

**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, OCTOBER 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. Renée Sisk  
Commissioner Leon C. Staton

\* Commissioner Harper arrived at 7:16 p.m.

**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 Morris and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of the September 15, 2003 regular session and reconvened sessions of August 27<sup>th</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Tax Releases and Refunds*

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

*Credits*

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>TICKET #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
ADAMS, STEVEN RONALD & BEV DWMH TAXED AS REAL PROPERTY	2003-0000246	\$ 120.32
AVERILL, DAVID M & BETTY LOU BILLED TO INCORRECT OWNER-WILL BE REBILLED	2003-0001795	\$ 631.19
BLOCKS HYDRO-CLEANING SERVICE NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2003	2003-0090267	\$ 24.65
BLUMLING, WILLIAM L FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2001-0004619	\$ 157.28
BLUMLING, WILLIAM L FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2002-0004728	\$ 67.09

BLUMLING, WILLIAM L FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2003-0004724	\$ 58.01
BRUNER, WAYNE D & ASHLEY MILIT ½ VALUE WAYNE 03 LES-SC	2003-0006435	\$ 18.53
BRYANT, JARVIS D INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE CUMBERLAND COUNTY	2003-0006752	\$ 112.81
CAVE, DAVID E & JUNE S DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003	2003-0008567	\$ 28.40
CEMETERY-C W MCCOY INCORRECT OWNER BILLED-WILL BE REBILLED	2003-0008662	\$ .69
CHMIEEWSKI, ADAM B & WELLS, O CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0009174	\$ 93.85
CHURCH-CHERRY POINT METHODIST EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2003-0009248	\$ 874.16
CHURCH-CHRIST EPISCOPAL EXEMPT PROPERTY PER GS 105-278.3	2003-0009249	\$ 470.62
CHURCH-FIRST BAPTIST OF HAVELO BUILDING REMOVED	2003-0009279	\$ 32.00
CHURCH-FIRST BAPTIST OF HAVELO BUILDING REMOVED	2003-0009293	\$ 32.00
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003	2003-0009838	\$ 216.26
CONZELMAN, ELIZABETH A CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0010468	\$ 435.36
CORSTON, LLOYD O & BEVERLY L NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN COUNTY 1/1/03	2003-0010736	\$ 105.19
ELLIS, MELISSA D VALUE ADJUST. PER BILL OF SALE	2003-0015333	\$ 62.50
FIRST PIEDMONT FINANCIAL CORP CHANGED FROM PERMANENT PLATE TO ANNUAL RENEWAL	2003-0016536	\$ 70.62
GANTT, WILLIAM JR DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #48613	2003-0018187	\$ 39.97
GAYLON, DANIEL A DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #7654	2003-0018951	\$ 108.88
HALE, GLENDON G JR MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 03 LES-VT	2003-0021212	\$ 53.41
HANFORD, JAMES & KATHLEEN HOUSE NOT REPORTED FOR 2003-WILL BE REBILLED	2003-0021504	\$ 59.23
HARKLEY, ALFRED L CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0021995	\$ 288.76

HAUSER, DELIA WICKLAND PROPERTY VACANT	2003-0022782	\$ 32.00
HESTER, T OMA & SARA E INCORRECT SITUS/SHOULD BE CARTERET COUNTY	2003-0023654	\$ 264.06
HILLCO LTD CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0090501	\$ 1,335.90
HILLCO LTD CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0024086	\$ 4,085.62
IMAGING FINANCIAL SERVICES INC LEASE TERMINATED PRIOR TO 1/1/2003	2003-0025526	\$ 20.01
JENNINGS OUTLAW CONSTRUCTION I CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0026587	\$ 858.20
LAIRD, THOMAS J & MELBA JEAN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN COUNTY 1/1/2003	2003-0029430	\$ 61.89
LEDBETTER, W MICHAEL & JENNIFER CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0030108	\$ 28.47
MANNING, BRENDA DWELLING IS A SECOND HOME	2003-0032002	\$ 32.00
MANNING, SANDRA K PROPERTY USED FOR STORAGE	2003-0032059	\$ 32.00
MIDSOUTH GOLF LLC DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003	2003-0034571	\$ 38.26
MIDSOUTH GOLF LLC DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003	2003-0034574	\$ 6.91
MILLER, PAMELA MICHELLE MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 03 LES-FL ECC-NONE (GRADE 05)	2003-0034743	\$ 47.55
MOORE, ROBERT EDWIN & BRENDA B INCORRECT SITUS/SHOULD BE BEAUFORT COUNTY	2003-0035777	\$ 64.01
ONE PINE FARMS INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0038355	\$ 1,369.50
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2003-0039972	\$ 7.44
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2003-0039973	\$ 2.92
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2003-0039974	\$ 4.41
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2003-0039975	\$ .74
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2003-0039976	\$ 2.21

PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039977 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ .73
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039978 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ 1.95
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039979 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ .73
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039980 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ 133.66
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039981 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ 1.75
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039982 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ 12.80
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039983 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ 3.03
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039984 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ 124.86
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039985 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ 4.99
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039986 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ 2.26
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039987 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ .77
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039988 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ 281.07
PIEDMONT COCA-COLA BOTTLING PA2003-0039989 LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR		\$ 96.09
PUCKETT, SCOTT C & ROBIN L CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0041033	\$ 421.10
RAMSDEN, RAYMOND T & JANICE C CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0041513	\$ 251.16
ROUNDTREE, LOUIS ET AL DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003	2003-0043573	\$ 260.96
SCOTT, LEAINE FORREST PROPERTY VACANT	2003-0044873	\$ 32.00
SHIVER, RONALD GERALD & KELLY CORRECT APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0045427	\$ 121.41
SOUTHERN TAIT HOLDINGS LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0046952	\$ 184.80
TOLER, MARY K PROPERTIES VACANT	2003-0050241	\$ 96.00

TRANGARIS, MICHAEL J SR & CYNT DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003	2003-0050478	\$ 70.69
TRENT, CHARLES VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2003-0050624	\$ 5.29
UNKNOWN OWNER DID NOT OWN ON 1-1-2003	2003-0090863	\$ 56.53
VILLAGE IN THE WOODS SECTION F EXEMPT PROPERTY	2003-0051783	\$ 238.06
WAL-MART STORES EAST INC LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2003-0052081	\$ 898.44
WAL-MART STORES EAST INC LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2003-0052082	\$ 41.97
WALLING, DOUGLAS C & SUSAN D CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0052289	\$ 435.36
WEDDING, WILLIAM L & MARGARET FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1994-0045386	\$ 83.88
WEDDING, WILLIAM L & MARGARET FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1995-0045683	\$ 77.66
WEDDING, WILLIAM L & MARGARET FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1996-0046906	\$ 73.58
WEDDING, WILLIAM L & MARGARET FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1997-0047475	\$ 69.13
WEDDING, WILLIAM L & MARGARET FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1998-0047519	\$ 63.75
WEDDING, WILLIAM L & MARGARET FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1999-0049880	\$ 59.79
WEDDING, WILLIAM L & MARGARET FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2000-0051490	\$ 56.87
WEDDING, WILLIAM L & MARGARET FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2001-0051847	\$ 55.64
WEDDING, WILLIAM L & MARGARET FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2002-0052674	\$ 19.98
WEDDING, WILLIAM & MARGARET FORECLOSURE-LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2003-0053081	\$ 15.47
WELLS, OSBORN O & CHMIELEWSKI CORRECTING APPRIASAL ERROR	2003-0053225	\$ 1.89
WHITE, JACKIE RANDALL MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #54254	2003-0054254	\$ 255.03
WILLIAMS, STEVEN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003	2003-0055608	\$ 39.36



**Health/Maternity-5700**

101-5700-349-14-00	\$ 7,500.00	101-5700-440-25-00	\$ 3,750.00
Maternity-State		Travel/Training	
		101-5700-440-32-40	\$ 3,750.00
		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$ 7,500.00	TOTAL	\$ 7,500.00

**Justification:** New MCC money to be received from the State-\$3,750 for travel will be needed because each new patient is required by the State to have a home visit-\$3,750 for other supplies will be used to purchase material to administer the program and educational materials for the patients.

**Health/Family Planning – TANF 6402**

101-6400-349-12-00	\$ 12,377.00	101-6400-440-40-00	\$ 12,377.00
Family Planning TANF		Contractual Services	
TOTAL	\$ 12,377.00	TOTAL	\$ 12,377.00

**Justification:** Additional money to be received from the State for TANF. These monies will be used to pay for PAP Smears in Family Planning.

**Health/Buckle-Up 5809**

101-5809-348-00-00	\$ 1,000.00	101-5809-440-32-40	\$ 1,000.00
Grant Other/State Grant		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00

**Justification:** Money received from the State Department of Insurance to purchase child car seats.

**Sheriff – LLEBG**

**LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

114-2001-410-32-40	\$ 1,000.00	114-2001-410-97-01	\$ 1,000.00
Transfer to General		Transfer to General	
Sheriff Share of Star Grant supplies			

**JOURNAL ENTRY**

114-2001-410-97-01	\$ 1,000.00	114-0000-101-00-00	\$ 1,000.00
Transfer to General		Cash	
101-0000-101-00-00	\$ 1,000.00	101-2020-366-14-00	\$ 1,000.00
Cash		From Seized Assets	

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

101-2020-366-14-00	\$ 1,000.00	101-2020-410-32-40	\$ 2,000.00
From Seized Assets		Supplies	
101-2020-377-08-00	\$ 1,000.00		
STAR Grant			
TOTAL	\$ 2,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 2,000.00

**Justification:** Budget Star Grant and local funds to fulfill contract signed to purchase STAR Grant supplies.

*Request to Set Public Hearing – Craven County 2003 CDBG Scattered Sites Funding*

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted a request that the Board set a public hearing for October 20, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. relative to the intention of the County to apply for supplemental funds under its FY 03 CDBG program. Grants up to \$200,000 have been made available for up to four counties to supplement their current grants. These funds may be used for materials, which volunteer groups will use to rehabilitate existing housing or construct replacement housing targeted toward very low-income households. Commissioner Allen moved to set a public hearing for October 20, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. as requested, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Resolution Naming Agents*

The Board was requested to adopt a resolution naming Rick Hemphill as Primary Agent and Stanley Kite as Secondary Agent to execute and file applications for federal and state assistance relative to Hurricane Isabel. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the resolution as requested, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Request to Set Public Hearing for CARTS*

CARTS Director, Johnny Purvis, submitted a request that the Board set a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on November 3, 2003 for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed Community Transportation Program (CTP) Grant Application that is to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation by Craven County for FY 2004-2005. Commissioner Allen moved to set a public hearing for November 3, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. as requested, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**SENIOR SERVICES MATTERS**

*Aging Planning Board Recommendations*

Joy Doshier, Budget Committee Chair for the Craven Aging Planning Board, presented recommendations of the Aging Planning Board as to the provider and available funding for the Home and Community Care Block Grant for the remainder of the current fiscal year. She advised the Board that the budget committee opened bids on September 29, 2003 from Coastal Community Action, Inc. and Craven County Department of Social Services to provide home delivered and congregate meals using Home and Community Care Block Grant funds through the balance of the fiscal year. Based upon the information provided, the Craven Aging Planning Board recommended that Craven County Department of Social Services be appointed as the meals administrator for the remainder of FY 2004. In addition, they recommended that Home and Community Care Block Grant funds in the amount of \$158,468, plus USDA funds in the amount of \$17,951, for a total of \$176,419 be awarded to the Craven County Department of Social Services for the remainder of FY 2004. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the recommendations of the Craven Aging Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote. Ms. Doshier also thanked the Craven County Board of Commissioners, the County Manager and the study team, Linda LeDrew, Tonya Cedars and Alfreda Stout for their extensive work in resolving this matter.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

*Social Services Meal Program*

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-0564-348-06-00 Cong.	\$( 51,736.00)	101-0564-450-91-21 Cong.	\$( 51,736.00)
101-0564-348-08-00 HCCBG	\$( 46,746.00)	101-0564-450-91-00 H.D.	\$( 46,746.00)
101-0564-377-16-00 USDA Cong.	\$( 4,285.00)	101-0564-450-91-16 USDA Cong.	\$( 4,285.00)
101-0564-377-18-00 USDA H.D	\$( 6,711.00)	101-0564-450-91-18 USDA H.D	\$( 6,711.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$(109,478.00)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$(109,478.00)</b>
101-7295-377-26-00 Congregate HCCBG	\$ 84,173.00	101-7295-450-40-00 Cont Services	\$ 93,350.00
101-7295-377-16-00 Congregate USDA	\$ 9,177.00		
101-7295-377-28-00 MOW HCCBG	\$ 74,295.00	101-7295-450-40-00 Cont Services	\$ 83,069.00
101-7295-377-18-00 MOW USDA	\$ 8,774.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$176,419.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$176,419.00</b>

**Justification:** Budget remaining HCCBG funds to cover the cost of meals through DSS as recommended by the Craven Aging Planning Board.

*Senior Services Update*

Alfreda Stout, Director of the Adult Services Program at the Craven County Department of Social Services, provided an update on the status of the meals program. She stated that the weekly total of congregate meals has remained at approximately 355 per week and this reflects no significant change since the County assumed the program on September 3, 2003. Havelock, Harlowe, Vanceboro and George Street continue to operate as congregate meal sites. She proposed that each of these centers remain open the same number of days and hours as they currently are. She advised the Board that Harlowe, Vanceboro and George Street provide congregate meals five (5) days a week. Havelock was granted a waiver to operate their congregate site three (3) days a week until June 30, 2004.

(Commissioner Harper joined the meeting at this point)

Ms. Stout requested that the County assume senior center responsibilities, explaining that United Senior Services, Inc. provided both the meals and senior center activities at the George Street site. She emphasized the importance of the activities programs that were being held. The County had only originally accepted the responsibility for the meals program and the Area Agency on Aging had temporarily acted as the contact agency regarding senior activities. Commissioner Morris moved that the County be approved to assume this role from the Area Agency on Aging and accept any and all revenues and programs attached and being implemented, effective immediately. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

Ms. Stout requested that Craven County accept the contract for the Title V program, which is a job training or re-training program for individuals 55 and over who wish to reenter the work force. Commissioner Staton moved that the County be authorized to accept the contract with the Title V program, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Ms. Stout requested funding and staffing of positions as follows:

- Three full time positions, including a grade 68, Step 2 position in the amount of \$30,564, which includes all County benefits to oversee all programming for Meals on Wheels, congregate and senior center programming
- Grade 54, Step 2 position in the amount of \$17,034, including benefits, for a position to oversee the Meals on Wheels program and will include the daily administration of that program, such as deployment of volunteers, recruitment of volunteers, daily monitoring, completion of meal orders and assessment of participants and completion of required paperwork.
- Grade 54, Step 2 position in the amount of \$17,034, including benefits, to be responsible for the George Street congregate site and senior center programming.

The following part-time positions were proposed to be procured through a contract employment agency:

- Two part-time congregate site managers
- One part-time janitorial position for George Street
- One part-time clerical position with some driver duties assigned

Ms. Stout reminded the Board that Craven County has already paid to United Senior Services \$25,000 for July and August of the current fiscal year and has appropriated \$50,000 to the County to administer the meals program in September. She requested that the Board consider funding an additional \$75,000 to fund all programs and staff positions requested. This would allocate the same total of County funds as was originally projected to be allocated to United Senior Services for the current fiscal year and would provide Department of Social Services a total of \$125,000 of County funds to operate the meals programs and senior center programs for the remainder of the year.

Commissioner Morris moved to approve the funding and staffing requests as presented, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Ms. Stout projected that, provided no major unforeseen problems occur, Craven County Department of Social Services can operate the meals program and senior center programming with the same revenues and County funding as was awarded to United Senior Services, Inc. in the past fiscal year, including the start up costs and purchases that will be needed and that there is potential for expansion in the number of meals served.

***Social Services Meal Program***

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$ 75,000.00	101-7295-450-40-00 Cont Services	\$ 75,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>

**Justification:** Budget 6 months appropriation of \$75,000 to cover the costs associated with the meals program for Jan to June 2004. Funds were to be line item transferred to the correct line items when costs are determined.

*Request for Purchase of USSI Equipment*

The Board considered a request from the United Senior Services, Inc. Board of Directors to purchase inventory items and assets of United Senior Services for the price of \$40,000. The Board was also presented a letter from the State Division of Aging, which indicated that United Senior Services is not authorized to sell equipment purchased with state or federal funds. The Board was advised that the equipment in question would automatically be transferred to the County for its use in continuing operation of the programs. It was made clear that any additional appropriation by the County to United Senior Services would be considered strictly a donation. Additionally, County Manager Harold Blizzard, reported that United Senior Services Board of Directors is considering filing an action for bankruptcy, and as a result any donations provided to the agency at this time would not be guaranteed to be dispersed as intended after intervention of the courts. Commissioner Harper recommended that the County not give any more public dollars to the agency. Commissioner Sampson stated that the agency has been serving the County for twenty-five years and that the County owes them something. It was the consensus of the Board not to take any action concerning the request at this time.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, presented the following resolution for sale of property located at 610 New Street in the City of New Bern, which is jointly owned by Craven County and the City of New Bern. He stated that the City has identified a buyer who is interested in purchasing the property and requested that the County sell its interest in the amount of \$4,031.95. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF INTEREST IN  
610 NEW STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Bern and the County of Craven acquired the real property located at 610 New Street, New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina, through the City's tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns sixty-five (65%) percent interest in the property and the County owns thirty-five (35%) percent interest in the property based upon the taxes and expenses due each taxing unit in the following amounts:

City	\$7,602.04
County	\$4,031.95

and;

**WHEREAS**, the City's planning staff have worked diligently to find a buyer for this property, even though the offer to purchase the property is slightly less than the total amount due each party. The City and County believe that this is the best offer that will be received; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchaser of the structure located on the property will require a significant investment to bring it up to current City building code standards. Costs of the building and costs of bringing the structure located on the property up to current building code standards will likely exceed the fair market value of the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen at its September 9, 2003 regular board meeting unanimously approved a motion to sell the property, subject to (1) the statutory upset bid requirements; and (2) the County's approval to sell its interest in the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County will require the purchaser to enter into an agreement with the City to bring the dwelling located on the property into compliance with the City's minimum housing code and the State of North Carolina's building code within one (1) year of the sale; and

**WHEREAS**, as an additional incentive to complete the rehabilitation project, the City will also impose a penalty in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per day for each day after the one (1) year period that the buyer fails to bring the dwelling into compliance with the codes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Craven County Board of Commissioners that:

1. Craven County is authorized to join with the City of New Bern in the sale of the lot and structure located at 610 New Street, New Bern, North Carolina for the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and to deliver a deed to the purchaser subject to the terms and conditions set out herein.

2. The Chairman of the Craven County Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute the deed to the purchaser on behalf of Craven County.

Done this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.

#### **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

##### *Status of Recovery on Hurricane Isabel*

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, deferred to Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, to provide a report on the status of recovery from Hurricane Isabel. Mr. Kite reported that as of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 395 residents of Craven County had requested FEMA assistance. The initial damage assessment based on tax records for Craven County is \$2.3 million countywide; however, he cautioned that additional information is still being collected. He advised the Board that the issue of debris collection on non-system roads has been addressed again. Some roads have conditions that include criteria that would be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA.

##### *Status of 1996 School Bond Refunding*

Mr. Blizzard asked Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, to apprise the Board of the status of the 1996 school bond refunding. Mr. Hemphill stated that due to the fluctuating rates the issue of refunding the 1996 school bonds has been reconsidered, with a projected sale date of October 21<sup>st</sup>. He advised the Board that he will present the refunding resolution at the Board's next meeting, provided the rates remain favorable.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Sampson* recognized the two groups that were visiting the meeting, Leadership Craven and Urban Fire Step Team.

*Commissioner Staton* presented the following resolution to Stanley Kite.

#### **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING STANLEY L. KITE**

**WHEREAS**, Craven County anticipated the threat of a catastrophic weather event as Hurricane Isabel was positioned off the North Carolina Coast on September 17, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, one of eastern Craven County's communities, Adams Creek, suffered the brunt of the hurricane's effects; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Craven County were prepared for the worst case scenario, due to the efforts of Mr. Kite and his staff in developing and executing the County's Emergency Operations Plan, and escaped the full magnitude of damage that could have potentially occurred.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Craven County Board of Commissioners commends Stanley Kite for the manner in which he performed his duties as Emergency Services Director during the execution of the County's Emergency Operations Plan, and as the recovery phase continues.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners extends appreciation to Mr. Kite and his staff for a job well done.

*Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.*

*Commissioner Harper* reintroduced the issue of gas prices in eastern North Carolina.

*Commissioner Brown* expressed the opinion that the County must do what is necessary to preserve the public health during recovery from Hurricane Isabel, despite the potential expense.

*Commissioner Morris* reported that the condemned house in Fairfield Harbour has been removed from the site.

At 8:20 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk