

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, APRIL 19, 2004. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chairman George N. Brown, Jr.
- 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 Officer
- Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
- James R. Sugg, County Attorney

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sisk and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sampson moved to approve minutes of the April 5, 2004 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Budget Amendments and Ordinance Update

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

Court Facilities

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$40,000.00	101-1309-400-73-02 Other Improvements	\$40,000.00
TOTAL	\$40,000.00	TOTAL	\$40,000.00

Justification: Improvements to Judicial Bldg.

Central Maintenance Garage

101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$15,000.00	101-1501-400-32-40 Other Supplies	\$15,000.00
101-1501-366-39-00 Materials	\$15,000.00	101-2001-410-31-02 CCCMG	\$7,500.00
		101-7001-450-31-02 CCCMG	\$7,500.00
TOTAL	\$15,000.00	TOTAL	\$15,000.00

Justification: Budget \$15,000 from fund balance to cover vehicle repair supplies through year-end.

Medical Examiner

101-0000-399-01-00	\$12,500.00	101-2701-410-40-28	\$12,000.00
Fund Balance		Autopsies	
		101-2701-410-40-29	\$500.00
		Investigations	
TOTAL	\$12,500.00	TOTAL	\$12,500.00

Justification: Increase in autopsies and medical examiner investigations

Autopsies-Budget	\$50,000
To date	\$46,000 (9 months-average \$5,111)
Investigations Budget	\$7,500
To date	\$6,000 (9 months-average \$666.)

Emergency Rescue

101-2825-357-53-00	\$6,000.00	101-2825-410-33-10	\$2,700.00
NB Craven		NB Craven	
101-2828-357-49-00	\$11,834.00	101-2828-410-33-10	\$5,325.00
Bridgeton		Bridgeton	
101-2830-357-52-00	\$9,833.00	101-2830-410-33-10	\$4,425.00
Cove City		Cove City	
101-2831-357-56-00	\$21,444.00	101-2821-410-33-10	\$9,650.00
Twp 7		Twp 7	
101-00-399-01-0	\$(27,011.00)		
TOTAL	\$22,100.00	TOTAL	\$22,100.00

Justification: Collections for rescue squads are exceeding amount budgeted as revenue and to be paid to squads.

Emergency Rescue

101-0000-399-01-00	\$1,540.00	101-2829-410-46-10	\$934.00
Fund Balance		Vanceboro	
		101-2831-410-46-10	\$606.00
		Twp #7	
TOTAL	\$1,540.00	TOTAL	\$1,540.00

Justification: To cover workers comp and liability insurance for squads-more volunteers than originally budgeted.

EDC

101-4401-367-35-00	\$10,000.00	101-4401-430-47-10	\$10,000.00
NC's Eastern Region		Wirthwein/Carolina	
		Technical Plastics	
TOTAL	\$10,000.00	TOTAL	\$10,000.00

Justification: Budget grant from North Carolina's Eastern Region to pay incentive to Wirthwein/Carolina Technical Plastics.

Health/Cancer Control-BCCP

101-6602-349-54-00	\$6,000.00	101-6602-440-27-00	\$1,000.00
State-Cancer		Advertising	
		101-6602-440-40-0	\$5,000.00
		Contractual	
TOTAL	\$6,000.00	TOTAL	\$6,000.00

Justification: Additional money from the State to screen an additional 20 women for the program. This money can also be used to purchase medical supplies should we not be able to screen the additional 20 women.

Social Services – TANF

101-0000-399-01-00	\$66.00	101-7231-450-33-02	\$66.00
Fund Balance		Refunds	
TOTAL	\$66.00	TOTAL	\$66.00

Justification: Refund State Work First funds from FY 2003.

DSS 7291 Mand. & 7201 Admin 7221-Adult Child

101-7291-349-32-00	\$11,967.00	101-7291-450-23-04	\$11,967.00
Energy CIP		CIP	
101-7221-349-22-00	\$1,229.00	101-7201-450-40-00	\$1,229.00
Services Staff & Ovhd		Contractual Services	
TOTAL	\$13,196.00	TOTAL	\$13,196.00

Justification: Additional funds allocated for the Crisis Intervention Program and the administrative costs associated with the program. Funds are 100% federal.

DSS 7291 Mandated Services

101-7291-349-32-00	\$2,170.00	101-7291-450-23-03	\$2,170.00
Energy CIP/CPL		CP&L	
TOTAL	\$2,170.00	TOTAL	\$2,170.00

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

DSS 7291 Mand.

101-7291-349-10-00	\$33,363.00	101-7291-450-39-26	\$33,363.00
Day Care combined		Day Care combined	
TOTAL	\$33,363.00	TOTAL	\$33,363.00

Justification: Additional subsidy funds received from the Division of Child Development. All funds are 100% reimbursed, no County match.

Twp #3 VFD

244-0000-399-00-00	\$941.00	244-2901-410-46-00	\$718.00
Fund Balance		Cove City	
		244-2903-410-46-0	\$223.00
		Ft Barnwell	

TOTAL	\$941.00	TOTAL	\$941.00
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Justification: Insurance costs for workers comp and liability insurance-more volunteers than originally budgeted.

NCHFA Rehab

264-0000-329-00-00	\$37.00	264-4054-430-33-02	\$2,375.00
Interest		Refunds	
264-0000-348-71-00	\$(9,579.00)	264-4054-430-76-01	\$(872.00)
		Program Support	
		264-4064-430-76-21	\$(4,315.00)
		Relocation	
		264-4064-430-76-22	\$(1,436.00)
		Rehab	
		264-4064-430-76-30	\$(5,294.00)
		Program Support	
TOTAL	\$(9,542.00)	TOTAL	\$(9,542.00)

Justification: Close out fund 264 NCHFA Rehab resulting in \$2,875.00 refund to the State.

ORDINANCE:

NCHFA Single Family Rehabilitation Grant
Fund 264

This ordinance is hereby amended in the following amounts:

EXPENDITURES:	
Rehabilitation	\$249,000.00
Relocation	\$6,600.00
Program Support	\$25,500.00
Administration	\$18,900.00
Program Support County	\$14,128.00
Admin Floyd	\$12,400.00
Relocation-Floyd	\$85.00
Rehabilitation-Floyd	\$161,764.00
Program Support-Floyd	\$15,406.00
Refunds	\$2,375.00
TOTAL	\$506,158.00

The following revenues are hereby approved for the NCHFA Project.

REVENUES:	
Interest	\$737.00
Transfer in From Fd 10 General	\$15,000.00
NCHFA Grant	\$300,000.00
NCHFA Floyd Amendment	\$190,421.00
TOTAL	\$506,158.00

This ordinance is hereby amended this 19th day of April, 2004.

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
ARNOLD, THOMAS FRANKLIN CORRECTED VALUATION PER TAXPAYER'S RECORDS	1996-0001243	\$233.71
ARNOLD, THOMAS FRANKLIN CORRECTED VALUATION PER TAXPAYER'S RECORDS	1997-0001267	\$361.41
ARNOLD, THOMAS FRANKLIN CORRECTED VALUATION PER TAXPAYER'S RECORDS	1998-0091128	\$277.71
ARNOLD, THOMAS FRANKLIN CORRECTED VALUATION PER TAXPAYER'S RECORDS	1999-0090734	\$471.59
ARNOLD, THOMAS FRANKLIN CORRECTED VALUATION PER TAXPAYER'S RECORDS	2000-0001407	\$452.99
ARNOLD, THOMAS FRANKLIN NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2001	2001-0090145	\$541.56
ARNOLD, THOMAS FRANKLIN NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2002	2002-0001456	\$486.76
ARNOLD, THOMAS FRANKLIN NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2003	2003-0090208	\$434.35
BRAXTON KIRBY H & LUCY CREDIT FOR RECYCLE PAID ON SCE-HAS BEEN REBILLED	2004-0090019	\$30.00
DANIELS, RODERICK E DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT. #41159	2004-0090023	\$956.09
GADDY, TOMMIE JR DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT. # 2540400	2003-0091125	\$143.43
GADDY, TOMMIE JR DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT. #2540400	2003-0091041	\$125.92
GADDY, TOMMIE JR EXEMPT PER-NCGS 105-278.2 BURIAL PROPERTY	2003-0018080	\$61.47
GADDY, TOMMIE JR EXEMPT PER NCGS 105-278-2 BURIAL PROPERTY	2002-0017969	\$52.09
HUDSON, ZORETTA DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT. # 40586	2001-0091585	\$214.93
HUDSON, ZORETTA DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT. # 40586	2002-0024926	\$172.64

HUDSON, ZORETTA DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT. #40586	2003-0025124	\$160.64
JASKULSKI, ANGELA M DID NOT OWN 1/1/03	2003-0026379	\$44.59
JASKULSKI, ANGELA M DID NOT OWN 1/1/03	2002-0026189	\$49.37
MCCARTHY, SHAUN A DID NOT OWN ON 1/1/2003	2003-0033063	\$17.51
OUTLAW, VERNA LEE NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO. 1/1/2003	2003-0090043	\$389.57
OUTLAW, VERNA LEE PROPERTY LISTED IN PITT COUNTY	2003-0038548	\$147.62
POLKERS HOME REPAIR INC NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2003	2003-0090703	\$70.38

23- CREDIT MEMO (S) \$5,896.33

Refunds

BRIMMER, WILLIAM H JR DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0005620	\$79.14
BRIMMER, WILLIAM H JR DID NOT OWN 1/1/2000	2000-0005574	\$70.53
ELLIS, EDWARD B JR CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0015308	\$112.70
ELLIS, EDWARD B JR CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0015307	\$112.70
ELLIS, EDWARD BARNES JR CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0015309	\$112.70

5 – REFUND (S) \$ 487.77

Road Addition Requests

The Planning Department has been requested by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to add the following roads to the state maintenance system and to adopt the following standard SR-2 Road Addition Resolutions. Commissioner Sampson moved to add the following roads to the state maintenance system and to adopt the following SR-2 Road Addition Resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

North Carolina
County of Craven

Road Description Country Springs Rd. – Country Springs PH 2 Sub. Twp 9
Length: 0.1 miles

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven requesting that the above described road, the

location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the system.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on this the 19th day of April, 2004.

North Carolina
County of Craven

Road Description S. Cherie Ct. and N. Cherie Ct. – Country Springs PH 2
Twp 9 9.2 miles

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North Carolina
County of Craven

Road Description Victor Road – Country Springs Phase 2 Sub.
Twp 9 Length: 0.05 miles

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

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North Carolina

County of Craven
Road Description Paula Lane – Country Springs Phase 2 Sub.
Twp 9 Length: 0.1 miles

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North Carolina
County of Craven
Road Description Lariat Cir.-Country Springs Phase 2 Sub.
Twp 9 Length: 0.5 miles

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

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North Carolina
County of Craven
Road Description Hopewell Ct. – Country Springs PH 2 Sub.
Twp 9 Length: 0.05 miles

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Craven that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the

above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on this the 19th day of April, 2004.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, presented a bid for the purchase of a mobile command and operations type vehicle that could be utilized by all of the emergency and rescue entities in an event which would require coordination. He advised the Board that on April 7, 2004 the one bid which was received from Farber Specialty Vehicles was opened. The bid amount was \$182,639 but was negotiated down to the GSA contract price of \$177,985.00. Funds from the Homeland Security Grant, totaling \$281,0000, will be used for this purchase. Mr. Kite requested the Board’s permission to proceed with the purchase of the vehicle for the negotiated price and authorization to enter an agreement with Farber Specialty Vehicles for the negotiated price of \$177,985. Commissioner Allen moved to approve acceptance of the negotiated bid and authorize Mr. Kite to move forward with the purchase of the vehicle. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried.

FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, made a presentation concerning updates to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. He advised the Board that staff is presently updating the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to be in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program requirements and is considering a freeboard provision to better protect structures from flooding. He explained that a freeboard is an additional requirement which reduces the flood risks for citizens by including an additional amount of height added to the Base Flood Elevation to account for uncertainties in determining flood levels. He stated that this creates a margin of safety and usually ranges from six inches to four feet above the Base Flood Elevation. He stated that three quarters of the 853 properties damaged in Hurricane Floyd were outside of the flood map area and this provision would allow for such unexpected results of an event. Two feet is the recommended freeboard elevation by the State of North Carolina. Following his presentation Mr. Baumgardner requested that the Board set a public hearing for May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the existing Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and the updated Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, which would become effective on July 2, 2004 if adopted. Commissioner Sisk moved to set the public hearing, as requested, on May 3rd at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried. Mr. Baumgardner noted that the new freeboard provision would only apply to new construction or repairs to existing structures that are substantially damaged in a flood event. He described substantial damage as being 50% or greater of the value of the structure.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2004-05 SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Department of Transportation District Engineer, Aaron Everett, and Division Engineer, Neil Lassister, presented the 2004-05 Secondary Construction Program and updated the Board on the prior year’s program. The recommended Construction Program is as follows:

Map No.	Priority SR No.	Local Name	Length	From	To	Proposed Imp.	Estimated Cost
*1	6-R(F) 1610 Walker Road	6.50	SR 1611 Cnty Ln	Grade, Drain, Stabilize, Pave			\$723,100.00
2	1224 Dry Monia Road	2.90	NC 55	US 70	Widening & Strengthening		\$648,300.00
				Maintenance Functions-Stabilization, Pipe Replacement, & Paved Rd. Imp.			\$234,900.00
				Retained for Road Additions, Overdrafts, Countywide Surveys & Contingencies			\$265,000.00

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the following resolution accepting the proposed 2004-2005 Secondary Road Construction Road Program, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has submitted to the Craven County Board of Commissioners, the proposed 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Secondary Road Construction Program for Craven County; and

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners is in agreement with the proposed program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Craven County does hereby approve the proposed 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Secondary Road Construction Program for Craven County, as submitted by the Department of Transportation. A copy of the Program, as submitted, is attached and made a part of this Resolution.

Adopted this 19th day of April, 2004.

At 9:45 a.m. the Board was declared in recess and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF USDA SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Ms. Gloria Chance, Program Specialist, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, made a presentation for the purpose of raising the community’s awareness of the Summer Hunger Program. She stated that the Summer Hunger Program is in existence for the purpose of bridging the gap between school years for students who are part of the free lunch program during the school year, and she stressed the importance of good nutrition to sound education. She stated that the program operates with local partners representing private non-profit organizations or local government. The City of New Bern Recreation and Parks Department was recruited for the first time last year and will be continuing. She stated that additional partners in Craven County are being sought.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL FY 2004-2005 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Mike Barnhill, President of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, presented funding recommendations, as follows, and stated that they are based upon last year’s funding levels. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the funding recommendations, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
REBOUND	\$50,000.00
Psychological Services	\$ 8,000.00
Juvenile Restitution Program	\$40,205.00
Area Day Reporting	\$90,000.00
Crisis Respite	\$ 4,500.00
Temp Shelter (Baptist Child Hm)	\$-----
RESOLVE	\$40,000.00
TAU Rights of Passage	\$26,455.00
ASAP	\$-----
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$-----
Teen Court	\$-----
JCPC	\$ 3,350.00

MERCI CLINIC PRESENTATION

Nancy Alexander, Executive Director of Merci Clinic, made a presentation during which she sited statistics and information about the clinic’s services. She stated that Craven

County has 500 new residents who are eligible for the services and that the clinic provided more than 4,800 patient visits last year. She advised the Board of the Pharmacy Assistance Program and the value that it provides. She also advised the Board that National Uninsured Week will be May 10-16 and she will, prior to that time, request a proclamation from the County. The presentation was accepted for information.

REPORT ON MINIMAL TAX BILLS

Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, provided the Board a comparison of revenues that would be affected if the County should chose to raise it's threshold for non-collection of minimal tax bills from \$3.00 to \$4.00 or \$5.00. He advised the Board that, at present, the number of bills not printed, mailed or collected that total \$3.00 or less is 3,291. The amount of waived revenue to the County totals \$6,676.50. A proposed resolution to excuse bills of \$4.00 or less would result in 6,478 tax bills not printed, mailed or collected and \$15,834.53 in waived County revenue. A proposal of a \$5.00 or less threshold would result in 8,500 tax bills not printed, mailed or collected and waived Craven County revenue in the amount of \$22,256.55. Commissioner Allen moved to repeal the current resolution establishing a \$3.00 threshold for non collection of tax revenue and adoption of a resolution establishing the exemption threshold at \$5.00. There was no second. During subsequent discussion, Mr. Antry advised the Board that the total estimated cost of mailing out each tax bill is well over \$3.00 and could be as much as or more than \$5.00. Commissioner Allen restated his motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried in a roll call vote. Commissioner Harper did not voice a vote as he was not present but had not been excused. Therefore, his absence counted as a "yes" vote. Mr. Antry advised the Board that the resolution will also apply to municipalities within Craven County for which the County collects taxes.

SECOND VOTE ON AMBULANCE FRANCHISE

At the April 5, 2004 regular session, the Board voted to approve awarding of an ambulance franchise to Tarheel Ambulance Service. The Chairman called for a second vote to ratify the Board's action of April 5th. Commissioner Allen moved to ratify the action to award the ambulance franchise to Tarheel Ambulance Service, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Workforce Development Board

The Board considered a deferred request to make an appointment to the Workforce Development Board to replace Steve Hicks as a representative of the private sector. Commissioner Sisk nominated Tom Taylor, retired insurance executive. There were no additional nominations and Mr. Taylor was declared appointed by acclamation.

New Bern Electric Service Board

The Board considered a request from the City of New Bern for recommendations for appointment to two vacancies on the New Bern Electric Service Board; one for a representative of Township 6 and one for a representative of Township 7, both of whom must be New Bern electric customers. Commissioner Allen nominated Danny Walsh for Township 6. Commissioner Sampson nominated John Woods for District 7. These recommendations will be forwarded to the City of New Bern for consideration of appointment.

Upcoming Appointments – May

The Board was advised of expiring terms of Norman Kellum and Charles Wethington on the Craven Regional Medical Center Board of Commissioners, Michael Paul on the EMS

Advisory Council, William Laughinghouse as Fire Tax Commissioner, and Francis Walker and Willie Wiggins on the Adult Care Home Advisory Committee.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, requested that the Board go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) for consultation with the attorney on a confidential matter.

At 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Morris moved to go into closed session, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

At 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

The County Attorney reported no action.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, reminded the Board of its joint meeting with the Craven County Board of Education on Thursday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, and a joint meeting with the New Bern Board of Aldermen on Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Harper stated that he did not understand the magnitude of the hunger problem among children in Craven County as reported by Ms. Chance from the USDA.

Commissioner Sampson applauded the USDA program, stating that his belief that it is worthwhile, and that there is a need.

Commissioner Sisk commended and thanked the River Bend and County Fire Departments for their response to a fire in River Bend last week.

Commissioner Staton asked the County Manager to follow up with the Department of Transportation concerning requests for a light at the fire station in the Harlowe district.

Commissioner Morris recommended that other Commissioners visit Teen Court because it is an excellent program and one that should be seen in action. He advised the Board that the state will be setting up a beaver dam demolition demonstration on May 4th and also informed the Board that he has completed his consultation with the rescue squads concerning their budgets.

Commissioner Allen stated that he is still working for public health and expressed appreciation for the Board's support during his years of serving on various state and national health committees.

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, inquired of the Board if there is any concern with the proposed changes in the voting precincts. There were none expressed.

At 12:20 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn to reconvene at 3:00 p.m. on April 22nd, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board