

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN RECONVENED ITS REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2003 ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2003 IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION OF THE NEW FLOOD MAPS. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice Chairman Lee Kyle Allen

STAFF PRESENT:

Harold Blizzard, County Manager
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board

Additional Craven County staff who attended the presentation on the North Carolina Statewide Mapping Program were: Don Baumgardner, Tim Harvey, Dennis Holton, Stanley Kite, Phyllis Toler and Lou Valenti. Municipalities throughout Craven County were also represented.

Representatives of National Flood Insurance Program, Duberry & Davis, Contractor for FEMA and Watershed Concepts presented the new flood maps for Craven County and explained the process by which they will become effective. There will be a ninety (90) day appeal/protest process which should extend through December 8th. The appeals and protests are to flow through the County. The appeals process will be followed by a six-month compliance period, at the end of which the maps will become effective. This is projected to be eight to nine months from the current date. Commissioner Harper inquired about the consequences if the County does not approve the new maps. He was advised that there would be no FEMA approval process. Local unit's mechanism for adopting the maps is the updating of their ordinance. Failure to do so will be sanctioned by the National Flood Insurance Program and insurance policies will be cancelled at the end of their current terms with no option to renew. The community would become ineligible for disaster funds. In updating the ordinance, the following components would need to be included:

- Prohibition of solid waste/hazardous waste facilities in the floodplain
- Regulated development in non-encroachment areas
- Regulated development along streams whose floodways are in non-encroachment areas

At 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk