

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 20, 2002. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman C.W. "Pete" Bland
 Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
 Commissioner Donald Phillips
 Commissioner J. Harold Talton
 Commissioner Albert H. Toon
 Commissioner Charles F. Tyson, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice Chairman Johnnie Sampson, 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
 James R. Sugg, County Attorney

Following an invocation by Commissioner Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Phillips moved to approve minutes of the May 6, 2002 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tax Releases

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

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
ADAMS, ROYCE & ROSEMARY SOLD BOAT IN 2000	2001-0000240	\$ 140.43
BENNETT, LUN HRS PROPERTY VACANT SINCE 1995-JUNKED	1998-0091641	\$ 24.00
BENNETT, LUN HRS PROPERTY VACANT SINCE 1998-JUNKED	1999-0003740	\$ 48.00
BENNETT, LUN HRS PROPERTY VACANT SINCE 1998-JUNKED	2000-0003817	\$ 48.00
BENNETT, LUN HRS PROPERTY VACANT SINCE 1998-JUNKED	2001-0003841	\$ 64.00
HAAS, PETER J MILITARY-1/2 VAL-LES IL	1999-0091701	\$ 17.12

HALL, CLAUDE C & GUYOLA REPORTED AS NON-INCOME (FARMING)	2001-0090436	\$ 8.12
TOLER, JAMES DANIEL DWELLING VACANT	2001-0048941	\$ 10.52
TYNDALL, KEITH LEE OUT OF BUSINESS 1/1/94	1994-0043781	\$ 11.13
TYNDALL, KEITH LEE OUT OF BUSINESS 1/1/94	1995-0044043	\$ 10.37
TYNDALL, KEITH LEE OUT OF BUSINESS 1/1/94	1996-0045169	\$ 9.44
TYNDALL, KEITH LEE OUT OF BUSINESS 1/1/94	1997-0045768	\$ 9.11
TYNDALL, KEITH LEE OUT OF BUSINESS 1/1/94	1998-0091561	\$ 8.40
TYNDALL, KEITH LEE OUT OF BUSINESS 1/1/94	1999-0091317	\$ 7.80
TYNDALL, KEITH LEE OUT OF BUSINESS 1/1/94	2000-0049590	\$ 18.55
TYNDALL, KEITH LEE OUT OF BUSINESS 1/1/94	2001-0090848	\$ 18.02

16 – CREDIT MEMO(S) \$453.01

Budget Amendments and Ordinance Update

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

Homes Project

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
262-0000-329-00-00 Interest	\$ 1,185.00	262-4072-430-15-10 Admin	\$ (1,737.00)
262-0000-366-50-00 From Closed Project	\$ 575.00	262-4072-430-15-11 Admin NCHFA	\$ (259.00)
262-0000-348-40-00 NCHFA	\$ (259.00)	262-4072-430-76-29 Rehab	\$ (359.00)
262-0000-377-10-00 HUD Fed	\$ (359.00)	262-4072-430-76-34 Revolving Loan	\$ (9.00)
		262-4072-430-98-28 Trans	\$ 3,506.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,142.00	TOTAL	\$ 1,142.00

Justification: General fund restricted fund balance-per Don, Chip & Chris, don’t have a place to transfer now but will when new projects are approved. (3,506.00)

Rescue Squads

101-2825-357-53-00	\$ 3,000.00	101-2801-410-40-03	\$ 8,600.00
NB Craven		EMS 10% Collect	
101-2828-357-49-00	\$10,000.00	101-2825-410-33-10	\$ 2,600.00
Bridgeton		90% Collect	
101-2829-357-50-00	\$13,000.00	101-2827-410-33-10	\$ 100.00
Vanceboro		90% Collect	
101-2830-357-52-00	\$ 2,000.00	101-2828-410-33-10	\$ 8,400.00
Cove City		90% Collect	
101-2831-357-56-00	\$ 6,000.00	101-2829-410-33-10	\$ 8,700.00
Twp #7		90% Collect	
		101-2830-410-33-10	\$ 700.00
		90% Collect	
		101-2831-410-33-10	\$ 4,900.00
		90% Collect	
TOTAL	\$34,000.00	TOTAL	\$34,000.00

Justification: Budget additional revenues being generated by Rescue Squads – 90% to be paid to Squads and 10% to cover EMS collection fee.

ORDINANCE

**HOMES PROJECT
FUND 262**

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

EXPENDITURES:

Owner – HUD Rehabilitation	\$ 363,739.00
Administration – County	\$ 31,513.00
Administration – NCHFA	\$ 27,143.00
Owner – Loan Proceeds	\$ 3,255.00
CDBG FY 97 Fund 56	\$ 5,000.00
Transfer to Fund 10 General	\$ 8,006.00

TOTAL **\$ 438,656.00**

Revenues are amended in the following amounts for the Homes Project.

REVENUES

Federal – HUD	\$ 363,739.00
Craven County FY 93	\$ 15,000.00
Craven County FY 94	\$ 18,250.00
State – Homes Grant	\$ 27,143.00
Principal Repayment	\$ 12,764.00
Interest	\$ 1,185.00
From Closed Project	\$ 575.00

TOTAL **\$ 438,656.00**

This ordinance is hereby amended this 20th day of May, 2002.

Road Abandonment Request

The Planning Department requested to have the North Carolina Department of Transportation abandon Baron Point Road, SR 1186 within Twp 7 from the state

maintenance system. Commissioner Talton moved to adopt the following Abandonment Resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

North Carolina

County of Craven

Road Description Baron Point Road SR 1186, Twp 7

Length: 435 feet Width: 50 foot R-O-W

WHEREAS, the 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.

FY 02 CDBG Selection of Administration Consultant

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, recommended Holland Consulting Planners, Inc. as the consultant firm to administer the FY 02 CDBG program. Commissioner Talton moved for award of the FY 02 Administrative Services contract to Holland Consulting Planners, Inc., as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

FY 02 CDBG Selection of Legal Service Firm

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, recommended the award of legal services contract for the FY 02 CDBG program to Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks and Hart, Attorneys-at-Law. Commissioner Talton moved for award to Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks and Hart, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

HCCBG FY 2003 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Joy Doshier, Budget Committee Chair and Linda LeDrew, Board Chair, presented the Aging Planning Board's recommendation for the HCCBG funding for the 2002-2003 Fiscal Year, as follows:

BUDGET REQUEST FY 2003	2003 HCCBG Requested	RECOMMENDED Total	Match	HCCBG	USDA	GRAND Total
Social Services						
Care Management	\$125,656	\$ 73,968	\$ 7,397	\$ 66,571		\$ 73,968
In Home Level II	\$ 83,662	\$ 89,164	\$ 8,916	\$ 80,248		\$ 89,164
USSI						
Congregate	\$104,091	\$112,179	\$11,218	\$100,961	\$ 9,250	\$121,429
Home Delvd	\$107,900	\$ 99,612	\$ 9,961	\$ 89,651	\$11,606	\$111,218
USDA SPECIAL					\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Adult Day Care	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,889	\$ 889	\$ 8,000		\$ 8,889
CARTS						
Transportation	\$ 64,900	\$ 62,220	\$ 6,220	\$ 55,998		\$ 62,220

CC Health Hospice In Home Level III	\$ 30,000	\$ 31,667	\$ 3,167	\$ 28,500		\$ 31,667
Pamlico Sound Legal Info Case Asst	\$ 5,219					
Senior Companion	\$ 54,546	\$ 14,444	\$ 1,444	\$ 13,000		\$ 14,444
TOTAL	\$583,975	\$492,143	\$49,214	\$442,929	\$28,856	\$520,999

EMERGENCY SERVICES MATTERS

DOT Contract to Pave Cove City Fire Department Driveway

Fire Marshal, Stanley Kite, submitted contracts from the North Carolina Department of Transportation relative to paving of the Cove City Fire Department driveway. Authorization for the Chairman to sign the contracts was requested. Commissioner Phillips moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

Crystal Coast Disaster Coalition

The Charter for the Crystal Coast Disaster Coalition, which follows, was presented for the Board’s consideration. Mr. Kite requested that the Board authorize the Chairman’s signature. The purpose of the Coalition is to coordinate activity between the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, the County Emergency Management Directors of Craven, Pamlico, Carteret, and Jones Counties, as well as the Red Cross and State Emergency Management Officials in response to emergencies. Commissioner Allen moved to authorize the Chairman’s signature on the Charter, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

**OFFICIAL CHARTER
CRYSTAL COAST DISASTER COALITION**

United States Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC
County of Carteret
County of Craven
County of Jones
County of Pamlico

WHEREAS, the United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina, Carteret, Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties have determined that it is in the best interest of all parties to continue the symbiotic relationship that has developed in the areas of emergency services, mutual aid, cooperation, and coordination.

WHEREAS, emergency responders, public and private, act in a selfless manner while daily facing personal risk to save lives, prevent suffering, and mitigate great property damage under imminently serious conditions;

WHEREAS, their contribution to the safety of our service members and citizens of our communities are confirmed and recognized;

WHEREAS, the Crystal Coast Disaster Coalition will not require members to contribute financial resources or change their current response procedures;

WHEREAS, there are no membership fees or other requirements, nor does membership impose any legal obligations on any of the parties;

WHEREAS, the Crystal Coast Disaster Coalition will continue to develop and execute interoperative mutual aid agreements; and

WHEREAS, these agreements will be executed within the State and regional civil regulations as well as within the guidelines of the Department of Defense Directive 3025.1 (Immediate Emergency Response to Civil Authorities);

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Carteret, Craven, and Pamlico County Boards of Commissioners, the Jones County Manager and the Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina do hereby grant this Charter for the continuation of the Crystal Coast Disaster Coalition until such time as it may be dissolved by any party.

Approved this 20th day of May, 2002.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO CLOSE RIGHT-OF-WAY
ON MAPLE STREET AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING**

The resolution, which follows, declaring the Board's intent to close the right-of-way on Maple Street and setting a public hearing to receive public input on the subject, was presented to the Board. Commissioner Talton moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECLARING ITS INTENT
TO CLOSE A PUBLIC ROAD OR EASEMENT
AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE QUESTION**

WHEREAS, representatives of the Carolina Conference Association of Seven Day Adventists, Inc. appeared before the Craven County Board of Commissioner ("Board") and requested that said Board declare its intent to close Maple Street from the service road located along the eastern edge of U.S. Highway 70 East and extending eastwardly to the intersection of Maple Street with the intersection with First Street as the said road is shown on a map of T.A. Grantham Property recorded in Map Book 1 at Page 89 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County; and

WHEREAS, said Board adopted a resolution declaring its intent to close the said portion of Maple Street as hereinabove referred to and to call for a public hearing on the question on June 3, 2002 at 7:45 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing reasonably calculated to give full and fair disclosure of the proposed closing shall be published once a week for three successive weeks before the hearing on June 3, 2002 and a copy of the resolution shall be sent by Registered or Certified Mail to each owner as shown on the County tax records of property adjoining the public road or easement to be closed who did not join in the request to have the road or easement closed, and the notice of the closing and public hearing to be promptly posted in at least two places along the road or easement to be closed; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing on June 3, 2002, the Board will hear all interested persons who appear with respect to whether the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights; and

WHEREAS, if, after the hearing, the Board is satisfied that the closing of the public road is not contrary to the public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road in which it is located would thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property, the Board may adopt an order closing the road.

Done this 20th day of May, 2002.

APPOINTMENTS

Coastal Resources Commission

The Board considered the matter of a nomination to the Coastal Resources Commission and Chairman Bland nominated Mr. Ernie Richardson. This nomination will be recommended to the Coastal Resources Commission for appointment.

EMS Advisory Council

The Board received correspondence from the No. 7 Township Rescue Squad, Inc. requesting that Michael Paul be appointed to the Craven County EMS Advisory Council by virtue of his status as Captain of the Rescue Squad. Commissioner Toon moved to approve the request that Michael Paul be appointed, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

Township 7 Fire Tax Commissioner

The Board received notification that one of the No. 7 Township Fire Tax Commissioners no longer lives in the district or in Craven County, and a request that Mr. William Laughinghouse be appointed to replace Mr. Phillip Cooper. Commissioner Toon moved to accept the recommendation to appoint Mr. William Laughinghouse as a Township 7 Fire Tax Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

New Bern Craven County Library Board

Commissioner Talton, Craven County's Commissioner representative to the New Bern Craven County Library Board, requested that the agenda item be deferred until the Board's next agenda in order to gather additional information.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Captain Bob Brown appeared before the Board to request an additional allocation in the jail line item in the amount of \$32,000 to support the boarding of prisoners. This allocation is made necessary by the requirements for boarding juveniles. Commissioner Allen moved to appropriate the requested funds and to adopt the following budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Jail

101-0000-399-01-00	\$32,000.00	101-2008-410-21-01	\$32,000.00
Fund Balance		Board Prisoners	
TOTAL	\$32,000.00	TOTAL	\$32,000.00

Justification: Estimates are made at budget time as to the cost of boarding prisoners. Costs are exceeding the amount budgeted. For a 9 month period, we have expended \$106,182. This cost is coming from the large number of juveniles being housed as Craven County does not have a juvenile facility.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution Requesting that Local Government Revenue Resources Be Made Secure

The following resolution was presented to the Board for consideration. Commissioner Allen moved for its adoption and distribution to Craven County's legislative delegation, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SOURCES BE MADE SECURE**

WHEREAS, Craven County is required by North Carolina law to operate and maintain a balanced budget and comply with the provisions of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act; and

WHEREAS, Craven County is required to maintain a sufficient fund balance to operate in a fiscally sound manner and to have adequate reserves in case of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners has a responsibility to provide for the health, safety and well being of the citizens of this community by providing necessary services; and

WHEREAS, the ability of county governments to borrow for capital infrastructure needs is dependent on reliable revenue sources for repayment; and

WHEREAS, adequate revenues are required to carry out the above mentioned responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Craven County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the General Assembly enact legislation that will secure the local government revenue sources and ensure that these revenues are distributed to local governments on a timely basis as set forth by the state's General Statutes.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2002.

City of New Bern Request

The Board entertained a request from the City of New Bern that they be allowed to assume responsibility for periodic building inspections and fire inspections of County school buildings within the New Bern City limits. Commissioner Talton moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

Budget Presentation

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented the summary of the proposed FY 2002-2003 budget as follows, and requested that the Board schedule work sessions and a public hearing on June 3rd at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Phillips moved to set and advertise the public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on June 3rd, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried. The Board reached consensus to conduct the first budget work session at 3:00 p.m. on May 30th.

**BUDGET MESSAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2003**

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners:

I respectfully submit for your consideration the recommended budget for Craven County for fiscal year 2003. The proposed budget balances estimated revenues and expenditures that will maintain programs, functions, and activities Craven County has traditionally provided its citizens. The proposed budget for the upcoming year does not include funding for new or expanded programs, nor does it include all the capital expenditures and reserves that will be required to adequately maintain the County's infrastructure.

At the beginning of the budget development process, department heads were told not to expect funding for new positions; to reduce travel and training; and to limit capital outlay requests to those items which are absolutely essential to their operations. With one exception, department heads complied with these instructions and submitted reasonable requests. At the same time, department heads were instructed to cease hiring, restrict travel and training, and to limit purchases in the current year. These actions were taken in response to Governor Easley's withholding County revenues. Department heads are to be commended for their cooperation in these efforts.

As you are well aware, the State's fiscal decisions have affected every municipality and county in North Carolina. Craven County is no exception. The slow economy in the last year has severely impacted Craven County. In the current year alone, revenues will be approximately \$2 million less than expected as a result of reimbursements from the State not being realized, lower sales tax revenue, and significantly lower interest rates on investments. Unfortunately, revenues from these sources in the coming year are not expected to improve. The uncertainty of receiving State collected taxes and reimbursements has had a major impact on the proposed budget and will be explained later in this message. However, there is growing concern that the State will not address its financial crisis responsibly and may place additional burdens on counties by eliminating funding for State mandated programs.

The proposed expenditures for fiscal year 2003 are \$825,000 less than the current year's budget. There are no new positions in the proposed budget with the exception of three positions that may be established should the Board of Commissioners formally approve the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) proposal currently under consideration. For the second consecutive year, capital outlay has been severely curtailed. Public school funding is recommended to remain the same as the current year, however, an amount needed to increase teacher supplements by \$100 is recommended to be placed in a reserve account. Should the State decide to fund teacher salary increases, the money placed in reserve by the County would be used instead to provide salary increases for locally paid school personnel. In this case, there would be no teacher supplement increase. As requested, funding for the Community College is proposed to remain the same as in the current year. Additionally, the State has informed the County to expect to pay approximately \$500,000 more in Medicaid benefits in the upcoming year.

Health insurance premiums will increase by 6% and dental insurance premiums by 10%. This year the County will add a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) to its health insurance plan. This new feature will direct employees to certain health care providers who in turn provide discounts. This will result in monetary savings for employees and the County's self-funded insurance plan.

The County has received a proposed Worker's Compensation Insurance renewal from the Association of County Commissioners Pool, which reflects a 50% increase in premium. This would represent a 150% increase in premiums over the last two fiscal years from the Pool. Staff is currently exploring the possibility of self-funding Worker's Compensation Insurance. This arrangement would be similar to the current health insurance self-funding program. Additionally, the County has received a renewal proposal for property and liability insurance from the Association of County Commissioners Pool which reflects a 25% increase in premium. Staff is currently seeking other proposals.

A salary adjustment of 2% for all eligible County employees is being recommended. This decision was made in order to recognize employees for the excellent job they have done. Employees have continued to perform at a high level and provide excellent service to our citizens, despite the State's budget crisis, which is not of their making.

Even though spending was reduced below the current year's level, the expected loss of revenues in the upcoming year more than offset the savings realized. As mentioned earlier, sales tax revenues in the current year are lower than were originally projected and are not expected to improve next year. The same is true for interest that will be earned on investments. Additionally, the reported \$2 billion shortage in the State's budget next

year makes it difficult to believe that Craven County will receive the State collected funds in the upcoming year. Consequently, reimbursements for the senior citizens tax exemption, inventory tax, sales tax on food stamps, intangibles tax, and the State beer and wine permit money totaling \$2,057,000 have been excluded from the proposed budget.

Fiscal year 2003 will be the year when the octennial revaluation of property as of January 1, 2002 takes effect. This process involves revaluing each parcel of land in the County to adjust the taxable value to current market rates. As a result of this revaluation, real property values have increased by approximately 22% over the previous year. The total value of all taxable property, both real and personal, increased by approximately 16%.

During a revaluation year, it is normal for the tax rate to decrease, offsetting the increase in values, since the property tax is calculated by multiplying the value times the rate. The increase in values as a result of the recent revaluation was approximately \$600 million which could have resulted in lowering the tax rate from the current 60 cents to a 53.5 cents tax rate. However, the loss of State reimbursements and the increase in Medicaid expenditures have made the 53.5 cents tax rate unattainable without reducing services in the coming year. These two items alone account for approximately \$2.5 million or the equivalent of five cents on the tax rate, and must be covered by other revenues. Consequently, the recommended ad valorem tax rate for fiscal year 2003 is \$.58 per \$100 valuation.

Preparing the proposed budget has been difficult for everyone involved. In spite of the financial burden placed on Craven County by the State, the County will continue to prosper and County government will continue to provide the services its citizenry want and deserve.

Finally, I present this budget for your consideration. The recommended budget shall be immediately available for public inspection. I recommend the Board schedule a public hearing on the budget at its June 3, 2002 meeting and in the interim, schedule budget study sessions, as it deems necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Blizzard
Craven County Manager

At 9:15 p.m. Commissioner Talton moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) concerning an economic development agreement.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board returned to regular session and was declared in recess.

At 10:05 a.m. the Board reconvened.

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, announced that the Board had discussed land acquisition, economic development and economic incentives in closed session. No action was taken, but will be taken in open session at the appropriate time.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Allen announced that the Marine Corp Battle Color Guard would make a presentation at Havelock High School at 7:00 p.m. this evening to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the commissioning of MCAS Cherry Point.

Commissioner Tyson requested that the Board of Commissioners speak up against a proposal to re-establish passenger air service in Kinston and moved that a resolution be adopted speaking against use of the County's tax dollars in the proposed manner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Toon and unanimously carried. The Board directed staff to draft a resolution, which follows, and forward it to the legislative

delegation, the appropriate agencies and congressional delegates, and to Pitt and Onslow Counties.

**RESOLUTION
OPPOSING GLOBAL TRANSPARK
AUTHORITY/KINSTON
REGIONAL JETPORT
REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FUNDS**

WHEREAS, North Carolina Global Transpark Authority/Kinston Regional Jetport has submitted a proposal under the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Global Transpark Authority and the Kinston Regional Jetport have requested \$1 million from this Pilot Program to implement their proposal to re-establish passenger jet service in Kinston, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Global Transpark's stated mission and focus has, since its inception, been the movement of cargo, and assurances were given that the Global Transpark would not be in competition with regional commercial air service; and

WHEREAS, communities in eastern North Carolina are currently served by three (3), strategically spaced passenger air terminals located in New Bern, Greenville and Jacksonville, all rapidly developing areas; and

WHEREAS, additional service established in Kinston would have a negative impact on service currently in place, resulting in the necessity of all of those passenger populations, including two key military communities, traveling more than 30 miles for reasonable service; and

WHEREAS, Global Transpark's assets represent a major public investment by state and federal governments, and of thirteen (13) member counties; and

WHEREAS, the requested federal subsidy would be an unfair advantage to others, especially those airports paying debts from their own revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Board of Commissioners rejects efforts which would utilize public funds, including those generated in Craven County, for a project which will threaten existing passenger air service in eastern North Carolina to favor non-existing service.

FURTHER, the Craven County Board of Commissioners registers its opposition to the proposal submitted by Global Transpark Authority/Kinston Regional Jetport specifically, and general opposition to the concept of utilizing public funds in the proposed manner.

Adopted this 20th day of May, 2002.

Commissioner Phillips inquired if any responses have been received by the Economic Development Commission as a result of the ad placed in Forbes Magazine. Economic Developer, Jim Davis, reported none to date, but advised that he would continue to monitor the impact of this ad.

At 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to recess until 3:00 p.m. on May 30th, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk