

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN RECONVENED ITS REGULAR SESSION OF JANUARY 21, 2003 ON FEBRUARY 3, 2003 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD A WORKSHOP ON THE SEPTIC SYSTEM PERMITTING PROCESS IN CRAVEN COUNTY. THE MEETING CONVENEED AT 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
 Vice Chairman Lee Kyle Allen
 Commissioner George Brown
 Commissioner Bill Harper
 Commissioner Perry Morris
 Commissioner M. Renée Sisk
 Commissioner Leon C. Staton

STAFF PRESENT:

Harold Blizzard, County Manager
 George B. Sawyer, Assistant County Manager
 Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
 James R. Sugg, County Attorney

Craven County Health Director, Wanda Sandelé, was present along with other members of the Health Department: Ray Silverthorne, Environmental Health Director, Rick Evans, Supervisor, and Theresa Ellen, Nursing Supervisor. The report to the Board concerned activities of the Environmental Health Department and the septic tank permitting process, specifically. The Health Department staff emphasized the fact that a septic system serves not only to get rid of water but must also balance the need of the individual for disposing of wastewater with the needs of the community and the environment. Following an introduction and discussion of the purpose of the system, the Board was provided explanations of how a system works and made aware of adaptations within the power of Craven County staff. The application process was reviewed with the Board, as well as reasons for denials of permits. There was additional discussion concerning the appeals process, failure of systems, handling of complaints, system review, subdivision requirements, and the future of septic systems in Craven County.

At 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr., Chairman
 Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board