

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, MARCH 17, 2003. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.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
 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 Morris moved to approve minutes of the February 17, 2003 regular session and the February 25th and March 5th reconvened sessions, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried.

The Chairman requested that tax releases and refunds be removed from the consent agenda, which follows.

CONSENT AGENDA

Auction Results

The following list of surplus items disposed of at the County auction on February 22nd, was presented. Commissioner Brown moved that the list be accepted, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**Craven County Auction
 February 22, 2003**

Lot No	Description	Buyer Number	Amount
1	3 Epson Prints	28	\$1.00
2	3 Printers (2 HP & 1 Kodak)	14	\$40.00
3	IBM Typewriter and Sharp Fax Machine	28	\$1.00
4	IBM Printer, HP Printer & Okidata Printer	30	\$1.00
5	3 Printers -HP,Minolta,?	16	\$1.00
6	IBM PC w/keyboard & CPU	28	\$1.00
7	Gateway Monitor, CTG CPU & keyboard	33	\$20.00

8	IBM Monitor,CPU & keyboard	19	\$10.00
9	IBM Monitor,CPU & keyboard	46	\$10.00
10	IBM Monitor, CTG CPU & keyboard	30	\$15.00
11	Samco Monitor, Gateway CPU & 2 keyboard	30	\$60.00
12	Maxtech Monitor, CTG CPU & keyboard	21	\$14.00
13	4 Unisys CPUs	28	\$5.00
14	3 Unisys CPUs	34	\$2.00
15	3 IBM CPUs	21	\$5.00
16	4 Unisys CPUs	46	\$5.00
17	2 IBMs & "No Name" CPUs	30	\$2.00
18	3 Unisys & 1 Gateway CPUs	44	\$5.00
19	4 Unisys CPUs	17	\$1.00
20	3 IBM CPUs	46	\$1.00
21	1 Unisys & 2 IBM CPUs	17	\$1.00
22	2 IBM Printers	33	\$1.00
23	2 IBM Printers	33	\$1.00
24	4 CTG CPUs	33	\$1.00
25	1 Box of Cables & 1 Box of Keyboards	28	\$2.00
26	1 Gateway 2 IBM 1 CTG 1 Unisys CPUs (5 CPUs)	44	\$4.00
27	3 Printers-Epson, Lexmark,Panasonic	29	\$1.00
28	2 AT&T Dumb Terminals	29	\$1.50
29	Epson Printer & Gateway CPU	29	\$1.50
30	Telex Printer	29	\$1.00
31	Epson Printer & IBM Hard Drive	29	\$1.00
32	5 Calculators	15	\$8.00
33	5 Calculators	28	\$4.00
34	IBM & Panasonic Printer	29	\$0.50
35	IBM CPU & Computer Parts	29	\$0.25
36	APC CPU & IBM Micro Card	29	\$0.25
37	3 Boxes of Misc Computer Parts	29	\$2.00
38	Box of IBM Manuals & AT&T CPU	3	\$2.00
39	Underdesk Keyborad Shelves - 4	3	\$2.00
40	1 Wooden Printer Table & 1 Metal Shelf	3	\$2.00
41	Kohler Comm. Lawnmower Plus	12	\$725.00
42	Pro Air Charger Tank & 3 Tires w/ rimes & Vehicle Acc.	29	\$20.00
43	2 Gas powered Weedeaters & 2 Spools	19	\$10.00
44	6 Chairs	3	\$2.00
45	G E Refrigerator & 6 Wall Panels	3	\$20.00
46	1 Desk w/Lab supplies	29	\$2.00
47	PVC Supplies-ALOT !	22	\$44.00
48	Dbl Ped Wooden Desk	22	\$5.00
49	Dbl Ped Wooden Desk	42	\$2.00
50	Pitney Bowes Postage Machine	31	\$1.00
51	Misc Supplies-Tooth Fairy	7	\$2.00
52	Memorex Telex Computer Equip.	17	\$1.00
53	Dbl Ped Wooden Desk	8	\$12.00
54	Plastic Supplies	7	\$3.00
55	Baby Scale	29	\$2.00
56	3 Desk Units	42	\$9.00
57	Shop Vac & Misc Supplies	42	\$9.00
58	2 Side Chairs & 1 Bench -----TDA Item	33	\$65.00
59	Secretary Desk-----TDA Item	3	\$125.00
60	Hose, Gauges & Back Boards	7	\$1.00

61	5 Stackable Chairs	28	\$2.00	
62	4 Pink Secretarial Chairs	51	\$12.00	
63	4 Secretarial Chairs-Assorted Colors	51	\$2.00	
64	Wooden Table	10	\$24.00	
65	Wooden Desk	1	\$1.00	
66	5 Chairs- Assorted Colors	29	\$2.00	
67	4 Chairs	51	\$4.00	
68	2 Wall Divider Panels	3	\$9.00	
69	Savin Copier w/cart	4	\$6.00	
70	Hotpack Incubator/Refrigerator Combo	27	\$15.00	
71	Water Cooler & Portable File	27	\$15.00	
72	Sharpe Copier	52	\$2.00	
73	2 Large Wall Boards	53	\$5.00	
74	2 File Cabinets & Lecturn	53	\$5.00	
75	Roll-about Stand-Black	12	\$20.00	
76	Mail Guide & box of Misc items	35	\$5.00	
77	Desktop File & Keyboard Rest	35	\$2.50	
78	Seca Floor Scale	35	\$2.50	
79	2 Projector Screens	29	\$5.00	
80	4 Cases-(2 Black & 2 Brown)	29	\$5.00	
81	Colposcope	51	\$1.00	
82	Lexmark Printer w/ Panasonic Cartridge	34	\$2.50	
83	Controller & Slide Projector	34	\$2.50	
84	Pipe Locator	29	\$3.00	
85	Milk Tester Supplies	29	\$3.00	
86	Avon Speaker	29	\$6.00	
87	Panasonic Microwave	19	\$20.00	
88	2 Boxes of Ear & Eye Testers	3	\$1.00	
89	Misc Supplies -1 Box	29	\$5.00	
90	Singer Slide Projector	3	\$1.00	
91	Plastic Drain Covers	7	\$2.00	
92	IBM PC Server & Unisys CPU	44	\$1.00	
93	Box of Cable & Misc Items	7	\$1.00	
94	IBM Typewriter	3	\$3.00	
95	Welch Allyn Lamp	27	\$20.00	
96	AT&T Computer Backup	33	\$15.00	
97	AST Laptop	33	\$15.00	
98	NEC Laptop	33	\$150.00	
99	IBM Typewriter	28	\$1.00	
100	2 Dumb Terminals & keyboards	28	\$1.00	
101	Adler Typewriter	28	\$2.00	
102	Misc Data Processing Supplies	3	\$-	
103	1 Pitney Bowes Fax & 1 Pitney Bowes Printer	3	\$-	
104	IBM Printer	3	\$1.00	
105	Go Outside To Vehicles---Start Beside Dumpster			
106	1994 Ford Crown Vic	USSI	29	\$1,150.00
	2FALP71W0RX161764----80,615 miles			
107	1992 Ford LTD Black	F/A#14593	6	\$850.00
	2FACP72W3NX191608----129,706 miles			
108	1996 Ford Crown Vic	USSI	6	\$1,650.00
	2FALP71W2TX145492----91,514 miles			
109	1988 Buick Park Ave 4-Door	DSS	48	\$700.00
	1G4CW51C1J1674568-----86,439 miles			

110	1994 Ford Crown Vic Burg.	F/A#19038	3	\$675.00
2FALP71W3RX136910-----162,187 miles				
111	1994 Ford Crown Vic Red	F/A#19036	3	\$775.00
2FALP71W5RX136908 -----141,73 miles				
112	1995 Ford Crown Vic Red	F/A#19281	1	\$1,600.00
2FALP71W8SX151747-----154,666 miles				
113	1997 Ford Crown Vic Red	F/A#19931	41	\$2,300.00
2FALP71W9VX106658-----105,989 miles				
114	1991 Dodge Ram 350 Van	F/A#14129	5	\$1,600.00
2B5WB35Z1MK461427-----210,940 miles				
115	1995 Ford F150 Truck	F/A#19345	26	\$1,950.00
1FTEF15N4SNB44607-----172,582 miles				
116	1998 Ford Ranger Truck	F/A#17505	20	\$2,800.00
1FTYR1OUOWUB69440-----97,483 miles				

Vehicles

\$17,748.00

101-0000-335-01-00 General

\$8,458.00

401-0000-335-01-00 Water

\$4,750.00

101-0000-201-10-00 United Sen Serv Inc

\$3,650.00

101-0000-201-10-00 DSS Special Programs

\$700.00

801-0000-335-01-00 TDA

\$190.00

RECAP TOTAL

\$17,748.00

Schedule Public Hearing for Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant

The Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant, which incorporates the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance, the Work First Grant, and the Rural General Public Grant, will be presented for public hearing to receive the public's input on the application for administration of the grant. It is offered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to County governments only. The Board was requested to set a public hearing on April 7, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Brown moved to schedule the public hearing, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

Tax Releases and Refunds

Commissioner Morris moved to excuse the Chairman from voting on the tax releases and refunds, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ARMSTRONG, BRIDGETTE DARLENE PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0001375	\$ 33.12
AUTO TECH AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE C	2002-0001724	\$ 165.74

BUSINESS NOT IN OPERATION 1/1/2002

AUTO TECH AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE C 2001-0090151 BUSINESS NOT IN OPERATION 1/1/2001		\$ 169.43
BRANTON, JIMMY DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #21905	1998-0093173	\$ 251.61
BRYANT, CONNIE & LILLIAN LISTED AS LEASEHOLD ON PARCEL #8-222-100.1	2001-0006565	\$ 6.98
BRYANT, CONNIE & LILLIAN LISTED AS LEASEHOLD ON PARCEL #8-222-100.1	2001-0006661	\$ 352.04
BUFFARD, TERESA DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #41466-1	2002-0090974	\$ 221.70
CARTER, JIM & MARY DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0008242	\$ 129.48
CHAVARRIA, GILBERTO DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #35905	2002-0008919	\$ 32.88
CHAVARRIA, GILBERTO DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #35905	2001-0091490	\$ 226.46
COUGHENOUR, LEE H & EDNA T BAR BOAT IN POOR CONDITION	2002-0010772	\$ 35.96
COWARD, ROBERT T & COWARD, ROB PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0010928	\$ 33.12
COWARD, ROBERT T & COWARD, ROB PROPERTY VACANT	2001-0010842	\$ 36.00
CYPHERS, JOHN & MELBA CORRECT APPRAISAL ERROR-REBILLED TO NEW OWNER	2002-0011832	\$ 61.09
DANIEL, JOHN PRESTON BILLED TO INCORRECT OWNER-REBILLED	2002-0011983	\$ 149.47
DAUGHERTY, KAREN CORRECT VALUE FOR SWMH-S/B 1988 NOT 2000	2002-0090984	\$ 111.95
EDWARDS, VERNA DID NOT OWN MOBILE HOME ON 1-1-2002	2002-0015034	\$ 160.01
FOWLER, ELOISE L DID NOT OWN MOBILE HOME 1/1/2002	2002-0017152	\$ 10.28
GARRETT, MAJORIE DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #40738	2002-0090997	\$ 129.62
GARRISON, ROBERT H JR & THERSA DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #48504	2002-0018328	\$ 110.15
GODETTE, RANDY & JOYCE PROPERTY VACANT	2001-0019338	\$ 36.00

GODETTE, RANDY & JOYCE PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0019591	\$ 33.12
GREEN, H H & MARY E PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0020246	\$ 33.87
GUION, WILLIAM L & ANNIE DID NOT OWN MOBILE HOME AS OF 1-1-2002	2002-0091004	\$ 105.33
HILL, STEVEN L DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #33317	2002-0091016	\$ 47.54
JACKSON, ROBERT DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0025945	\$ 39.49
KARCHER, ALBERT G & AUDREY R DID NOT OWN BOAT AS OF 1-1-2002	2002-0027815	\$ 5.84
KELSO-WHEELER & ASSOCIATES INC PROPERTY DISPOSED OF IN 2001	2002-0028056	\$ 380.21
LANCASTER, DANNY E PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0029318	\$ 32.88
LANCASTER, ELLEN WIGGINS PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0029320	\$ 131.52
MITCHELL, EVA B & BROWN PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0034864	\$ 32.00
QUIDLEY, JACK RANDAL JR & JANE CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR-REBILLE TO THE NEW OWNER	2002-0041012	\$ 1,177.17
SAMPSON, JOHNNIE III & ALLISON DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0043066	\$ 51.24
SAMPSON, JOHNNIE III & ALLISON DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2002-0043806	\$ 47.76
SILVERS, BOBBY J DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #48203	2002-0045141	\$ 210.74
STEPHENS, JIM DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0046452	\$ 22.35
VENTERS, KIMBERLY ANN BOAT SOLD IN 1999	2001-0050446	\$ 35.55
VENTERS, KIMBERLY ANN BOAT SOLD IN 1999	2000-0050077	\$ 125.10

38 – CREDIT MEMO (S) \$ 4,974.80

Refunds

ALLEN, JACQUELINE L PROPERTY VACANT-UNLIVABLE	2002-0000585	\$ 65.28
ALLEN, JACQUELINE L PROPERTY VACANT-UNLIVABLE	2002-0000584	\$ 32.64

BRYANT, CONNIE & LILLIAN LISTED AS LEASEHOLD ON PARCEL #8-222-100.1	2001-0006565	\$ 384.74
BRYANT, CONNIE & LILLIAN DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #2158350	1999-0091898	\$ 459.30
BRYANT, CONNIE & LILLIAN DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #2158350	2000-0006492	\$ 405.21
BUFFARD, TERESA GARNISHMENT CHARGED IN ERROR	2002-0090974	\$ 10.00
G A ELECTRIC INC CORRECT SITUS – S/B RIVER BEND	2001-0017754	\$ 73.73
G A ELECTRIC INC INCORRECT SITUS – S/B RIVER BEND	2002-0017956	\$ 62.26
GODETTE, RANDY & JOYCE PROPERTY VACANT	2000-0019206	\$ 29.16
GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP PROPERTY NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2001-0019920	\$ 12.77
GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP PROPERTY NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2000-0019754	\$ 15.30
JONES, HOBSON JR PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0027161	\$ 32.00
LILLY, REX DALE DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #32186	2002-0030540	\$ 283.06
SERENDIPITY/METAL MASTERS INC INCORRECT SITUS	2001-0043993	\$ 8.53
SERENDIPITY/METAL MASTERS INC INCORRECT SITUS	2002-0044724	\$ 95.70
STEARNS BANK N A PROPERTY NOT IN CRAVEN CO 1/1/2002	2002-0047198	\$ 56.34
VENTERS, KIMBERLY ANN BOAT SOLD IN 1999	2001-0050446	\$ 41.71
VENTERS, KIMBERLY ANN BOATS SOLD IN 1999	2000-0050077	\$ 122.21
WHITE, RUBY L CORRECT CLERICAL ERROR FOR SCE	2002-0054035	\$ 120.76

19 – REFUND(S) \$ 2,310.70

Budget Amendments

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

Pass Through

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0564-348-35-00 Crime Control Structured Day Reporting	\$(36,993.00)	101-0564-450-91-35 Crime Control Structured Day Reporting	\$(36,993.00)
TOTAL	\$(36,993.00)	TOTAL	\$(36,993.00)

Justification: Dept of Crime Control and Public Safety – Structured Day Reporting – Youth Vision has presented a contract revision dated 02-24-03 which shows the 2 year pass through grant as \$235,784.

Actual FY 2002	\$136,406
Current FY 2003	\$136,371
Total	\$272,777
State Approved	\$235,784
Difference	\$ 36,993

Tax

101-0000-301-01-00 Tax Current Yr.	\$ 9,123.00	101-0901-400-40-80 Tax Mgmt Assoc	\$ 9,123.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,123.00	TOTAL	\$ 9,123.00

Justification: Budget a 35% of the tax collections “discovered” by Tax Management Associates per contract.

Register of Deeds

101-1001-357-06-00 ROD Fees	\$ 15,000.00	101-1001-400-11-13 ROD Supp Pension	\$ 15,000.00
101-1001-357-67-00 10% Enhance	\$ 2,000.00	101-1001-400-41-20 10% Enhance	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 17,000.00

Justification: Budget additional revenue being generated by the Register of Deeds to cover the Register of Deeds Supplemental Pension \$15,000 (4.5% of collected fee and local Marriage License revenues) and \$2,000 from the 10% Automated Enhancement funds to cover the balance of \$40,000 contract to cover back birth and death certificate scanning.

Health/Environmental Animal Shelter

101-2601-336-0200 Donations	\$ 900.00	101-2601-410-3222 Donation Supplies	\$ 900.00
TOTAL	\$ 900.00	TOTAL	\$ 900.00

Justification: The Animal Shelter has collected more than originally budgeted. We will use the additional funds to purchase supplies needed at the shelter.

Health/Environmental-Food/Lodging

101-3101-349-29-00 Food/Lodging	\$ 7,110.00	101-3101-420-32-40 Other Supplies	\$ 7,110.00
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TOTAL	\$ 7,110.00	TOTAL	\$ 7,110.00
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Justification: Additional state money to be received for food and lodging. Food and lodging in Environmental Health completed a compliance rate of 90% which gives that department an additional \$7,109.76.

Health/Environmental Lead

101-3133-357-09-00	\$ 2,960.00	101-3133-420-40-50	\$ 200.00
Service Fees/Lead		Contractual	
		101-3133-420-32-40	\$ 2,760.00
		Supplies	
TOTAL	\$ 2,960.00	TOTAL	\$ 2,960.00

Justification: The lead program has collected more than originally budgeted. We will use the funds in contractual services to pay for a Spanish interpreter. We will be paying for lab samples and purchasing educational materials from supplies.

Health/Smart Start – 5806 – Health Consult

101-5806-348-51-00	\$ 1,000.00	101-5806-440-25-00	\$ 1,000.00
Smart Start		Travel/Training	
TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00

Justification: Additional funds approved by Smart Start.

EDC

101-0000-399-01-00	\$ 10,000.00	101-4401-430-40-50	\$ 1,000.00
Fund Balance		Cont Serv Temp Emp	
		101-4401-430-15-02	\$ 2,000.00
		Legal	
		101-4401-430-25-00	\$ 2,600.00
		Travel/Training	
		101-4401-430-25-01	\$ 3,200.00
		Prospect Develop	
		101-4401-430-15-15	\$ 1,200.00
		Dues	
TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00

Justification: Funds were transferred to engineering and legal to cover Wirthwein expenses in the amount of \$10,600. These funds now need to be replenished in the affected line items to cover regular operating costs through year-end.

Transportation

101-7002-348-04-00	\$ 3,568.00	101-7001-450-31-01	\$ 3,568.00
HCCBG		Reg Vehicle Expense	
TOTAL	\$ 3,568.00	TOTAL	\$ 3,568.00

Justification: Increase in expenditures for gas. Current budget will accommodate local match.

DSS 7291 Mand.

101-7291-349-32-00	\$ 2,244.00	101-7291-450-23-03	\$ 2,244.00
Energy CIP		CP & L	
TOTAL	\$ 2,244.00	TOTAL	\$ 2,244.00

Justification: Additional funds received from the State for Carolina Power & Light Project Share. Funds are 100% State, no county match required.

Sheriff

114-2011-349-18-00	\$ 13,491.00	114-2011-410-33-00	\$ 13,491.00
State		Misc Exp	
TOTAL	\$ 13,491.00	TOTAL	\$ 13,491.00

Justification: State of NC unauth Sub Tax Distribution received 02-26-03.

Seized Assets

114-2001-377-01-00	\$165,868.00	114-2001-410-33-01	\$165,868.00
Fed Assets		Misc	
TOTAL	\$165,868.00	TOTAL	\$165,868.00

Justification: Budget Seized Asset Funds

Recreation & Parks

363-8050-336-02-00	\$ 10,000.00	363-8050-460-73-02	\$ 10,000.00
(Donations/Cont.)		(Donations/Cap. Outlay)	
363-8050-336-02-00	\$ 2,500.00	363-8050-460-73-02	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,500.00	TOTAL	\$ 12,500.00

Justification: Amount received from the Bate Foundation, earmarked for Harlowe Playground equipment and the American Legion baseball program.

ORDINANCE:

The following amounts are hereby amended for the Craven County Creekside Park Recreation Project Phase II.

Expenditures:

General Construction	\$ 42,363.00
Donations-Other Improvements	\$ 38,522.00
TOTAL	\$ 80,885.00

There is hereby amended the following revenues for the Craven County Creekside Park Recreation Project Phase II.

Revenue:

Transfer in Closed Fd 373 General	\$ 42,363.00
Transfer in Closed Fd 373 Donations	\$ 8,522.00
Donations	\$ 30,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 80,885.00

This Ordinance is hereby amended this 17th day of March, 2003.

Planning – Subdivision for Approval

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivision for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Brown moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Cool Springs Acres Phase IV – 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 1435 (Cool Springs Rd). The subdivision contains 2 lots on 6.53 acres and is proposed to be served by individual wells and septic systems. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the subdivision as recommended by the Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Planning: FY 2002 CDBG Awards

A bid opening for the rehabilitation of five units in the FY 2002 CDBG project was held on March 7, 2003. Bid packages were received by seven contractors; George Celinski, United Builders Group, Buck Davis, Stephen Davis, Bob Boris, Daniel Clark and Brian Avery. Awards were recommended as follows. Commissioner Brown moved to award the bids to the following contractors as recommended by the Planning Department, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Myrtle Downing (I-O) 510 Old Cherry Point Rd New Bern	Daniel Clark (low bidder)	\$ 26,505
Annie Gavin (I-O) 510 Williams Street New Bern	Brian Avery (low bidder)	\$ 29,560
Barbara Hudson (T) 405 Old Cherry Point Rd New Bern	United Builders (low bidder)	\$ 37,372
Patrice Oliver (T) 514-B Williams Street New Bern	Daniel Clark (2 nd low bidder)	\$ 28,890
Shirley Forbes (I-O) 518 Williams Street New Bern	Bob Boris	\$ 23,710

UNITED SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

Al Otto, Chairman, reported on the activities and challenges of United Senior Services and requested that the Board consider an additional \$50,000 appropriation for the current fiscal year. He stated that the organization will encounter a crisis period in May and June. Commissioner Harper recommended deferring consideration of this request until the Board has an opportunity to study it and when additional information is provided in advance. This was the consensus of the Board

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Criminal Justice Partnership Program requested approval of an application for continuation funding for the Satellite Substance Abuse Program. The Board was advised that approval of the application would be required for receipt of State funds in the amount of \$99,370, to be allocated to Craven County to operate the Satellite Substance Abuse Program under a contractual arrangement with Neuse Mental Health. Ms. Judy McCoy, Program Director, presented the recommendation for the Board's consideration. The Board was also advised that this program had previously been funded through the Craven County Day Reporting Center and has subsequently been operated through arrangement with Neuse Center after the Day Reporting Center was closed. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the recommended application, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

TRI-COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

The Tri-Community Fire Department request for a new fire truck purchase was deferred until the Board's next agenda.

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Military Family Resolution

The following resolution was requested in recognition of the family of Sgt. José L. Hernandez as Military Family of the Quarter. Commissioner Staton moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY OF SERGEANT JOSE L. HERNANDEZ AS MILITARY FAMILY OF THE QUARTER

WHEREAS, the family of José L. Hernandez has given their valuable time and energy to providing the local community with well-meaning assistance; and

WHEREAS, they are active members of the MCAS Cherry Point Base Chapel, and through their actions inspire others to give an "extra touch" to help ensure that our young ones will be productive members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Hernandez has served as a volunteer mentor at Graham A. Barden Elementary School and participates annually in bowling tournaments to raise funds for Toys for Tots, Big Brothers & Big Sisters of North Carolina and the Combined Federal Campaign; and

WHEREAS, he organized a drive involving spouses and members of his work center to provide toys, dinner, clothing and a monetary donation to an area family in need at Christmas; and

WHEREAS, Tammy Hernandez actively participates in all charitable fundraisers with her husband and was instrumental in providing aid to the local family at Christmas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Craven County Board of Commissioners that Sergeant José L. Hernandez and his wife Tammy be commended for their unselfish efforts in providing for the youth and families of the local military and civilian communities.

Adopted this 17th day of March, 2003.

9:00 A.M. – Public Hearing on FY 2002 CDBG Amendment

At 9:00 a.m. the Board was declared in public hearing, as advertised, concerning the FY 2002 CDBG amendment. The Board heard information concerning Craven County’s intent to submit an amendment to 1) increase the number of units for rehabilitation; 2) decrease the number of clearances; 3) eliminate the proposed waterline improvements; and 4) reallocate waterline improvement funds to housing and planning activities. The following citizens spoke:

1. *Charlie Simmons*, 2218 Tuscarora Road, asked clarifying questions regarding the reduction in the County’s commitment of funds. Chip Bartlett explained that elimination of some waterline activity because most affected homes were determined not to be CDBG eligible, resulted in the County’s reduction in commitment. He stated that remaining funds would be utilized to treat two additional homes.
2. *Mildred Norfleet*, 860 Willis Neck Rd., Vanceboro, stated that she was seeking help to upgrade her housing, as she is living in a substandard 1966 mobile home.

Commissioner Staton asked Mr. Bartlett to review a home on Temples Point Road.

There being no additional speakers from the public, the public hearing was declared closed. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Merci Clinic Proclamation

Don Phillips requested that the Board endorse the following proclamation of “Cover the Uninsured Week” as a show of support, although the week had just ended. Chairman of the Merci Clinic Board, Nancy Alexander, explained that the issue of the uninsured is ongoing, although the week of observance has passed. The Board expressed appreciation for the job that Merci Clinic does, and the Chairman signed the proclamation.

Proclamation
Cover the Uninsured Week:
Let’s get America Covered!

Whereas, 41 million Americans do not have health care coverage; and

Whereas, eight out of ten of the uninsured are in working families that cannot afford health insurance and are not eligible for public programs; and

Whereas, uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger because they are forced to go without the health care they need; and

Whereas, a slow economy, higher unemployment and rising health costs mean that more Americans are becoming uninsured in our community.

Therefore, we recognize the urgency of seeking solutions to one of America’s greatest problems, and hereby declare our support for

**Cover the uninsured week
March 10-16, 2003:
Let’s get America covered!**

ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2003.

Resolution Petitioning for the Repeal of Senate Bill 1217

The following resolution was presented to the Board at the request of Alexander County. Commissioner Allen moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Morris. During discussion, County Attorney, Jim Sugg, stated that he was not clear on the intent of the bill and had been unable to receive an analysis from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners or clarification from Alexander County. Commissioner Allen recommended deferring consideration of this resolution until the attorney is satisfied that his questions are answered by either Alexander County and/or the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Commissioner Brown moved to defer consideration to a time uncertain, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

Eagle Scout Recognition

The Board was requested to recognize the attainment of Eagle Scout rank by Jared Brinkley and Joshua Bell. Staff was directed to draft letters of congratulations by consensus of the Board.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MATTERS

Arey Grady of the County Attorney's office, presented two (2) agreements regarding the State's \$450,000 performance grant for Carolina Technical Plastics Corp. (Wirthwein). Craven County was requested to serve as the conduit for the State's money going to Carolina Plastics. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Craven Regional Medical Authority

The Board considered a request from the Craven Regional Medical Center for a new appointment to replace Dr. John D. Lasater, who resigned on February 28th, for the position reserved for the past Chief of Staff. It was recommended that Dr. Catherine J. Everett be appointed as she is currently past Chief of Staff. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the request for Dr. Everett's appointment, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

Craven Community College

The Board received a letter from Scott Ralls, President of Craven Community College, advising of a vacancy on the Board of Trustees created by the death of Mary Dale Bender. Resumés and letters of citizens who expressed interest were provided for the Board's review. Commissioner Allen nominated James H. Coile. Commissioner Staton nominated Marvin Raines, and Commissioner Harper nominated Jane Knowles. In a roll call vote, Mr. Coile received one (1) vote from Commissioner Allen. Mr. Raines received five (5) votes from Commissioners Brown, Morris, Sisk, Staton, and Sampson, with Ms. Knowles receiving one (1) vote from Commissioner Harper.

SHERIFF'S REQUEST

Craven County Sheriff, Jerry Monette, addressed the Board concerning appropriations for new Sheriff's cars and a new School Resource Officer for West Craven Middle School. He requested \$92,000 to replace cars on the front line, now rather than in the new fiscal year, so that production would not be delayed. This will enable the new cars to be

available by August or September rather than November or December. Commissioner Harper moved to approve the requested appropriation from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried in a roll call vote. The Sheriff also requested an additional School Resource Officer position, which will be contracted with the School Board to fund \$11,350.41 of salary and benefits for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Board was requested to create the position. Commissioner Brown commented that some of the problems that have been experienced at West Craven Middle School are due to the fact that the school is overcrowded and it is the most overcrowded school in the County. Commissioner Staton commented that some parents may need to do more to instill discipline in their children. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the position, effective March 12th, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried. Commissioner Brown moved to approve a budget amendment, as follows, to fund the new position, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Sheriff

101-2001-348-42-00	\$ 11,351.00	101-2001-410-10-02	\$ 11,351.00
Board of Education Contract-Resource Resource Officer-WC Middle		School Resource Officer Salary	
TOTAL	\$ 11,351.00	TOTAL	\$ 11,351.00

Justification: Contract of Board of Education to provide second resource officer at West Craven Middle School for remainder of fiscal year 03.

Sheriff Dept.

101-0000-399-01-00	\$ 92,000.00	101-2001-410-73-01	\$ 92,000.00
Fund Balance		Capital Outlay	
TOTAL	\$ 92,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 92,000.00

Justification: Purchase four Sheriff vehicles at \$23,000 each.

COVE CITY LIBRARY BOARD REQUEST

Mr. Ralph Potter, Chairman of the Cove City Library Board, reviewed the development of the library project with the Board. He stated that surplus furniture has been procured from the Smithfield Library and would be due to arrive on March 28th; however, there is a budget deficit for acquiring this furniture, due to a roof failure discovered in the process of the project, requiring replacement of the roof. He requested an additional \$10,000 to correct and finish the project. Commissioner Brown moved to allocate \$10,000 from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Cove City Library

101-0000-399-01-00	\$ 10,000.00	101-8151-460-96-61	\$ 10,000.00
Fund Balance		C/O Bldg	
TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00

Justification: Additional appropriation to complete construction of Cove City Library.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, advised the Board of Mr. Levi Heath's interest in renting back 17 acres of a tract approximately 30 acres in Cove City, which was acquired from him by the County as a result of the buyout program. He is interested in putting the 17 acres under cultivation for a rental amount of \$510 per year. In return he would agree to keep the area mowed and cleaned up as a condition of the lease, including the ditch banks. Commissioner Morris moved to allow the County Attorney to implement the lease, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, advised the Board that a work session with County Health Department staff concerning septic tank permitting was set for Monday, March 24th at 10:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Harper reported on his attendance at the Eastern Regional Environmental Conference in Greenville. He also commented on his belief that the educational system has a responsibility for discipline in schools.

Commissioner Brown re-emphasized that West Craven Middle School is overcrowded and that discipline problems spill over from home into schools. He also asked for prayers for members of the military who are deployed.

Commissioner Sisk expressed her opinion that Homeland Security is a priority and concern about Craven County Emergency Services. She asked if any consideration could be given to relieving the responsibility of the Fire Marshal. Mr. Blizzard responded that it would necessitate adding new positions.

Commissioner Staton invited Commissioner Harper to make an appointment with the principal and visit West Craven Middle School for observation.

Commissioner Morris reported on his attendance at a meeting on alternative schools with Commissioners Sisk, Sheriff Monette, and Board of Education members. He also reported that the Neuse Center Board would be meeting on March 20th at 6:00 p.m. with members of other constituent county boards for review of the Neuse Center business plan. He commented on the NACo Legislative Briefing and reported that shared common issues, such as Medicaid and wetlands were discussed among representatives from around the country.

Commissioner Allen reported on the "Support Our Troops" rally he attended over the weekend and commented that the NACo Legislative Conference, which was attended by all Commissioners, was money well spent.

Commissioner Sampson expressed his concerns about Homeland Security and reported that Medicaid funding had been discussed with members of the Congressional Delegation during the NACo Legislative Briefing.

At 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to recess to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on March 24th in the Commissioners' Room, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk