

**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, OCTOBER 21, 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 Charles F. Tyson, Jr. (Arrived at 8:38 a.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Albert H. Toon

**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 Sampson moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2002 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Budget Amendments*

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

***Work Release Center***

Original Request:	\$2,500	Last Year-2002
Approved:	\$1,200	9/01-6/30/02-
		\$3,914.67
Actual Needed	\$6,275	

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-0000-399-01-00	\$ 5,075.00	101-2009-410-22-00	\$ 4,400.00
Fund Balance		Telephone	
		101-2009-410-40-00	\$ 675.00
		Cont Service-Phone System	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,075.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,075.00</b>

**Justification:** Original budget request was cut over 50% and would not have been adequate in any case. The telephone expense is \$500 per month because of computer and fax connection, which is needed to operate the work release center.

***Safe Kids Buckle Up***

101-5809-348-00-00	\$ 5,590.00	101-5809-440-32-40	\$ 5,590.00
Safe Kids Buckle Up		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$ 5,590.00	TOTAL	\$ 5,590.00

**Justification:** Grant funds received from the NC Department of Insurance to purchase car seats.

***Soil Conservation***

101-4101-349-66-00	\$ (160.00)	101-4101-420-25-00	\$ (160.00)
District ops		Travel	
TOTAL	\$ (160.00)	TOTAL	\$ (160.00)

**Justification:** State reduced their share from \$4,000 to \$3,840.

***Tax Release and Refunds***

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following routine requests for tax releases and refunds for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Talton moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

***Credits***

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>TICKET #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
BAILEY & ASSOCIATES, INC BOARD OF E&R APPROVED REDUCTION IN VAL	2002-0001977	\$ 1,649.00
BALLARD, BRENDA ARMOND DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0002242	\$ 48.48
BASDEN, LAWRENCE REVALUED BOAT PER BILL OF SALE	2002-0002867	\$ 17.38
BIXLER-SUHRIE, KAIYA L NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2002	2002-0004314	\$ 22.00
BRODEHL, RICHARD B & LOUISE M REBILLING TO ADD LATE LISTING FEE	2002-0090266	\$ 504.22
CHURCH-FIRST BAPTIST OF HAVELO EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2002-0009203	\$ 690.20
CHURCH-TRINITY UNITED METHODIS EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2002-0009272	\$ 172.26
CLEMENTS, HENRY WILBUR JR & CA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0009584	\$ 21.56
CLUCK, CARL DAVID & KATHLEEN M PROPERTY SOLD PRIOR TO 1/1/2002	2002-0009720	\$ 14.30
COLLINS, PAMELA M DWELLING ON SITE PRIOR TO 1/1/2002 AT PART VALUE	2002-0010132	\$ 115.47

DAVIS, GARY S CORRECTED CLASS OF DWMH	2002-0012399	\$ 122.42
DAVIS, RON & DEBBIE CORRECTED CLASS ON DWMH	2002-0012556	\$ 107.24
DEES, JEWELL D & EUNICE L RECYCLE FEE CHARGED ON BOAT IN ERROR	2002-0012917	\$ 32.00
DEES, JEWELL D & EUNICE L PROPERTY IS SECOND HOME	2002-0012916	\$ 32.00
DICKERSON, RICKY E & CYNTHIA M DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0013213	\$ 192.66
DRAKE, AARON G & ALMETA J SWMH DOUBLE LISTED ON #1972400	2002-0014009	\$ 52.86
DRAKE, AARON GENE TAGGED VEHICLE-DOUBLE LISTED	2002-0014012	\$ 7.57
FOOD LION LLC #1332 CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0016924	\$ 131.41
FOOD LION LLC #1368 CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0016925	\$ 137.19
FOOD LION LLC #279 CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0016926	\$ 146.83
FOOD LION LLC #817 CORRECTED APPRAISAL VALUE	2002-0016927	\$ 79.89
FOOD LION LLC #825 CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0016928	\$ 110.97
GARDNER, BISCELLO LEVET MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 02 LES-TX ECC-10/22/05	2002-0090045	\$ 294.52
GARDNER, BISCELLO LEVET MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 02 LES-TX ECC-10/22/05	2002-0018106	\$ 172.08
GASKINS, DAVID W & THELMA L DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002-REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0018458	\$ 418.49
GATLING, CORA SMITH GRANTING SCE THAT WAS REMOVED IN ERROR	2002-0018792	\$ 66.41
GATLING, FORREST C & CORA RESTORED SCE-REMOVED IN ERROR	2002-0090091	\$ 208.04
GREEN, NETTIE LYTRICIA DID NOT OWN 1/1/1999	1999-0019313	\$ 208.38
GREEN, NETTIE LYTRICIA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2000	2000-0019880	\$ 171.17
GREEN, NETTIE LYTRICIA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0020038	\$ 179.72

GREEN, NETTIE LYTRICIA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0020301	\$ 154.54
GREENWOOD, PAUL E MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 02 LES-TN ECC-NONE (LTCOL)	2002-0020369	\$ 25.50
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278-6	2002-0020901	\$ 12.18
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2002-0020900	\$ 13.05
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2002-0020902	\$ 15.83
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2002-0020903	\$ 16.99
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2002-0020904	\$ 16.99
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PROPERTY TRANSFERRED BEFORE 07/01/02	2002-0020899	\$ 1,327.55
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2002-0020905	\$ 78.42
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2002-0020909	\$ 28.30
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2002-0020910	\$ 28.30
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2002-0020911	\$ 28.30
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.6	2002-0020912	\$ 28.30
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PROPERTY TRANSFERRED BEFORE 07/01/02	2002-0020908	\$ 384.64
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER EXEMPT PROPERTY TRANSFERRED BEFORE 07/01/02	2002-0020907	\$ 384.64
HAGGETT, EDWARD G III & CAROL INCORRECT SITUS WILL BE REBILLED	2002-0021046	\$ 48.65
HALL, RANDY E & BARBARA BRITT INCORRECT SITUS S/B 5-E/WILL REBILL	2002-0021198	\$ 105.06
HARGETT, OHARA JR VACANT PROPERTY	2002-0021833	\$ 32.00
HARRELL, DOROTHY PROPERTY VACANT – NOT LIVABLE	2002-0022063	\$ 32.00
HARRIS, LESTER CLASS CORRECTED ON DWMH	2002-0022255	\$ 123.78

HAYES, DIANE C NOT BUILDABLE AS INDIVIDUAL LOT RESIDUAL TO OTHER	2002-0022919	\$ 97.76
HEATH, SYLVIA BEAVERS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0023149	\$ 591.12
HOGAN, LUCINDIA SIMMONS DOUBLE LIST AS REAL ON ACCT #47955	2002-0024180	\$ 187.69
JOHNSON, ALLEN PROPERTY VACANT SINCE 1992	1996-0023751	\$ 27.00
JOHNSON, ALLEN PROPERTY VACANT SINCE 1992	1996-0023752	\$ 27.00
JOHNSON, GERALD F DOUBLE BILLED FOR SAME BOAT	2002-0026654	\$ 141.90
KENNEDY BUILDERS LLC DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0028082	\$ 718.10
KING, SCOTT A MILITARY-HIS NAE ONLY 02 LES-FLA ECC-11/22/03	2002-0028444	\$ 100.00
LAMB, GARLIE WADE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0029254	\$ 198.05
LEARY, MARGARET L MOBILE HOME DESTROYED MAY, 2002	2002-0029844	\$ 63.89
LEFEVER, ROBERT R DOUBLE LISTED AS REAL PROPERTY	2002-0030046	\$ 162.54
LEFEVER, ROBERT R & PAMELA T DOUBLE BILLED MH AS REAL PROPERTY	2002-0030047	\$ 81.07
LUPER, WILLIAM D & SUSAN JEWEL INCORRECT SITUS S/B 2-B	2002-0031162	\$ 40.64
MALINOWSKI, CHARLES J REVALUED BOAT PER BILL OF SALE	2002-0031606	\$ 28.29
MANNING, ALBERT L & LOTTIE CHANGED CLASS OF DWMH AND LAND	2002-0031754	\$ 54.64
MANNING, GREYDA SECOND HOME-NO RECYCLING FEE	2002-0031756	\$ 32.00
MANNING, SANDRA K MH DOUBLE LISTED AS REAL ON #44892	2002-0031814	\$ 258.76
MCCOY, WILLIAM H & WIFE CORRECT SIZE OF CONVERTED DWELLING	2002-0033170	\$ 20.67
MIDGETTE, JOSEPH HENRY CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0034309	\$ 7.50
MILLER, PAMELA MICHELLE MILITARY-HER NAME ONLY 02 LES-FL ETS-NONE (GRADE 05)	2002-0034494	\$ 49.17

MILLER, THELMA M MH LISTED AS REAL & PERSONAL ON SAME ACCOUNT	2002-0034521	\$ 492.08
MULLENIX, GERALD H & MARY FRAN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0036281	\$ 483.07
NEUBAUER, EDWARD S NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 1/1/2002	2002-0036959	\$ 135.40
NEW BERN AREA IMPROVEMENTS EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.7	2002-0037043	\$ 1,071.55
NEWBERRY, ALLIE LEE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0037116	\$ 573.16
NEWBERRY, ALLIE LEE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0037117	\$ 70.25
NICHOLS, RITA THIGPEN & SHANNO MH DOUBLE LISTED AS REAL ON #38525	2002-0037243	\$ 313.61
NIEMOTKA, MICHAEL JOSEPH & ANI CORRECTED CLASS ON DWMH	2002-0037267	\$ 109.01
PAUL, NOEL A JR TAXED ON FENCE THAT DID NOT BELONG TO TAXPAYER	2002-0038969	\$ 3.04
PHELPS, DOUG INCORRECT VALUE ON BOAT	2002-0039484	\$ 42.07
POMPEY, JOAN COWARD DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0040006	\$ 44.89
RANDALL, RICHARD D REVALUED PER ABOS 2002 BOOK	2002-0041237	\$ 18.21
ROWE, JAMES M DOUBLE LIST AS REAL ON ACCT #44551	2002-0043308	\$ 265.63
SMITH, EDWARD LEE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0045863	\$ 333.04
SPURLING, MARLES A CORRECTED CLASS OF DWMH	2002-0046851	\$ 101.64
STAHL, MICHAEL WAYNE CORRECTED VALUATION ERROR	2002-0046886	\$ 29.75
STAIN, BRADLEY E & VICKI L MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 02 LES-IL ECC-02/02/05	2002-0046888	\$ 9.35
STATEN, KING & MICHELE M PROPERTY BURNED PRIOR TO 1/1/2002	2002-0047158	\$ 351.87
STEWARD, MARK THOMAS & MELAN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0047421	\$ 853.33
STOKES, JAMES M III CORRECTED BOAT VALUE	2002-0047591	\$ 33.10

THOMPSON, ETHEL LEE & BYRD, VE DID NOT RECEIVE 1/3 OF SCE	2002-0049454	\$ 106.77
TRIPP, TOMMY ALLEN CORRECTED CLASS OF DWMH	2002-0050398	\$ 100.29
TUCKER CREEK, LLC DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 REBILLED TO CORRECT OWNER	2002-0050485	\$ 416.80
WAL-MART STORES EAST INC CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0051675	\$ 378.47
WALSTON, BEATRICE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0051913	\$ 44.73
WATSON, WILLIAM H ET AL TRACT VALUED INCORRECTLY-HAS NO ACCESS	2002-0052477	\$ 517.95
WEATHERLY, ABBOTT C JR & SUZAN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 1/1/2002	2002-0052569	\$ 388.75
WHITE, CURTIS E & PAMELA CORRECT CLASS OF DWMH	2002-0053773	\$ 105.67
WHITE, OTTO SR PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0054002	\$ 32.00
WHITLEYS CLOTHING INC CORRECTED VALUE	2002-0054538	\$ 153.89
WILKERSON, CLAYTON T & LAUREN CORRECTED LISTING	2002-0054766	\$ 108.81
WISENER, LOYD JACKSON CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0055844	\$ 112.12
WOOD, JAMES RUDOLPH SR & REBILLING DUE TO NEW DATA	2002-0055972	\$ 287.22
WYATT, ALAN D MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 02 LES-MO ECC-06/25/04	2002-0056401	\$ 134.00

104 – CREDIT MEMO (S) \$ 20,121.05

*Refunds*

HARMON, JOHN H BUILDING BURNED & REMOVED BEFORE 1-1-2001	2001-0021701	\$ 115.20
HARMON, JOHN H BUILDING BURNED & REMOVED BEFORE 1-1-2000	2000-0021533	\$ 109.44
HARMON, JOHN H BUILDING BURNED & REMOVED BEFORE 1-1-1999	1999-0020927	\$ 109.44
HARMON, JOHN H BUILDING BURNED & REMOVED BEFORE 1-1-1998	1998-0019990	\$ 109.44
MILLER, PAMELA MICHELLE MILITARY-HER NAME ONLY 98 LES-FL ETS-NONE(GRADE 04)	1998-0092203	\$ 60.71

MILLER, PAMELA MICHELLE	1999-0032791	\$ 57.37
MILITARY-HER NAME ONLY 99 LES-FL ETS-NONE (GRADE 04)		
MILLER, PAMELA MICHELLE	2000-0033720	\$ 49.13
MILITARY-HER NAME ONLY 00 LES-FL ETS-NONE (GRADE 04)		
MILLER, PAMELA MICHELLE	2001-0034089	\$ 51.56
MILITARY-HER NAME ONLY 01 LES-FL ETS-NONE (GRADE 04)		

8 – REFUND (S)      \$ 662.29

*Subdivision for Approval*

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivision for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Talton moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Jones Lake Phase II – Final: The property, owned by Vern-CO Investments, LLC and Sand-CO Properties and surveyed by Terry Wheeler, is located within Twp 2 off of SR 1433 (Antioch Road). The subdivision contains 14 lots on 8.40 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

*Set CARTS Public Hearing*

The Board was requested to set a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on November 4<sup>th</sup> for CARTS to receive public input on the Community Transportation Program Grant Application. Commissioner Talton moved to set a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on November 4<sup>th</sup>, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Set Public Hearing for Welfare Reform Plan*

The Board was requested to set a public hearing for 8:30 p.m. on November 4<sup>th</sup> concerning the Welfare Reform Renewal Plan. Public copies of the plan have been available for review in the office of the County Commissioners and at the branches of the New Bern/Craven County Public Library. Commissioner Talton moved to set a public hearing for 8:30 p.m. on November 4<sup>th</sup>, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

*Adopt Resolution for Women in the Military*

The Board was requested by Veterans Services to adopt the following resolution in recognition of women in the military. The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Women in the Military will be held on November 4, 2002. Commissioner Talton moved for adoption of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN IN UNIFORM**

**WHEREAS**, the women of America’s military, past and present, have served their nation in peace and war at great personal sacrifice; and,

**WHEREAS**, women in the military have participated in every war this nation has ever fought; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 16<sup>th</sup> annual “Salute to Women of the Military, Past and Present” will be held in New Bern at 12:00 noon on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002; and,

**WHEREAS**, such unique event was initiated in New Bern on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1987, under the leadership of Ms. Bee Mayo and Ms. Jean Nelson; and,

**WHEREAS**, this event pays honor to all women who have served in any branch of the armed forces at any time in the nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, the speaker for this year's observance will be Brigadier General Wilma Vaught, USAF (Ret) and current President of the "Women in the Military Service for America"; and,

**WHEREAS**, General Vaught has held a number of high positions during her military career; and

**WHEREAS**, General Vaught is one of the most highly decorated women to have served in the armed forces of this nation; and,

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

- Section 1.** That the contributions of our women in uniform are held in high esteem.
- Section 2.** That such women are hereby commended and saluted for all of their sacrifices, past and present.
- Section 3.** That the citizens of Craven County are hereby encouraged to take part in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual "Salute to Women in the Military, Past and Present".
- Section 4.** That copies of this resolution be distributed to all local news media.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2002.

**TAX MATTERS**

*Mr. Bernie Reeder*

The Board received a letter from Mr. Bernie Reeder of Raleigh, North Carolina, requesting release of a late listing penalty in the amount of \$24.86. His listing was received two weeks after the listing period ended. County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, recommended that releasing the penalty would be inconsistent with the Board's prior actions in such cases. Commissioner Allen moved to deny the request, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

*Mr. Richard Henry*

The Board continued consideration of a petition by Mr. Richard Henry, which was initiated on October 7, 2002, in which he requested that the revaluation of his property be reviewed. The Board consulted with the Tax Department. County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, explained the rationale behind the changes in Mr. Henry's valuation. He also reported that Mr. Henry's valuation, contrary to his account, is second to the lowest among comparable adjacent properties. Mr. Henry was advised that he still has until November 4, 2002 to file an appeal with the State Property Tax Commission.

*(Commissioner Tyson joined the meeting)*

**CREEKSIDE PARK ROAD EXTENSION BIDS**

Recreation and Parks Director, Jan Parker, requested that the Board approve a bid for the extension of Creekside Park Drive to the waterfront area. The following two bids were received on the project for a paved road.

Jimmy Morris & Sons	\$45,319.00, (paved)	\$35,299.00 (without asphalt)
Trader Construction	\$52,153.00, (paved)	\$38,853.00 (without asphalt)

Ms. Parker recommended that the Board award the low bid for \$35,299.00. Commissioner Tyson moved to award the bid to Jimmy Morris & Sons, as recommended, for the road construction, without asphalt surface, at \$35,299.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

**KINSTON AIRPORT COMMERCIAL PASSENGER SERVICE**

At the Board’s last meeting, staff was directed to invite Craven County’s representatives on the Global TransPark Commission to discuss recent efforts to re-introduce commercial passenger service at the Kinston Jetport, subsidized by the Global TransPark and State funding. As the Global TransPark Commission has no involvement in this effort, Nancy Stallings and Charles Edwards, representatives of the Global TransPark Foundation and Global TransPark Authority, were asked to appear, but were unavailable. Retired Airport Director and current Airport Authority member, John Price, appeared to represent the Airport Authority and shared correspondence that had been directed to the Lt. Governor. He outlined initiatives of the Airport Authority to oppose State funding of the Kinston Jetport, stating that such service would cripple passenger service at the other three eastern North Carolina locations in Greenville, Jacksonville, and New Bern. Following discussion, Commissioner Allen moved to adopt an updated resolution, signed by all Commissioners, to be sent to all members of the General Assembly. Commissioner Tyson seconded the motion. After additional discussion, the motion was amended by Commissioners Tyson and Allen to specifically address the subsidizing of the Kinston Jetport by the State of North Carolina. The motion to draft a resolution requesting the denial of State funds to the Global TransPark for subsidizing commercial passenger jet service at the Kinston Jetport was unanimously adopted. In addition, the motion asked that the resolution include a request that the General Assembly review its future funding support to the Global TransPark.

Following the Board’s action, Mr. Harold Hart was allowed to address the Board concerning the economic infeasibility of jet service at Kinston.

**RESOLUTION  
OPPOSING GLOBAL TRANSPARK  
AUTHORITY USE OF STATE FUNDS  
TO SUBSIDIZE  
KINSTON REGIONAL JETPORT**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Global TransPark Authority and the Kinston Regional Jetport are seeking state funding to implement a proposal to re-establish passenger jet service in Kinston, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Global TransPark’s assets represent a major public investment by state and federal governments, and of thirteen (13) member counties; 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**, the requested state subsidy would create an unfair advantage if offered solely to the Kinston Jetport, while crippling those airports dependent upon an existing market and currently 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 requests that state funds be denied for use by Global TransPark to unilaterally subsidize commercial passenger jet service at Kinston Regional Jetport.

**FURTHER**, the Craven County Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina General Assembly weigh the viability of Global TransPark's future, and give serious consideration to the withdrawal of future funding support from Global TransPark.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2002.

**CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO LEVY THE THIRD ONE-HALF CENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX**

At the Board's direction in its meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>, a resolution declaring the Board's intent to levy the third one-half cent local government sales and use tax was presented and considered for adoption. Commissioner Tyson stated that he would not be in favor of adopting the resolution for the following reasons:

1. The decision is too major for an outgoing Board to commit a new Board.
2. A public hearing would be desirable, although not required.
3. The decision should not be made to enact the tax in the absence of Commissioner Toon.
4. The Craven County shortfall as a result of the Governor's action has already been made up by increasing the ad valorem tax rate in the current year's budget.
5. The County does not need this additional income at this time.

Although municipalities are dependent upon the County's passing the resolution, he stated that it is doubtful that the County can give a compelling reason for enacting the tax at this time. Commissioner Allen questioned the Governor's ability to claim the additional revenue if the tax is enacted. He also expressed concern that the tax, if enacted, should be applied to a reduction of the ad valorem rate in the next budget year. Commissioner Phillips stated that the County does not need this income at the time and he would prefer to let the new Board address this issue. Commissioner Sampson expressed the opinion that the Board has a responsibility to make a decision and not pass it on to the next Board. He urged consideration of the municipalities' concerns and aid to the non-profit organizations that were excluded from the current year's budget. He cited letters of support from the cities of New Bern, Havelock, and River Bend. Commissioner Bland moved to adopt the resolution enacting the third one-half cent sales tax, seconded by Commissioner Talton. The motion failed, there being three "Ayes" from Commissioners Bland, Sampson, and Talton, and three "Nays" from Commissioners Allen, Phillips and Tyson.

**APPOINTMENTS – NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

The Board received correspondence from the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee requesting the appointments of May Blatt and Ron Blatt to fill two (2) vacancies. Commissioner Allen nominated May Blatt and Ron Blatt. Commissioner Sampson moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Phillips and unanimously carried.

**COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT**

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented a request on behalf of Commissioner Toon that the \$5,500.00 match committed by the Board in August for the paving project at the Harlowe Community Center be allowed to be utilized in another manner. He informed the Board that there may be State funds available for that purpose and flexibility in using the appropriation of \$5,500 to the best advantage for leveraging other grants is desirable. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the request to allow the latitude to utilize the \$5,500 match to the best advantage, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS**

*Commissioner Allen* reported on the N.C. Public Health Association’s annual conference recently held in New Bern.

*Commissioner Sampson* announced that Al Sharpton will be speaking at Saint Peters A M E Zion Church on October 30, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:15 a.m. at the request of the County Attorney, Commissioner Phillips moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss an industrial prospect, seconded by Commissioner Talton and unanimously carried.

At 10:50 a.m. the Board returned to regular session. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, reported that the Board had met with members of the Economic Development Commission to discuss two (2) businesses and incentive grants relative to those businesses; however, no action was taken. He stated that a report will be provided at the appropriate time.

At 10:53 a.m. Commissioner Talton moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Phillips 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