

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, AUGUST 18, 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
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 the August 4, 2003 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman announced that a Request to Create a New Position was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Set Public Hearing for Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

The Sheriff's Department requested that the Board set a public hearing on September 2nd at 7:30 p.m. to receive public input on the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. The public hearing is required for acceptance of the block grant. Commissioner Brown moved to set a public hearing for September 2nd at 7:30 p.m. as requested by the Sheriff's Department, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Set Public Hearing for New Road Name Addition

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, requested that the Board set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:45 p.m. to hear public comments regarding a road name addition, Mary Jane Lane within Township 7, to the County's Road Naming and Addressing Ordinance. Commissioner Brown moved to set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:45 p.m. as requested, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Set Public Hearing for a No-Wake Zone

With the opening of the waterfront area at Creekside Park, the Craven County Recreation & Parks Department has requested to establish a No Wake Zone in Brice's Creek at the site of the waterfront docks for the safety of the citizens using the waterfront. The Board was requested to advertise and hold a public hearing to be held on September 2nd at 8:00 p.m. After the hearing, the Board must pass a resolution requesting the Wildlife Resources Commission to begin the process for establishing a no-wake zone. Commissioner Brown moved to set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 2nd at 8:00

p.m. as requested, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
BAYLOR, EDWARD KIRK CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR-DWELLING	2002-0090312	\$ 117.17
WHITEHEAD, CHARLIE DOUBLE BILLED AS REAL ON ACCT #7857	2000-0090988	\$ 320.20
WHITEHEAD, CHARLIE DOUBLE BILLED AS REAL ON ACCT #7857	2001-0053333	\$ 311.22
WHITEHEAD, CHARLIE DOUBLE BILLED AS REAL ON ACCT #7857	2002-0054130	\$ 263.11
WRIGHT, RACHEL ANN PROPERTY INCOMPLETE 1/1/2003	2002-0056370	\$ 264.92
WRIGHT, RACHEL ANN PROPERTY INCOMPLETE 1/1/2003	2001-0055530	\$ 263.95
WRIGHT, RACHEL ANN PROPERTY INCOMPLETE 1/1/2000	2000-0055168	\$ 263.29
WRIGHT, RACHEL ANN PROPERTY INCOMPLETE 1/1/1999	1999-0053496	\$ 281.71
WRIGHT, RACHEL ANN PROPERTY INCOMPLETE 1/1/1997	1998-0050930	\$ 300.13
WRIGHT, RACHEL ANN PROPERTY INCOMPLETE 1/1/1997	1997-0050913	\$ 320.14
WRIGHT, RACHEL ANN PROPERTY INCOMPLETE 1/1/1996	1996-0050265	\$ 340.02
WRIGHT, RACHEL ANN PROPERTY INCOMPLETE 1/1/1995	1995-0048896	\$ 380.11
WRIGHT, RACHEL ANN PROPERTY INCOMPLETE 1/1/1994	1994-0048634	\$ 320.64
	13 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$ 3,746.61

Refunds

BECTON, JOHN W HRS PROPERTY DID NOT EXIST-PAID IN ERROR	2002-0003436	\$ 104.09
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Health/Refugee Health

101-5001-399-10-00	\$ 2,500.00	101-5001-440-26-01	\$ 500.00
Carryover Refugee Health		M/R Bldg-Grnds	
101-6400-399-10-00	\$ 7,800.00	101-5001-440-73-21	\$ 2,000.00
Carryover Refugee Health		Capital \$500-\$4,999	
101-5700-399-10-00	\$ 1,300.00	101-6400-440-40-00	\$ 7,800.00
Carryover Refugee Health		Contractual Services (pap tests)	
101-6302-399-10-00	\$ 1,599.00	101-5700-440-40-00	\$ 1,300.00
Carryover Refugee Health		Contractual Services (pap tests)	
		101-6302-440-40-00	\$ 1,599.00
		Contractual Services	
TOTAL	\$ 13,199.00	TOTAL	\$ 13,199.00

Justification: Above funds are carry over from prior year in Dept 6704. State stated that these funds could be used any way we wanted since we did not charge salary to the State Refugee Grant prior year.

Health/Mosquito Control Grant

101-5901-399-10-00	\$ 3,670.00	101-5901-440-32-40	\$ 3,670.00
NCDENR		Other Supplies	
Mosquito Grand carryover funds			
TOTAL	\$ 3,670.00	TOTAL	\$ 3,670.00

Justification: Prior year revenue received = \$10,347.00
 Prior year expenditures = \$6,676.66
 Balance to Carry over = \$3,670.34

Health/Bates Foundation

101-6604-399-08-00	\$ 2,460.00	101-6604-440-40-00	\$ 2,460.00
Carry over funds		Contractual Services	
		750 Camp Seagull	
		150 CC Board of Education	
		1,460 YMCA-staff time	
		<u>100</u> Arapahoe Charter	
		\$2,460	
TOTAL	\$ 2,460.00	TOTAL	\$ 2,460.00

Justification: Carry over funds from prior year to be budgeted in FY 03-04.

Health – Approval of Vaccine Fee

Wanda Sandelé, Craven County Health Director, submitted a request that the Board approve a fee of \$60 for Metamunne Vaccine, which is for meningitis. The demand for the vaccine is low, and customers who requested this vaccine were previously referred to the Carteret County Health Department. Ms. Sandelé stated that the vaccine is now required for new college students. The fee covers the cost of the vaccine and supplies. The Board of Health approved the recommended fee at their meeting on August 11th. Commissioner Brown moved to approve a fee of \$60 for the Metamunne Vaccine, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Airport – Request for Grant Approval

The Craven County Regional Airport requested that the Craven County Board of Commissioners accept a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for airport improvements in the amount of \$850,500. Commissioner Brown moved to accept the grant in the amount of \$850,500 as requested, and authorize the Chairman to execute the document, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Proclamation – Prostate Cancer Month

The Board considered a request by Tamara Adams, Center for Human Genomics, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, that the Board of Commissioners proclaim September 2003 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Commissioner Brown moved to proclaim September 2003 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and to adopt the following proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**GOVERNMENT OF CRAVEN COUNTY , NORTH CAROLINA
A PROCLAMATION
“PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”**

WHEREAS, in the year 2003, the month of September is declared National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 39,600 new cases of cancer this year in North Carolina, of which 6,800 will involve cancer of the prostate, which will result in an estimated 900 deaths; and

WHEREAS, about 25% of prostate cancer affects men under the age of 65, during their prime years at work and, at any age, deaths due to prostate cancer devastate families, through loss of income, partnership, and support; and,

WHEREAS, mortality rates in African-American men are more than two and a half times as high as rates in Caucasian men; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer has accounted for, on average, 16 percent of the nation’s cancer burden, yet it has received, on average, only about 5 percent of the funds this nation commits to cancer research; and

WHEREAS, we do not fully understand the factors that contribute to the development and progression of prostate cancer into an aggressive disease, and additional research is important to refine the screening and treatment of prostate cancer, and to ensure efficient delivery of these health care services by a unified standard of care; and

WHEREAS, educating the people of Craven County, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving men’s lives and preserving and protecting our families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of September 2003, as “Prostate Cancer Awareness Month” in Craven County, and urge all men in Craven County to become aware of their own risks of prostate cancer, talk to their health care providers about prostate cancer and, whenever appropriate, be screened for the disease. The Board further encourages all residents to become involved in the war on prostate cancer through this county’s education and advocacy initiatives.

This the 18th day of August, 2003.

PRESENTATION BY SENATOR THOMAS

Senator Scott Thomas presented to Commissioner Leon Staton and former Commissioner Albert H. Toon, posthumously, the order of the Longleaf Pine. He stated that both had been nominated by Lt. Governor Beverly-Eaves Perdue for this honor. Commissioner Staton accepted Mr. Toon's award on behalf of his family.

ON-SITE WASTEWATER RULE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Craven County Health Director, Wanda Sandelé, presented information on the Commission for Health Services' intent to consider an amendment to the On-Site Wastewater Rules. The proposed amendment would make permanent the current temporary rule amendment to 15A NCAC 18A .1942-SOIL WETNESS. Ms. Sandelé explained how the proposed rule change, if approved, would adversely impact permitting septic systems in Craven County, and requested that the Board adopt a resolution opposing this rule. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt a resolution, which follows, to be forwarded to the members of the North Carolina Commission for Health Services, DENR, and all counties east of and including Inter-state 95. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 15A NCAC 18A.1942 SOIL WETNESS

Whereas the North Carolina Commission for Health Services is empowered to adopt rules pertaining to the protection of the public health of the citizens of North Carolina

Whereas this commission will soon be voting on the adoption into permanent status of the current temporary rule amendment to 15A NCAC 18A .1942 – Soil Wetness

Whereas use of the long-term method, chroma 2 or less mottles, that has been used for over a quarter of a century has shown to protect the health of the citizens of North Carolina by not resulting in excessive failure rates of septic tank systems, contamination of groundwater or other detriment to our environment

WHEREAS, adoption of the proposed amendment as a permanent rule would have an extremely detrimental impact on the citizens of Craven County as well as citizens of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners implores the Commission for Health Services to reject the adoption into permanent status of the current temporary rule amendment to 15A NCAC 18A .1942 – Soil Wetness to the On-Site Wastewater Rules, which would make redoximorphic features the main factor used to determine soil wetness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all counties in eastern North Carolina be encouraged to object to adoption of this amendment.

Adopted this 18th day of August 2003.

APPOINTMENTS

Township 5 Fire Tax Commission

Commissioner Morris moved to rescind the Board's action of August 4, 2003 appointing Casezell Martin and James Drum as Township 5 Fire Tax Commissioners. Commissioner Staton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commissioner Morris nominated Mr. Casezell Martin and Mr. Roy McCabe for appointment to the two positions. Commissioner Staton nominated P.L. Geisler. Commissioner Morris moved to closed nominations, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried. In a roll call vote, Mr. McCabe and Mr. Martin received seven (7) votes each and Mr. Geisler received no votes.

Upcoming Appointments

The Board was advised of expired terms of Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees and Fire Tax Commissioners.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, reported on the status of litigation concerning the Fairfield Harbour house, which is slated for demolition. He advised the Board that the matter is scheduled for court in the coming week for the judge to sign an order for the house to be demolished. This is simply one more routine step in the process.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, asked that the Board consider a request from State officials to make a presentation on the new flood maps during the week of September 2nd. It was the Board's consensus to schedule a meeting for the presentation on September 4, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room. Commissioner Allen indicated that he would be unable to attend at that time.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Harper commented on a bill which will be on the ballot during the next election that would impact the requirements for bond referenda.

Commissioner Brown reported on attendance at the Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. He noted the success of local legislators and the Association in lobbying for the recovery of sales tax from remote sales and the achievement of some relief from the Medicaid burden.

Commissioner Staton requested that the Board endorse a proposal for land acquisition by the Harlowe Volunteer Fire Department, which would allow the department to establish a sub-station in Township 5. The effect of this acquisition and plan would be to reduce the insurance rate and provide better service in the district. He advised the Board that the district is trying to obtain the property in a manner other than by sale. He moved that the Board register its endorsement of this effort, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Allen congratulated Commissioner Staton on having received recognition in the Order of the Longleaf Pine. He commented on a letter which the Commissioners received from Kim Jones regarding school funding. He stated that he had responded and asked for a contact number or e-mail contact to pursue her comments but had not yet received a reply. He reported that he had an opportunity at the NCACC Annual

Conference to solicit support for NALBOH issues from NACo President. He congratulated Commissioner Brown for having been elected as a District Director to the State Association of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Sampson commented on the power that is found in numbers when the County works collaboratively with other counties, citing the following highlights of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' accomplishments during the past year.

- Secured additional half cent sales tax
- Protected the State's public school funds
- Increased federal Medicaid reimbursement
- Increased federal Medicaid contribution
- Restored E911 wireless fund
- Created a debt set-off clearing house and provided a Risk Management Pool

At 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Brown moved to go into recess, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

At 9:40 a.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

The Board recognized Billy Connelly to speak. Mr. Connelly advised the Board that he is visiting community leaders about the creation of the DAD'S organization.

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to recess until 12:00 noon on August 27, 2003, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk