

**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 5, 2004. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**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 Sampson moved to approve minutes of December 15, 2003, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Budget Amendments*

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

*Non Departmental*

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-0560-377-38-00 FEMA	\$200,000.00	101-2560-400-96-59 Hurricane Isabel	\$200,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>

**Justification:** Budget funds to cover costs associated with Hurricane Isabel.

*DSS 7291 Mand.*

101-7291-349-10-00 Day Care Combined	\$ 98,392.00	101-7291-450-39-26 Day Care Combined	\$ 98,392.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 98,392.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 98,392.00</b>

**Justification:** Funding authorization received from the State with an increase in the Subsidy Day Care funding. There is no County match.

*7295 Meals*

101-7295-336-39-00 Donations/Home Del	\$ 3,800.00	101-7295-450-32-22 Donations Supplies	\$ 3,800.00
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TOTAL	\$ 3,800.00	TOTAL	\$ 3,800.00
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**Justification:** Need to set up line items for donated funds for the meals program.

*Convention Center*

101-8201-357-13-00	\$ 10,000.00	101-8201-430-32-21	\$ 10,000.00
Rebillable items		Rebillable items	
TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 10,000.00

**Justification:** Increase due to events requesting outsource of security and other items to be billed through the Convention Center.

*Tax Releases and Refunds*

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

*Credits*

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
ABRAMS, JAMES KEN INCORRECT SITUS-S/B PERQUIMANS CO.	2002-0091425	\$ 94.22
ABRAMS, JAMES KEN LISTED IN PERQUIMANS CO. FOR 2002	2003-0091360	\$ 87.07
ALLEN, WANDA S DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003	2003-0091363	\$ 39.99
BELL, ALVIN EARL & WILLIAMS, M. RECYCLE PAID IN ERROR THROUGH SCE DISCOUNT	2003-0091344	\$ 10.00
BELL, GEORGE WASHINGTON INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE WAYNE CO.	2003-0091432	\$ 118.62
BELL, GEORGE WASHINGTON INCORRECT SITUS-SHOUDL BE WAYNE CO.	2003-0091376	\$ 89.93
BUCK, DOROTHA RECYCLE PAID IN ERROR THROUGH SCE DISCOUNT	2003-0091348	\$ 54.00
CAROLINA CHOICE LLC DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #50910	2003-0091179	\$ 31.42
CHANDLER, JEMSINIA D RECYCLE ALREADY PAID THROUGH SCE DISCOUNT	2003-0091351	\$ 38.00
CIVILS, ELEANOR M DWELLINGS UNITS VACANT	2003-0009467	\$ 160.00
DEL FORGE, THOMAS VALUE ADJUSTED-HOMEMADE BOAT	2003-0091196	\$ 55.44

EDWARDS, CAROLYN JOYCE CONTINUOUSLY VACANT SINCE 1998	2003-0014966	\$ 32.00
EVANS, RICHARD S MILIT ½ VAL RICHARD 03 LES-FL ECC-03/03/04	2003-0015731	\$ 36.95
GASKINS, RUFUS A JR & GASKINS CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0018781	\$ 63.28
GROVES, THOMAS NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2003	2003-0091222	\$ 81.93
HARDISON, MICHAEL D RECYCLE CHARGED ON BOAT IN ERROR	2003-0021677	\$ 32.00
JONES, ERNEST VACANT PROPERTY	2002-0027111	\$ 32.00
JONES, ERNEST VACAMT PROPERTY	2001-0026785	\$ 32.00
LEWIS, MICHAEL C & THERESA DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2000	2003-0030552	\$ 32.00
LODGE-AMULET #406 DOUBLE BILLED	2000-0090839	\$ 142.28
LODGE-NEW BERN ELKS LODGE NO 7 PER ORDER OF E & R BOARD	2003-0091398	\$ 1,010.46
NEUSE RIVER COMM. DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY VACANT	2003-0037286	\$ 32.00
NEUSE RIVER DEVELOPMENT CORP I PROPERTY VACANT	2003-0037287	\$ 32.00
NOBLES, ISAAC HRS EXEMPT PROPERTY-USED AS CEMETERY	2003-0037639	\$ 64.22
NOBLES, ISAAC HRS EXEMPT PROPERTY-USED AS CEMETERY	2002-0037348	\$ 76.16
NOBLES, ISAAC HRS EXEMPT PROPERTY-USED AS CEMETERY	2001-0036859	\$ 65.73
NOBLES, ISAAC HRS EXEMPT PROPERTY-USED AS CEMETERY	2000-0036499	\$ 60.66
PURCELL, WILLIAM D DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #38445	2003-0091411	\$ 29.73
SMITH, DALTON RECYCLE PAID IN ERROR THROUGH SCE DISCOUNT	2003-0091356	\$ 10.00
TRENT NEUSE HOTELS LLC PER REIVEW OF E & R BOARD	2003-0050563	\$ 6,005.38
WHITE, MICHAEL N JR DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #50902	2003-0091319	\$ 173.42

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WIGGINS, BENNIE J DWELLING VACANT SINCE 1999	2003-0054993	\$ 32.00
WILLIAMS, BRENDA S PER BILL OF SALE	2003-0091421	\$ 28.60
WILLIAMS, BRENDA S VAL ADJUST PER BILL OF SALE	2003-0091463	\$ 29.40
WOOLARD, MICHAEL D & JONES, RO DOUBLE BILLED ON SAME ACCT.	2003-0056523	\$ 384.14
35 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$ 9,297.03

***Refunds***

CHILDCARE NETWORK INC #77 BUILDING LISTED AS REAL AND PERSONAL	2003-0009128	\$ 1,643.97
CHILDCARE NETWORK INC #77 BUILDING LISTED AS REAL AND PERSONAL	2002-0009082	\$ 1,949.86
CHILDCARE NETWORK INC #77 BUILDING LISTED AS REAL AND PERSONAL	2001-0009012	\$ 2,091.99
CHILDCARE NETWORK INC #77 BUILDING LISTED AS REAL AND PERSONAL	2000-0008926	\$ 2,208.21
GASKINS, RUFUS A JR & GASKINS CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0018667	\$ 64.45
KOONCE, CLYDIE HARRIS RECYCLE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2003-0029056	\$ 32.00
LETS GO TOURS LLC NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/03	2003-0091252	\$ 16.69
7 – REFUND (S)		\$ 8,007.17

**PRESENTATION ON NEUSE RIVER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Ms. Tharesa Lee, Non profit Coordinator for the City of New Bern, presented background information and an overview concerning the activities of the Neuse River Community Development Corporation. She outlined the projects and activities with which the corporation is engaged in New Bern and Craven County.

**MILITARY FAMILY RESOLUTION**

The Board considered adoption of the following resolution in recognition of the family of Gunnery Sergeant James J. Roy as Military Family of the Quarter. Commissioner Sampson moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY OF  
GUNNERY SERGEANT JAMES J. ROY  
AS MILITARY FAMILY OF THE QUARTER**

**WHEREAS**, Gunnery Sergeant James J. Roy and his wife, Donna have been integral parts of the local community since June 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, the Roys have contributed significant time and energy to developing and maintaining the Marines in GySgt Roy's section, as well as supporting many worthy causes in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, their efforts have included building and refurbishing homes for many local families through Habitat for Humanity of New Bern; and

**WHEREAS**, they have also volunteered for the annual "Lock Up and Bail" fundraiser for the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and

**WHEREAS**, leadership, dedication and service are hallmarks of the Roy family, and they have inspired others to emulate them.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that the example of community service set by Gunnery Sergeant James J. Roy and his wife, Donna be commended, and that the Roy family be congratulated on the occasion of their recognition as Military Family of the Quarter.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

## APPOINTMENTS

### *Farmers Market Board*

The Board considered a letter of resignation submitted by Billy Dunham from the Farmers Market Board. Commissioner Sisk moved to defer this appointment until the Board's next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. During discussion there was a suggestion that Tom Glasgow be considered for appointment to this position.

### *Nursing Home Advisory Committee*

The Board received a request for appointment of one additional member to this board to fill a vacancy. In addition, the Ombudsman for the committee requested that Mrs. Ethel Sampson, who has served one term, be reappointed, and that the Board waive its requirement relative to term limits to allow for the reappointment of Alvia Hearren, Thomas Kelley and Shirley Selepes. Commissioner Allen moved to approve all of the requests of the Nursing Home Advisory Committee for appointment of Mr. Muth to fill the vacancy, reappointment of Mrs. Sampson, waiver of the term limit requirement to enable appointment of Mr. Kelley, Mr. Hearren and Ms. Selepes, and to waive the one meeting waiting period. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### *Recreation & Parks Advisory Council*

The Board received a resignation from the Recreation & Parks Advisory Council submitted by Kenny Jones. Recreation Director, Jan Parker, submitted a request from the Advisory Council that Hillman George of Havelock be considered for appointment to fill this vacancy. Commissioner Staton moved to accept the resignation and to appoint Mr. George, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. Commissioner Morris moved to prepare a resolution for Mr. Jones recognizing his many years of outstanding service to this council. Commissioner Staton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Chairman recognized participants of the Neighborhood Resource Center After School and Scout Programs who were in attendance.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, advised the Board of the impending move of the Havelock Library to its new facility. He recommended that the current building, owned by the County and utilized by the library, be disposed of, indicating that the County has no use for the building. He recommended that the building be sold by the negotiated offer and upset bid procedure. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the County Manager's recommendation to dispose of the building currently occupied by the Havelock Library by negotiated offer and upset bid procedure, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Harper* indicated that he has received a significant amount of correspondence concerning the naming of the new Neuse River Bridge. He indicated that he would withdraw his original request to support naming the bridge in honor of Vietnam Veterans and asked that the Board consider supporting an effort to rename the bridge the "Veterans Freedom Memorial Bridge".

*Commissioner Sampson* commented on the outpouring of generosity that he witnessed during the holiday season and commended the charitable giving that occurred in the community.

*Commissioner Sisk* presented a draft letter, which she proposed that the Board send to Governor Michael Easley concerning disappointment with progress on improvements to U.S. Hwy 17. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed to consider a final draft of the letter at its next meeting. Commissioner Sisk moved to refine the draft to be adopted at the Board's next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

Following the individual Commissioners' New Year's greetings and best wishes, Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

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George N. Brown, Jr., Chairman  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board