Swicegood received one (1) vote from Commissioner Allen and Mr. Sampson received four (4) votes from Commissioner Talton, Toon, Sampson, and Bland. The six (6) positions were filled by Ed Armstrong, Sydney Barnwell, Bob Eaves, Jimmy Morris, Lonnie Pridgen, and Johnnie Sampson, Jr.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

The Board was advised on April 15th of Mrs. Gertrude Adkins' resignation from the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. There were no nominations available and the appointment to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee to replace Mrs. Adkins was deferred until the May 20th agenda.

Adult Care Home Advisory Committee

The Board considered a letter from Ms. Angelia Wallace, Regional Ombudsman for the Area Agency on Aging, requesting appointment of Ms. Debra Morton to the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee for a one-year term. Ms. Morton's name was placed in nomination and Commissioner Toon moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Upcoming Appointments

The Board was advised of an opportunity to make a nomination to the Coastal Resources Commission. Commissioner Bland indicted his intent to nominate Mr. Ernie Richardson at the next meeting. Commissioner Toon expressed the desire to nominate Planning Director, Don Baumgardner; however he declined nomination.

Craven Community College Board of Trustees

The Board was advised that the term of Don Brinkley, who was filling an unexpired term on the Craven Community College Board of Trustees is due to expire in June. Commissioner Tyson nominated Mr. Brinkley for reappointment. Commissioner Phillips moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Social Services Board

The Board was advised that the term of Mrs. Ethel Sampson on the Craven County Social Services Board is due to expire, and she was recommended for reappointment.

Commissioner Tyson moved to reappoint Mrs. Sampson, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Tyson moved to suspend the rules requiring a one meeting waiting period on all appointments made, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION PETITIONING FOR A COMMUNITY SIGN IN THE CLARKS COMMUNITY

Commissioner Phillips presented the following resolution petitioning the State Department of Transportation to erect a community sign in the Clarks Community. Commissioner Talton moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

CLARKS COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Clarks, a settlement community located along Highway 55 West in Township 8 needs identification; and

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners while meeting in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2002, reviewed a request for a community sign from the residents of the Clarks area; and

WHEREAS, the Board agreed to request the Department of Transportation to give positive consideration to erecting one (1) double bladed sign on Highway 55 W at the intersection of Beaman Fork.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

That we do hereby request that the North Carolina Department of Transportation erect, where appropriate to meet the standards and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, one (1) double bladed community road sign on Highway 55 West and Beaman Fork.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, reminded the Board of the scheduled dedication of the marker honoring Graham A. Barden to take place at noon on May 20th.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Phillips inquired if there were other Commissioners planning to attend the legislative briefing of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to be held on May 29th. Commissioners Allen, Bland, Talton, and Tyson indicated their interest in attending.

Commissioner Allen alerted the Board to the upcoming Annual Banquet of the Havelock Chamber of Commerce on June 28th.

Commissioner Toon inquired about the appropriation designated for the Cove City Library purchase and the requirement that it be utilized by July 1, 2002. It was confirmed that the funds appropriated in the current fiscal year would need to be utilized by July 1st; however, County Manager, Harold Blizzard, explained to Commissioner Toon that complications had occurred involving clearance from DENR necessary relative to an underground storage tank on the property. He informed the Board that the property has now been classified "low risk" requiring "no mediation". He explained that the previous

owner would be responsible for providing notice in a deed if the property is transferred. It is anticipated that a notice of no further action will be received on the property which will allow the County to proceed and conclude the purchase by July 1st.

At 10:00 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Talton, and unanimously carried.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk