

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, JANUARY 6, 2003. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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 Brown moved to approve minutes of December 16, 2002, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Budget Amendments

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

Health/Environmental

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-3133-357-09-00	\$ 1,270.00	101-3133-420-32-40	\$ 3,798.00
Service Fees/Lead Service Fee		Supplies/Other Supplies	
101-3133-370-32-00	\$ 2,628.00	101-3133-420-40-50	\$ 100.00
Medicaid-Federal/Home Inspection Charge		Contractual Services/Temp. Emp.	
TOTAL	\$ 3,898.00	TOTAL	\$ 3,898.00

Justification: Revenue exceeded projected budget-will be used for laboratory fees, class expenses, Spanish interpretation and other supplies to support Children's Environmental Health.

Schools

101-0000-399-01-00	\$146,250.00	101-8501-480-76-63	\$146,250.00
Fund Balance		NC Middle Sewer Imp	
TOTAL	\$146,250.00	TOTAL	\$146,250.00

Justification: Budget \$146,250 as approved by the previous Board of Commissioners for a match to cover the cost of replacing the sewer system at West Craven Middle School.

Tax Releases and Refunds

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following tax releases and refunds for the Board's approval. Commissioner Harper moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
ALLEN, JIMMIE R CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0000593	\$ 132.75
ALLEN, JIMMIE R CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0000594	\$ 158.79
AUTRY, LARRY & KAREN H CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0090134	\$ 4.06
BAUMGARDNER, DONALD R JR & PAM VALUE ADJUST PER WILDLIFE VALUE FOR 2002	2002-0003087	\$ 38.20
BLOUNT, ANNA SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT REMOVED IN ERROR	2002-0004640	\$ 232.03
BREWER, PHILLIP B & LISA V CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0090317	\$ 162.57
BRINSON INC DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #46387	2002-0090654	\$ 22.33
BRITE, WENDY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0090973	\$ 202.53
BROWN, DONALD PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0006151	\$ 32.00
BRYAN, MRS MAUDE HRS BUILDING MOVED PRIOR TO 1/1/2002	2002-0006570	\$ 3.02
BS DEVELOPERS LLC CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0006867	\$ 277.53
CARTER, WALTER D & FRANCES PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0008327	\$ 32.00
CAYTON, JAMES LEVI JR & LYNN DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #1259245	2002-0008560	\$ 37.70
CHURCH-GUILDFIELD MISSIONARY EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2002-0009214	\$ 18.10
CHURCH-RUTHS CHAPEL FREE WILL EXEMPT PER NCGS #105-282.1	2002-0009248	\$ 143.49
CIVILS, ELEANOR M PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0009381	\$ 160.00

CIVILS, ELEANOR M PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0009385	\$ 32.00
CLAYTON, P E CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0009538	\$ 34.42
COBB, NANETTE S PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0009849	\$ 32.00
DANIELS, THOMAS ASHLEY EXTENSION ON FILE	2002-0012098	\$.81
DANIELS, THOMAS ASHLEY EXTENSION ON FILE	2002-0012099	\$ 4.91
DANIELS, THOMAS ASHLEY EXTENTION ON FILE	2002-0012100	\$ 2.46
DANIELS, THOMAS ASHLEY EXTENSION ON FILE	2002-0090983	\$ 5.49
FLEET CAPITAL LEASING CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0016658	\$ 13.92
GARRIS, GENE INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE WAYNE CO.	2002-0018277	\$ 1,472.47
GARVER, JIMMIE T CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0018344	\$ 31.56
GASKINS, PERRY BOAT HAS TAX SITUS IN CARTERET CO	2002-0090713	\$ 976.14
GRAHAM HODGES LLC NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2002	2002-0020014	\$ 63.80
GRIFFIN, WESLEY RAY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0091002	\$ 124.26
HARTSOUGH, ROBERT E & GAIL S INCORRECT SITUS-S/B PAMLICO CO	2002-0091008	\$ 40.29
HELMICK, ROGER MILITARY-LES "MO" ECC-08/06/06	2002-0023257	\$ 96.65
HOLLIDAY, WALTER L JR DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #3475800	2002-0091018	\$ 19.09
HOLTON, A W & HOLTON, ALEXANDE APPROVED FOR USE ASSESSMENT-REBILLED	2002-0024379	\$ 1,977.38
HUMIENNY, MARY ELIZABETH PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0025052	\$ 32.00-
HUNT, KENNETH R & THELMA K BOATS IN POOR CONDITION	2002-0025155	\$ 215.17
JACKSON, JUSTIN DID NOT OWN 1/1/02	2002-0090759	\$ 55.68

JOHNSON, DORSEY DWELLING VACANT SINCE 1996	2002-0026603	\$ 32.00
JONES, WILLIAM CARL DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #4030700	2002-0091108	\$ 46.67
KNOWLES, FREDERICK JAMES & ANN PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0028751	\$ 32.00
LEACH, CHINA PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0029814	\$ 32.00
LEONHARDT, MICHAEL S & MARY E CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0030114	\$ 314.00
LODGE-SUDAN TEMPLE HOLDING COR EXEMPT PER GS 105-275 (18)	2002-0030856	\$ 641.02
LYCZKOWSKI, JAMES ALLEN SR DWMH DOUBLE LISTED ON SAME ACCT & APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0031287	\$ 161.78
MAGNOLIA PLANTATION PARTNERSHI CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR-REBILLED TO NEW OWNER	2002-0031509	\$ 34.52
MORRIS, RONALD DEAN VALUE ADJUSTED FOR POOR CONDITION	2002-0036059	\$ 77.81
MORRISON, TODD E & PATRICIA M DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #41981	2002-0090806	\$ 331.10
NEW BERN-CITY OF PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0037093	\$ 32.00
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NEW BERN-CITY OF PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0037095	\$ 32.00
ORMOND, GLADYS REMOVED SCE-REBILLED AT FULL VALUE	2002-0038147	\$ 10.00-
PILOTS INVEST G P LTD CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0090821	\$ 8.12
PRATTINUM ENTERPRISES INC CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0040390	\$ 314.00
RODD, JUNE E NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2002	2002-0042875	\$ 72.69
SAVELAND, ROBERT N & GLADYS R INCORRECT SITUS-REBILLED TO CORRECT TOWNSHIP	2002-0044096	\$ 70.34
SCOTT, DORIS JONES DID NOT OWN 1/1/1999	1999-0042151	\$ 76.51

SCOTT, DORIS JONES DID NOT OWN 1/1/2000	2000-0043358	\$ 66.62
SCOTT, DORIS JONES DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0043760	\$ 63.65
SCOTT, DORIS JONES DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0044493	\$ 54.52
SHACKLEFORD, FRANCIS H JR INCORRECT SITUS-S/B CARTERET COUNTY	2002-0091056	\$ 657.62
SHAFFER, GEORGE L. JR & SUSAN C CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0044799	\$ 393.87
TAYLOR, MARY E DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #45056	2002-0091129	\$ 190.71
TFW INC CORRECT APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0049114	\$ 624.37
THOMAS, MARJORIE GILLIAM CORRECTED APPRIASAL ERROR	2002-0049353	\$ 189.00
TILLET, ROBERT S VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2002-0090866	\$ 145.76
TRB LIMITED APPROVED LISTING EXTENSION ON FILE	2002-0050136	\$ 172.40
WALSTON, DOUGLAS E PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0051915	\$ 32.00
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING INCORRECT SITUS S/B PAMLICO CO	2002-0052781	\$ 9.77
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING INCORRECT SITUS-S/B PAMLICO CO	2002-0090885	\$ 53.65

69 – CREDIT MEMO (S) \$11,840.10

Refunds

BHB ASSOCIATES PARTNERSHIP CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0004198	\$ 984.06
CAYTON, JAMES LEVI JR & LYNN C DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #1259245	1997-0007775	\$ 34.46
CAYTON, JAMES LEVI JR & LYNN C DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #1259245	1998-0091178	\$ 31.68
CAYTON, JAMES LEVI JR & LYNN C DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #1259245	1999-0008230	\$ 30.61
CAYTON, JAMES LEVI JR & LYNN C DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #1259245	2000-0008371	\$ 30.31

CAYTON, JAMES LEVI JR & LYNN C DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #1259245	2001-0008441	\$ 38.30
CENTURA BANK CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2001-0008503	\$ 272.53
CENTURA BANK CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0008625	\$ 204.61
DEAN, JOHN DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #32176	2002-0012802	\$ 46.00

10 – REFUND (S) \$ 1,672.56

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

At the beginning of the petitions the Chairman announced that each petitioner would be allowed four (4) minutes to speak and asked County Attorney, Jim Sugg, to act as timekeeper.

John Gallant addressed the Board concerning its deferral of a decision on a request to place of “In God We Trust” in the Commissioners’ Room in light of the fact that there is an invocation at the beginning of each meeting. He stated the opinion that the Board should be consistent concerning what aspects of religion are manifested in the Commissioners’ chambers.

Martha Price was not present when called.

Ben Watford allowed Mrs. Barbara Watford to speak on his behalf to request the redirection of the November 2002 allocation by the Board of Commissioners to the Family Resource Center. She explained that the Family Resource Center, previously operated by the James City Historical Society, is no longer in operation due to cuts in State funding, and asked that those funds be directed to the James City Historical Society. The funds will be used for the renovation of the Slave Quarters Building at their site, enabling the renovation to be completed. The historical significance of the building was emphasized, as well as its importance to the tourism industry in Craven County. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the redirection of funds in the amount of \$2,294 to the James City Historical Society, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

Byrd Hinshaw petitioned the Board again to join the local government lawsuit against the North Carolina Secretary of Revenue. Commissioners Harper and Sisk expressed interest in pursuing the lawsuit. Commissioner Brown stated his opinion that the only winners in the suit would be the attorneys because of the fees that they would receive for representing the local governments. Commissioners Allen and Staton expressed the opinion that the Board had already voted on the matter and the decision had been made. Commissioner Harper moved to vote again on the matter of the lawsuit; however, the motion died for lack of a second.

The Board recognized Representative-Elect Michael Gorman to speak. He stated that the incoming legislature would not be likely to allow the withholding of local government reimbursements. He advised the Board of his temporary telephone number and address in Raleigh.

Clate Borders was not present when called.

Ms. Price had arrived and was allowed to speak. She explained a problem with dogs in her neighborhood and asked that the Board consider imposing a leash law in the County. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, advised her that he would ask Kathryn Smith of the Animal Services Center, to contact Ms. Price to clarify what could be done under present

regulations. Commissioner Brown advised Ms. Price that the Sheriff's Department has an Animal Control Officer also.

The Board recognized former Commissioner, Don Phillips, who made a presentation to Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer.

APPOINTMENTS

Designation of Voting Delegate for Legislative Goals Conference

Commissioner Sampson advised the Board of his plans to attend the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Legislative Goals Conference on January 16th and indicated that he would serve as the voting delegate in his capacity as Chairman. There was no objection from the Board and Commissioner Sampson was designated voting delegate. He also indicated that in the event of his absence Commissioner Allen would act as his alternate.

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

The Board took up its deferred appointment to the Rural Planning Organization's Rural Transportation Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sampson nominated Mayor Tom Bayliss of New Bern to serve as the municipal elected official and expressed his willingness to serve as the County's elected official. Commissioner Morris moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried, with Mayor Bayliss and Chairman Sampson being appointed by acclamation.

Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee

Commissioner Sampson nominated Craven County Planner, Don Baumgardner to the Rural Planning Organization's Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee. Commissioner Brown moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried, with Mr. Baumgardner being appointed by acclamation.

Cove City Library Board

Commissioner Brown nominated Mr. Sidney French to the expiring term of Ms. Sudie McConnor and Mr. William Jones to the expiring term of Ms. Jacquelyn Seymour. There were no further nominees and Mr. French and Mr. Jones were declared appointed by acclamation.

Planning Board

Commissioner Morris nominated Sharon Bland to replace him on the Planning Board. Commissioner Staton moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with Ms. Bland being appointed by acclamation.

EMS Advisory Council

Stanley Kite, Fire Marshal, submitted the following names for appointment to the EMS Advisory Council: Jane Sobotor to replace Andy Hum for Craven Regional Medical Center EMS; Doug Ferguson to replace Chris Ridley for Craven County Firemen's Association; Keith Harris to replace Buddy Shaw for North Carolina Office of Emergency Management Services; Lucien Laurie to replace Necia Williams for Naval Hospital; and Etta Lucas to replace Carol Wentworth for American Red Cross. Commissioner Staton moved to accept all nominees as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

EMS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Kite provided a report of the EMS Department activities in response to an inquiry from Commissioner Staton at the Board's meeting of December 16th. He outlined the major duties of his department, including fire inspections, County safety program, accident and workers compensation investigations, maintenance of OSHA records and reports, administrative support to all fire departments and rescue squads in the County, investigation of arson and insurance fraud, and directing Craven County's Emergency Operations Center. He outlined team training activities in preparation for response to terrorist activities and advised the Board that two (2) areas in which safety could be enhanced are an ID system for County employees and upgraded communication equipment. Allocations totaling \$8,604 would need to be considered in order to implement these changes. The Board requested that this allocation be included on its next agenda for consideration.

PETITIONER

Clate Borders, who had been scheduled as a petitioner, arrived and was recognized to speak. He asked that the Board direct him concerning road conditions in the James City area. He stated that some roads are badly corroded, which creates difficulty for emergency vehicles getting through in some cases. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, advised Mr. Borders that the County does not own any roads and that all roads are either maintained by the State or privately. He was referred to the Department of Transportation District Engineer, Aaron Everett, and Mr. Blizzard agreed to set up a meeting for discussion of Mr. Border's concerns.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Blizzard explained to the Board that a public hearing that was held on December 16th for the Planning Departments CDBG Scattered Site Application did not have adequate notice and it would be necessary to conduct the hearing again. He requested that a public hearing be set for 7:30 p.m. on February 3rd. Commissioner Brown moved to set the public hearing as requested, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Brown congratulated Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, on having recently achieved the designation Certified Public Finance Officer. The designation was awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association following examination in five (5) core areas.

Commissioner Staton expressed concerns in several areas as follows: Noise Ordinance enforcement in the vicinity of Blades, Temples Point, and Godette School Roads in the Harlowe community; abandoned cars on State rights-of-way in the Harlowe area; vandalism around the Harlowe Community Center; and litter on NC Hwy 101 near Temples Point Road. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, agreed to provide a copy of the Noise Ordinance for all Commissioners. In addition, he indicated that contact would be made with the appropriate staff to address Mr. Staton's concerns.

Commissioner Morris advised the Board that Neuse Center would be conducting a conference on partner recovery on January 8th, which is open to the public. He went on record to state his opposition to the placement of an Outlying Landing Field by the Department of Navy in Craven County. He based his opposition on the grounds that placement of such a site would be an imposition on an already established area. He also indicated to staff that he would be planning to meet with Environmental Health staff concerning approval of septic tanks. He expressed a concern that septic tank permits are not being issued consistently. Commissioner Allen responded that the Navy would, in his opinion, ultimately place an Outlying Landing Field where they want to irrespective to the position of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Sampson requested that the Board allow staff to draft a resolution recognizing Mr. John Simmons. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

At 9:05 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk