

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, JUNE 21, 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 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 June 7, 2004 regular session and April 22nd and April 28th reconvened sessions, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA*Tax Releases and Refunds*

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

Credits

| TAXPAYER NAME | TICKET # | AMOUNT |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| ALMOST PROFESSIONAL SIGNS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003 | 2003-0091156 | \$32.88 |
| BERKLEY, RICHARD ANDREW II DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003 | 2003-0004014 | \$44.75 |
| COLLINS, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003 | 2003-0010122 | \$45.49 |
| GILLEN, CARL H & MARY N DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #46852 | 2003-0019383 | \$65.95 |
| HARRELL, GREGORY S & DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003 | 2003-0022181 | \$10.53 |
| SIMMONS, PORTIA DIONNE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003 | 2003-0045697 | \$191.88 |
| TYNDALL, KEITH L DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003 | 2003-0051167 | \$13.08 |
| WATSON, ROBERT WAYNE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003 | 2003-0052868 | \$153.25 |

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| WHISNANT, FRANK NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO. 1/1/2003 | 2002-0053689 | \$401.04 |
| WHISNANT, FRANK NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO. 1/1/2003 | 2003-0054078 | \$338.99 |
| WILSON, LEE & BRAMLEY, MARIE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003 | 2003-0055974 | \$101.13 |
| WIZOREK, FRANK NOT A NC RESIDENT-BOAT HERE LESS THAN SIX MONTHS | 2003-0091329 | \$78.15 |
| | 12 – CREDIT MEMO (\$) | \$1,477.12 |

Refunds

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|---|-----------------|----------|
| HALL, BRENDA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003 | 2003-0021231 | \$53.03 |
| HALL, BRENDA DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 | 2002-0021137 | \$55.18 |
| HUMPHREY, DAUNE C DDS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2003 | 2003-0025271 | \$48.21 |
| HUMPHREY, DAUNE C DDS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002 | 2002-0025070 | \$107.95 |
| HUMPHREY, DAUNE C DDS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001 | 2001-0024756 | \$143.57 |
| HUMPHREY, DAUNE C DDS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2000 | 2000-0024572 | \$179.82 |
| HUMPHREY, DAUNE C DDS DID NOT OWN 1/1/1999 | 1999-0023891 | \$224.16 |
| | 7 – REFUND (\$) | \$811.92 |

Budget Amendments

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

HCCBG

| REVENUES | AMOUNT | EXPENDITURES | AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| 101-6504-348-58-00 Health | \$(1,100.00) | 101-6500-440-40-20 Cont Ser Therapist | \$(1,100.00) |
| 101-7295-377-26-00 Congregate | \$(8,608.00) | 101-7295-450-40-50 Cont Emps | \$(6,608.00) |
| 101-7295-377-28-0 Home Delvd | \$2,000.00 | | |
| 101-7221-349-27-00 DSS in Home | \$4,000.00 | 101-7221-450-40-00 Cont Ser | \$4,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$(3,708.00) | TOTAL | \$(3,708.00) |

Justification: Decrease in HCCBG funding throughout programs.

Pass Through

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|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 101-0564-348-60-00 | \$1,746.00 | 101-0564-450-91-06 | \$1,746.00 |
| Tau Rites of Passage | | Tau Rites of Passage | |
| 101-0564-348-50-00 | \$1,700.00 | 101-0564-450-91-04 | \$1,700.00 |
| Resolve | | Resolve | |
| TOTAL | \$3,446.00 | TOTAL | \$3,446.00 |

Justification: Budget additional CBA State Discretionary Funds for Tau Rites of Passage (\$1,746) and Resolve (1,700).

Pass Through

| JOURNAL ENTRY DEBIT | AMOUNT | CREDIT | AMOUNT |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| 101-0564-348-10-00 | \$3,652.00 | 101-0564-450-91-01 | \$3,652.00 |
| Comm for Children | | Comm for Children | |
| 101-0564-450-91-06 | \$1,732.00 | 101-0564-348-60-00 | \$1,732.00 |
| Tau Rites of Passage | | Tau Rites of Passage | |
| 101-0564-450-91-04 | \$1,920.00 | 101-0564-348-50-00 | \$1,920.00 |
| Resolve | | Resolve | |

Transfer revenue and expense from Comm for Children to Tau Rites of Passage and Resolve. Comm for children will write checks to Tau and Resolve as they have already received the pass through funding.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

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| 101-0564-348-10-00 | \$(3,713.00) | 101-0564-450-91-01 | \$(3,713.00) |
| Comm for Children | | Comm for Children | |
| 101-0564-348-60-00 | \$1,732.00 | 101-0564-450-91-06 | \$1,732.00 |
| Tau Rites of Passage | | Tau Rites of Passage | |
| 101-0564-348-50-00 | \$1,920.00 | 101-0564-450-91-04 | \$1,920.00 |
| TOTAL | \$(61.00) | TOTAL | \$(61.00) |

Justification: CBA Committee for Children will not be expending their full allocation. These funds are being absorbed by CBA Tau Rites of Passage (\$1,732) and CBA Resolve (\$1,920), and \$61.00 will revert to the State.

Inspections

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|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 101-2401-355-09-00 | \$600.00 | 101-2401-410-45-04 | \$540.00 |
| Homeowners Recovery | | Homeowners Recovery | |
| 101-00-399-01-0 | \$(60.00) | | |
| TOTAL | \$540.00 | TOTAL | \$540.00 |

Justification: Revenue is exceeding amount originally budgeted and funds are needed to pay the state their 90%.

Rescue

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|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------|
| 101-2825-357-53-00 | \$3,000.00 | 101-2825-410-33-10 | \$1,350.00 |
| NB Craven | | 45% Reimbursement | |
| 101-2828-357-49-00 | \$5,000.00 | 101-2828-410-33-10 | \$2,250.00 |
| Bridgeton | | 45% Reimbursement | |
| 101-*2831-357-53-00 | \$1,000.00 | 101-2831-410-33-10 | \$450.00 |
| #7 Township | | 45% Reimbursement | |
| 101-0000-399-01-00 | \$(4,950.00) | | |

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|-------|------------|-------|------------|
| TOTAL | \$4,050.00 | TOTAL | \$4,050.00 |
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Justification: Budget projected revenue for squads with 45% being paid to squads through June 30, 2004. Difference in amount paid and received is a credit to fund balance in the amount of \$4,950.

Solid Waste/Conv. Ctrs.

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|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 101-3201-357-82-00 | \$50,000.00 | 101-3201-420-40-60 | \$48,000.00 |
| Sticker Sales | | Sticker Turn In | |
| 101-3201-305-00-00 | \$6,000.00 | 101-3201-420-40-61 | \$3,000.00 |
| Recycling | | Retail Commission | |
| | | 101-3235-420-40-68 | \$5,000.00 |
| | | Landfill Maint. | |
| TOTAL | \$56,000.00 | TOTAL | \$56,000.00 |

Justification: Budget anticipated sticker and recycling fees to cover the cost of payment to garbage haulers, landfill maintenance and retail vendors.

Health/Foundation-6506

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|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 101-6506-336-25-00 | \$3,000.00 | 101-6506-440-96-52 | \$3,000.00 |
| Donations Foundation | | Special Appropriation | |
| TOTAL | \$3,000.00 | TOTAL | \$3,000.00 |

Justification: Increase to cover anticipated donations through year end. Revenues are anticipated to exceed amount budgeted.

Mental Health

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| 101-6800-347-12-00 | \$1,500.00 | 101-6800-440-94-42 | \$1,500.00 |
| ABC 5 Cent Bottles | | Neuse Center | |
| TOTAL | \$1,500.00 | TOTAL | \$1,500.00 |

Justification: Budget additional revenue being received from ABC 5 cent bottles to be paid to Neuse Center for Alcoholism prevention.

DSS 7291 Mand

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|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 101-7291-349-16-00 | \$10,000.00 | 101-7291-450-39-17 | \$10,000.00 |
| Smart Start | | Day Care Smart Start | |
| TOTAL | \$10,000.00 | TOTAL | \$10,000.00 |

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

7295 Senior Program

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|----------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 101-7295-369-06-00 | \$392.00 | 101-7295-450-39-31 | \$392.00 |
| East Car Council Fan | | Crisis | |
| Total | \$392.00 | TOTAL | \$392.00 |

Justification: Funds received from Eastern Carolina Council for Project Fan/Heat Relief program. There is no match.

Convention Center

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|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 101-8201-357-70-00 | \$18,000.00 | 101-8201-430-40-00 | \$7,000.00 |
| Catering Commission | | Contractual Services | |
| 101-8201-357-79-00 | \$3,000.00 | 101-8201-430-40-50 | \$3,000.00 |
| AV Rent | | Temporary Employees | |
| 101-8201-357-74011 | \$3,000.00 | 101-8201-430-10-04 | \$1,000.00 |
| Coffee Break | | P/T Salaries | |
| 101-8201-357-84-00 | \$1,000.00 | 101-8201-430-23-00 | \$9,000.00 |
| Event Personnel | | Utilities | |
| | | 101-8201-430-32-40 | \$1,000.00 |
| | | Other supplies | |
| | | 101-8201-430-32-11 | \$2,000.00 |
| | | Laundry/Dry Cleaning | |
| | | 101-8201-430-32-23 | \$2,000.00 |
| | | Coffee Break/Vending | |
| TOTAL | \$25,000.00 | TOTAL | \$25,000.00 |

Justification: Increased business, increased revenue and operational expenditures for FY-2004.

Elections

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 101-0602-348-00-00 | \$5,800.00 | 101-0602-400-32-40 | \$5,800.00 |
| Accessible Polling | | Other Supplies | |
| TOTAL | \$5,800.00 | TOTAL | \$5,800.00 |

Justification: Budget a portion of the State grant for signs etc that can be completed before June 30, 2004. The balance to cover permanent accessibility improvements to the precincts in FY 2005 (\$4,690).

Creekside Park Phase II

JOURNAL ENTRY DEBIT

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 363-8001-460-97-01 | \$41,938.25 |
| Trans Genl Fd 101 | |
| 363-8050-460-97-01 | \$19,290.76 |
| Trans Genl Fd 101 | |
| 101-0000-101-00-00 | \$61,229.01 |
| Cash | |

JOURNAL ENTRY CREDIT

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|--------------------|-------------|
| 363-0000-101-00-00 | \$61,229.01 |
| Cash | |
| 101-8012-366-50-00 | \$41,938.25 |
| From Fd 363 | |
| 101-8050-366-50-0 | \$19,290.76 |
| From Fd 363 | |

Close out Fd 363 and transfer to General
Will budget in FY 2005

BUDGET AMENDMENT

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|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 363-8001-329-00-00 | \$126.00 | 363-8001-460-76-01 | \$(41,813.00) |
| Interest | | Construction | |
| 363-8050-366-01-00 | \$15.00 | 363-8050-460-40-00 | \$252.00 |
| Trans in Donations | | Cont Ser Soceer | |
| 363-8050-336-02-00 | \$(14,977.00) | 363-8012-460-97-01 | \$41,939.00 |
| Donations | | To General Fd | |
| | | 363-8050-460-97-01 | \$19,291.00 |
| | | Trans Genl Fd 101 | |
| | | 363-8050-460-73-02 | \$(34,505.00) |
| | | Other Imp | |

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|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| TOTAL | \$(14,836.00) | TOTAL | \$(14,836.00) |
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Justification: Close out Creekside Park Fd 363. Funds being transferred to General Fd and will be rebudgeted for FY 2005 in Recreation budget.

CDBG Demolition Contract Awards

A bid opening for the demolition of seven dilapidated dwellings in the ongoing CDBG project was held on June 14, 2004. Bids were received by three regional contractors; Everette George, Warren Bros. and Carolina Salvage. Contract award recommendation for the contractor submitting the lowest responsible lump sum bid was as follows:

| <u>Units</u> | <u>Lowest Lump Sum Bid</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1317 Tuscarora Rhems Road, New Bern | Everette George |
| 1122 Biddle St., New Bern | \$16,770 |
| 300 Sand Hill Road, New Bern | |
| 1645 Streets Ferry Road, Havelock | |
| 1685 Temples Point Road, Havelock | |
| 1628-A Adams Creek Road, Havelock | |
| 200 George Road, Havelock | |

Commissioner Sisk moved to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Everett George, in the amount of \$16,770, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Personnel Resolution Amendments

Human Resources Director, Ray Moser, submitted Amendments to the Craven County Personnel Resolution as follows:

“Article XI. Employees Benefits, Section J. Health Care Coverage for Retirees”

In accordance with the 2004/2005 fiscal year budget, Craven County will provide the following specified amounts for medical insurance premiums for the benefit of the retiree, based on the retiree’s years of service with the Retirement System.

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 30 years of service | \$315.00 per month |
| 29 years of service | \$300.00 per month |
| 28 years of service | \$284.00 per month |
| 27 years of service | \$268.00 per month |
| 26 years of service | \$252.00 per month |
| 25 years of service | \$236.00 per month |
| 24 years of service | \$221.00 per month |
| 23 years of service | \$205.00 per month |
| 22 years of service | \$189.00 per month |
| 21 years of service | \$173.00 per month |
| 20 years of service | \$158.00 per month |

Amended this 21st day of June, 2004, with an effective date of July 1, 2004.

“Article X. Conditions of Employment, Section W. Family and Medical Leave.”

(a) Eligible Employees

- (2) For the employee to care for a child placed with the employee for adoption, or foster care, or under a legal-guardianship arrangement, provided the leave is taken with a twelve-month period following adoption or placement

Temporary Employees. This policy is not intended to cover, and does not cover, temporary employees since the maximum length of a temporary appointment is one (1) year; however, if, by exception, a temporary employee is extended beyond one (1) year, the employee would be

covered if he or she had worked at least 1,250 hours during the past twelve (12)-month period. Any leave granted to a temporary employee would be without pay.

(b) Definitions

- (1) **Parent** – a biological or adoptive parent or an individual who stands or stood *in loco parentis* (a person who is in the position or place of a parent) – to an employee when the employee was a child or incapable of self care. This definition does not include mother-in-law or father-in-law of the employee
- (3) **Serious Health Condition** – an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either in-patient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility, or that involves continuing treatment by a health care provider. This does not normally include short-term conditions, minor illnesses, or surgical procedures which do not result in complications, do not require hospitalization, and do not require an extended recovery period.

(c) Leave Provisions

The leave will be unpaid leave, except that the employee shall be required to first apply to the twelve (12)-workweek leave period that following leave benefits:

(f) Intermittent Leave or Reduced Work Schedule

Under certain circumstances and to the extent it is practical and feasible, an employee may take FMLA leave on an intermittent leave or reduced work schedule as follows:

- (1) **Family Non-Medical Leave under FMLA:** Use of intermittent leave or reduced work schedule is limited to and must be taken within the twelve (12) months immediately following birth, adoption, or placement of a child. (Ex: Foster placement; adoption, adoption/foster placement counseling sessions) Leave under this section may be subject to the County's discretion.
- (2) **Medical Leave under FMLA:** Any such leave requested must be medically necessary. If such leave is foreseeable, based on planned medical treatment, the County may require the employee to transfer temporarily to an available alternative position for which the employee is qualified and which has equivalent pay and benefits and better accommodates recurring periods of leave.

(g) Employee/Employer Responsibility

The employee shall be deemed to have applied for leave under this policy when:

- (1) The employee is on approved leave but has not given written notice of the intent to take family or medical leave to the supervisor; and

EMPLOYER

- (a) **Notification of FMLA Provisions:** In addition to posting the FMLA provisions, the County must include the FMLA provisions in all written publications regarding employee rights, such as handbooks, etc. In addition, each time an employee provides notice of the need for FMLA leave, the County shall provide the employee with written notice detailing the specific expectations and obligations of the employee and explaining any consequences of a failure to meet these obligations.

FMLA because of a serious health condition of the employee or the employee's child, spouse, or parent be support by a doctor's certification which includes at least the following information:

- (4) For purposes of the employee's own serious health condition, that the employee is unable to perform one or more of the essential functions for the position;

- (8) In the case of certification for intermittent or reduced leave for the serious health condition of family members, a statement that this type of leave is needed for the case of the family member or will assist in the family member’s recovery and the expected duration and schedule of the intermittent or reduced schedule leave.
- (5) **Health Benefits** – The County may recover the premiums paid by the County for health care benefits if the employee fails to return to work at the end of the FMLA leave unless the employee fails to return to work because of continuation, recurrence or onset of the employee’s own serious health condition or other circumstances beyond the employee’s control.

Tax Appeal

The Board received a request from Frederick Hollembaek for relief from a vehicle tax bill. Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, advised that the Board does not have the authority to release the tax pursuant to NCGS 105-380, and recommended that the relief be denied. Commissioner Sisk moved to adopt Mr. Antry’s recommendation to deny Mr. Hollembaek’s appeal, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE

Social Services Director, Donn Gunderson, distributed an information sheet for the meals program for senior citizens indicating that as of September 2003 there were a total of 3,183 meals served at all sites, including congregate meals and Meals on Wheels. As of May 2004, 2,851 are being served, reflecting a reduction by 332 meals. He stated that the reasons for the reduction are elimination of duplication and attrition. Currently ten eligible recipients are on the waiting list, mostly due to their living in areas lacking sufficient requests to establish routes. He introduced the new coordinator for the program, Sue Harper, who is from Lenoir County where she directed the meals program. He advised the Board that volunteer training is scheduled for July and that there would be more outreach for volunteer recruitment.

Mr. Gunderson presented bids for the meals program from Golden Corral at \$5.08 per meal plus \$.33 tax and from Croatan Village at \$2.92 per meal plus \$.20 tax. He requested that the Board approve awarding the bid to Croatan Village. Commissioner Harper moved to award the bid as requested to Croatan Village for \$2.92 per meal plus \$.20 tax, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Sheriff Jerry Monette appeared before the Board to request an additional \$75,000 for the inmate medical cost line in his budget, emphasizing to the Board that these are costs that are very unpredictable. Commissioner Sampson moved to appropriate the \$75,000 from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried in a roll call vote. The Sheriff also requested an additional \$25,000 in the gasoline line item due to higher gasoline prices. He stated that in preparing the budget each year he attempts to give some consideration to fluctuating prices and had, in fact, requested \$168,000 in the current year’s budget; however, the line item was funded at \$130,000. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the request and allocate \$25,000 from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Sheriff

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| 101-0000-399-01-00 | \$25,000.00 | 101-2001-410-31-01 | \$25,000.00 |
| Fund Balance | | Vehicle Exp | |
| TOTAL | \$25,000.00 | TOTAL | \$25,000.00 |

Justification: Gas expense through June 30, 2004.

Sheriff – Jail

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|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 101-0000-399-01-00 | \$75,000.00 | 101-2008-410-32-08 | \$75,000.00 |
| Fund Balance | | Medical | |
| TOTAL | \$75,000.00 | TOTAL | \$75,000.00 |

Justification: Medical expenses have far exceeded the amount budgeted.

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| July 1, 2003 | \$165,000 |
| March 2004 | \$30,000 (transfer in from other line items) |
| May 2004 | \$140,000 from fund balance |
| Current Bud | \$235,000 (already overspent \$17,600 with known bills of \$17,000) |

Commissioner Harper expressed citizens’ concerns about moonlighting on the part of Sheriff’s Department personnel, utilizing the County vehicles and additional gasoline. The Sheriff responded that when citizens observe things that they consider questionable, they should call him immediately. He confirmed that he has authorized the use of Sheriff Department personnel and equipment to provide security at the airport and the community college.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2004-2005 CRAVEN COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented the budget ordinance, as follows, for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the budget, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sisk. Commissioner Allen commented during discussion that he agreed with 99.5% of the budget. Commissioner Harper reflected the same sentiment and stated that he would vote against the budget because, in his opinion, there were too many appropriations to non-profit organizations not showing accountability. Commissioner Morris commented that a new non-profit in Havelock had been included in the budget which he did not support and that the City of Havelock did not give monetary support. Commissioner Allen stated that Havelock had given the use of the building housing the program for \$1 per year. In a roll call vote the budget ordinance was adopted with six (6) “Ayes”, there being one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Harper.

SECTION I

The following amounts are appropriated for expenditure in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

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| Commissioners | \$ 423,554 |
| Special Appropriations | \$ 402,380 |
| Administration | \$ 514,416 |
| Personnel | \$ 403,985 |
| Information Technology | \$ 767,249 |
| Finance | \$ 646,514 |
| Non Departmental | \$ 459,000 |
| Pass Through | \$ 235,305 |
| Contributions to Other Funds | \$ 1,720,000 |
| Elections | \$ 237,691 |
| Tax Assessor | \$ 884,405 |
| Tax Collector | \$ 413,440 |
| Register of Deeds | \$ 830,979 |
| Public Buildings | \$ 723,031 |
| Housekeeping | \$ 199,149 |
| Court Facilities | \$ 580,578 |
| Maintenance | \$ 311,788 |
| Central Maintenance Garage | \$ 262,200 |
| Sheriff | \$ 4,025,444 |
| Jail | \$ 2,204,093 |

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| Communications | \$ | 397,358 |
| CJPP | \$ | 99,370 |
| Fire Marshall/ Emergency Management | \$ | 219,026 |
| Inspections | \$ | 297,518 |
| E 911 County/Wireless | \$ | 63,480 |
| Medical Examiner | \$ | 63,000 |
| Rescue Squads | \$ | 1,136,675 |
| Solid Waste | \$ | 3,663,583 |
| Planning | \$ | 456,883 |

SECTION I (continued)

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| Soil Conservation | \$ | 129,123 |
| Cooperative Extension | \$ | 297,528 |
| Economic Development | \$ | 349,481 |
| Health | \$ | 10,750,635 |
| Mental Health | \$ | 269,827 |
| Transportation – CARTS | \$ | 897,204 |
| Elderly Handicap | \$ | 61,755 |
| General Public Transportation | \$ | 86,165 |
| Veterans Services | \$ | 111,233 |
| Social Services | \$ | 19,497,105 |
| Recreation | \$ | 603,239 |
| Libraries | \$ | 1,057,323 |
| Convention Center | \$ | 1,747,250 |
| Craven County Schools | | |
| Current Expense | \$ | 13,926,716 |
| Capital Outlay | \$ | 700,000 |
| Payment in Lieu of Taxes | \$ | 60,000 |
| Transfer to School Debt Service Fund | \$ | 3,100,000 |
| Craven Community College | | |
| Current Expense | \$ | 2,629,183 |
| Capital Outlay | \$ | 75,000 |
| Debt Service Principal | \$ | 50,000 |
| Debt Service Interest | \$ | 76,850 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 79,117,711 |

SECTION II

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

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| Current Year's Property Taxes | \$ | 27,438,342 |
| Prior Year's Property Taxes | | 425,000 |
| Vehicle Property Taxes | | 3,807,104 |
| Prior Year's Vehicle Property Taxes | | 340,000 |
| Late Listing Penalty | | 100,000 |
| Annual Fee (Solid Waste/Recycling) | | 1,198,052 |
| In Lieu of Taxes | | 161,000 |
| Penalty and Interest | | 244,620 |

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| Franchise Fees - (Cable T.V.) | 135,000 |
| Interest - Investments | 250,660 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 111,814 |
| Beer & Wine State | 155,000 |
| Donations/Contributions | 103,940 |
| One Cent Sales Tax | 6,050,000 |
| One Half Cent Sales Tax – Article 40 | 3,450,000 |

SECTION II (Continued)

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| One Half Cent Sales Tax – Article 42 | 3,450,000 |
| One Half Cent Sales Tax –Article 44 | 2,900,000 |
| Alcoholic Beverage Control | 270,000 |
| State Grants | 1,325,047 |
| State Revenue | 11,645,116 |
| Court Fees | 308,000 |
| Sheriff Fees | 65,000 |
| First Party Payment for Services | 123,514 |
| Third Party Payment for Services | 224,259 |
| Fees for Services | 4,773,144 |
| Transfers In From Other Funds | 2,554,942 |
| Inter-Departmental | 331,810 |
| Inter-Governmental | 759,342 |
| Medicaid | 1,960,207 |
| Medicare | 1,555,226 |
| Medicaid Maximization | 301,412 |
| Federal Revenue | 260,195 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | 1,512,962 |
| County Health Appropriations | 827,003 |
| Total | \$79,117,711 |

SECTION III

The following amount is appropriated to the Seized Property – Sheriff’s Department Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

Expense:

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| Miscellaneous | \$115,000 |
| Total | \$115,000 |

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Seized Property – Sheriff’s Department Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Fund Balance Appropriated | \$ 95,000 |
| Substance Abuse Tax – State | \$ 20,000 |
| Total | \$115,000 |

SECTION IV

The following amount is appropriated for the Enhanced 911 Project for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Enhanced 911 Operating Expenses | \$ 371,286 |
| Total | \$ 371,286 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Enhanced 911 Project during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Interest | \$ 1,000 |
| Telephone Subscriber Charges | 265,000 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | 105,286 |
| Total | \$ 371,286 |

SECTION V

The following amounts are appropriated for the Rhems Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Workers Compensation | \$ 2,500 |
|----------------------|----------|

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Insurance | 1,000 |
| Payment to District | 157,320 |
| Total | \$160,820 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Rhems Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | \$107,439 |
| (Rate of .0375; Valuation of \$ 295,000,000.00) | |
| Sales Tax | 53,381 |
| Total | \$160,82 |

SECTION VI

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 1 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Workers Compensation | \$ 3,900 |
| Insurance | 1,000 |
| Payment to District | 153,021 |
| Payment to Little Swift Creek Fire Department | 5,589 |
| Capital Outlay – Reserve | 2,212 |
| Total | \$ 165,722 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 1 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--|------------------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | 110,950 |
| (Rate of .0238; Valuation of \$480,000,000.00) | |
| Sales Tax | 54,772 |
| Total | \$165,722 |

SECTION VII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Tri-Community Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Workers Compensation | \$ 4,950 |
| Insurance | 1,000 |
| Payment to District | 189,081 |
| Payment from Sandy Point | 11,719 |
| Capital Reserve | 1,592 |
| Total | \$ 208,342 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Tri-Community Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--|------------------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | \$ 132,569 |
| (Rate of .0350; Valuation of \$390,000,000.00) | |
| Sales Tax | 64,054 |
| Sandy Point Appropriation | 11,719 |
| Total | \$208,342 |

SECTION VIII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Little Swift Creek Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Workers Compensation | \$ 3,000 |
| Insurance | 1,000 |
| Payment to District | 94,563 |
| From Twp #1 Vanceboro | 5,589 |
| Total | \$ 104,152 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Little Swift Creek Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | \$ 66,469 |
| (Rate of .0590; Valuation of \$116,000,000.00) | |
| Sales Tax | 32,094 |
| From Township #1 Vanceboro | 5,589 |

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Total | \$ 104,152 |
|--------------|-------------------|

SECTION IX

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 3 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Workers Compensation - Cove City | \$ 2,500 |
| Insurance - Cove City | 800 |
| Payment to Cove City | 48,859 |
| Cove City Payment from Township #9 | 3,000 |
| Payment to Dover | 38,615 |
| Workers Compensation - Fort Barnwell | 2,200 |
| Insurance - Fort Barnwell | 800 |
| Payment to Fort Barnwell | 52,227 |
| Payment to Fort Barnwell for grant match | 20,000 |
| Total | \$ 169,001 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 3 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | \$ 97,885 |
| (Rate of .0681; Valuation of \$148,000,000.00) | |
| Sales Tax | 48,116 |
| Payment from Township #9 to Cove City | 3,000 |
| Transfer from General Fund for grant match | 20,000 |
| Total | \$ 169,001 |

SECTION X

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 5 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Workers Compensation | \$ 2,200 |
| Insurance | 1,000 |
| Payment to District | 167,792 |

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Total | \$ 170,992 |
|--------------|-------------------|

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 5 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | \$ 115,145 |
|---------------------------|------------|

(Rate of .0570; Valuation of \$208,000,000.00)

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|-----------|--------|
| Sales Tax | 55,847 |
|-----------|--------|

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Total | \$ 170,992 |
|--------------|-------------------|

SECTION XI

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 6 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 20045

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Workers Compensation | \$ 2,100 |
|----------------------|----------|

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| Insurance | 1,000 |
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|---------------------|---------|
| Payment to District | 191,319 |
|---------------------|---------|

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|--------------|------------------|
| Total | \$194,419 |
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It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 6 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | \$ 141,601 |
|---------------------------|------------|

(Rate of .0675; Valuation of \$216,000,000.00)

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|-----------|--------|
| Sales Tax | 47,818 |
|-----------|--------|

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| Fund Balance Appropriated | 5,000 |
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| Total | \$194,419 |
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SECTION XII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 7 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Workers Compensation | \$ 2,800 |
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|-----------|-------|
| Insurance | 1,000 |
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|---------------------|---------|
| Payment to District | 262,960 |
|---------------------|---------|

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Total | \$ 266,760 |
|--------------|-------------------|

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 7 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | \$ 179,623 |
|---------------------------|------------|

(Rate of .027; Valuation of \$685,000,000.00)

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| Sales Tax | 87,137 |
|-----------|--------|

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Total | \$ 266,760 |
|--------------|-------------------|

SECTION XIII

The following amounts are appropriated for the West of New Bern Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Workers Compensation | \$ 2,500 |
|----------------------|----------|

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|-----------|-------|
| Insurance | 1,000 |
|-----------|-------|

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|---------------------|---------|
| Payment to District | 267,233 |
|---------------------|---------|

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Total | \$ 270,733 |
|--------------|-------------------|

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the West of New Bern Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | \$ 175,748 |
|---------------------------|------------|

(Rate of .0312; Valuation of \$580,000,000.00)

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|-----------|--------|
| Sales Tax | 87,485 |
|-----------|--------|

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Fund Balance Appropriated | 7,500 |
|---------------------------|-------|

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Total | \$ 270,733 |
|--------------|-------------------|

SECTION XIV

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 9 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Workers Compensation | \$ 3,300 |
|----------------------|----------|

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|-----------|-------|
| Insurance | 1,000 |
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|---------------------|---------|
| Payment to District | 153,750 |
|---------------------|---------|

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|----------------------|-------|
| Payment to Cove City | 3,000 |
|----------------------|-------|

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Capital Outlay – Reserve | 91 |
| Total | \$ 161,141 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 9 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | \$ 108,025 |
| (Rate of .0713; Valuation of \$156,000,000.00) | |
| Sales Tax | 53,116 |
| Total | \$ 161,141 |

SECTION XV

The following amounts are appropriated for the Sandy Point Service District for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Transfer to Tri Community | 11,719 |
| Total | \$ 11,719 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Sandy Point Service District during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--|------------------|
| District Ad Valorem Taxes | 7,820 |
| (Rate of .05670; Valuation of \$14,200,000.00) | |
| Sales Tax | 3,899 |
| Total | \$ 11,719 |

SECTION XVI

The following amount is appropriated for the Schools Debt Service for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Debt Service Expenses | \$4,398,950 |
| Total | \$4,398,950 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Schools Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Interest | \$ 25,000 |
|----------|-----------|

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|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | Sales Tax | 3,100,000 |
| State ADM | | 672,000 |
| Fund Balance Appropriated | | 601,950 |
| Total | | \$ 4,398,950 |

SECTION XVII

The following amount is appropriated for the Craven County Water Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Water Operations Expense | \$ 3,058,500 |
| Total | \$ 3,058,500 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Craven County Water Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Penalty and Interest | \$ 117,500 |
| Interest on Investments | 40,000 |
| Fees | 201,000 |
| Water Sales | 2,700,000 |
| Total | \$ 3,058,500 |

Any rates not listed remain unchanged from prior year.

SECTION XVIII

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Neuse River Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Debt Service | \$ 60,518 |
| Total | \$ 60,518 |

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Neuse River Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Transfers in from Water Operating Fund | \$ 60,518 |
| Total | \$ 60,518 |

SECTION XIX

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Number Six Township Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Debt Service | \$ 101,073 |
| Total | \$ 101,073 |

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Number Six Township Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Transfers in from Water Operating Fund | \$ 101,073 |
| Total | \$ 101,073 |

SECTION XX

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Debt Service | \$ 404,931 |
| Total | \$ 404,931 |

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Transfers in From Water Operating Fund | \$ 404,931 |
| Total | \$ 404,931 |

SECTION XXI

The following amount is appropriated to the Health Benefits Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Health Benefits | \$ 2,683,180 |
| Workers Compensation | \$ 230,000 |
| Auto Physical Damage | \$ 50,000 |
| Total | \$ 2,963,180 |

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Health Benefits Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

Health Benefits:

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Interest | \$ 10,000 |
| Employer Contribution – Health | 2,207,520 |
| Employee Contribution - Health | 166,200 |
| Employer Contribution - Dental | 205,920 |
| Employee Contribution - Dental | 93,540 |
| Workers Compensation Fees | 230,000 |
| Regular vehicle Expense | 50,000 |
| Total | \$ 2,963,180 |

The above revenues reflect the following rates, which are changed for Health Coverage:

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Health – Employee | \$ 315 |
| Child Only | 175 |
| Family | 424 |
| Dental – Employee | 30 |
| Child Only | 35 |
| Family | 45 |

SECTION XXII

The following amount is appropriated to the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Juvenile Restitution Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Juvenile Restitution Expense | \$ 40,205 |
| Total | \$ 40,205 |

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Juvenile Restitution Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| CBA - Juvenile Restitution | \$ 40,205 |
| Total | \$ 40,205 |

SECTION XXIII

The following amount is appropriated for the Occupancy Tax Trust Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Administrative Expenses | \$ 500 |
| Debt Services | 790,182 |

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| City of Havelock | 97,000 |
| Total | \$ 887,682 |

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Occupancy Tax Trust Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

Revenue:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Tourism Development Authority Occupancy Tax | \$ 886,682 |
| Interest | 1,000 |
| Total | \$ 887,682 |

SECTION XXIV

There is levied a tax rate of \$.56 per \$100.00 valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2004, for the purpose of raising revenues listed as current year's property tax in Section II of this Ordinance.

The rate of tax is based on an estimated valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$5,745,000,000.00 and an estimated collection rate of 97.12%.

SECTION XXV

The Budget Officer is authorized to make line item transfers within each department.

The Budget Officer is authorized to transfer between departments within the same fund amounts not to exceed \$10,000.00.

The Budget Officer is authorized to loan dollars between funds for the purpose of maintaining a constant cash flow, provided that such funds are repaid in the scope of this Fiscal Year.

The Budget Officer is authorized to freeze any new/vacant positions until such time as the necessity and imperativeness can be ascertained and assuredness of available fiscal funding can be better determined.

The Budget Officer is further authorized to decide the time any capital improvements or capital outlay items in the budget may be processed.

SECTION XXVI

Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out the duties of that office.

This Ordinance is hereby adopted this 21st day of June, 2004.

APPOINTMENTS

Recreation Advisory Committee

The expiring terms of Si Seymour, Hillman George, Mary Ann Dunn and Dave Peele were considered. Commissioner Staton nominated Mr. Seymour and Mr. George, as recommended by the Recreation Director for reappointment, and moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Sampson, with Mr. Seymour and Mr. George being reappointed by acclamation. Commissioner Allen nominated Cathy Doty to replace Mary Ann Dunn as an at-large member and Terry Giles to replace Dave Peele to represent Township Six. Commissioner Staton nominated Virginia Gaddy as an at-large member to replace Mary Ann Dunn. Commissioner Sisk moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. In a roll call vote, Ms. Doty received three (3) votes as an at-large member from Commissioners Allen, Harper and Sisk, with Ms. Gaddy receiving four (4) votes as an at-large member from Commissioners Brown, Morris, Sampson and Staton. Mr. Giles was appointed to replace Dave Peele by acclamation.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Commissioner Staton moved that the list of recommendations for reappointment coming from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council be approved as follows: Delzora Clark representing substance abuse professional, Pete Monte, member of the business community, Sandra Phelps, United Way and Jan Parker, Recreation & Parks. Commissioner Samspon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commissioner Staton moved to adopt the list of recommendations for new appointments of Cindy Carrol to replace Clint Rowe as Juvenile Defense Attorney or designee, Alvin Burney to replace Dr. Sidney Barnwell as an at-large member, Terra Erke and Tom Muesch as West Craven High School representatives. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the recommendation that Cheryl Spencer be appointed to replace Jerry Waddell as the Chief District Court Judge, Krista Wilkes appointed to replace Erin George as an at-large member and Kris Kastner to replace Chris Aycock to represent mental health. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Upcoming Appointments – July

The Board was advised that the terms of John Price and James Creech on the Airport Authority, the term of Joe Graser on the COG/SDA Consortium and the term of Carl Melvin on the Havelock Board of Adjustment are due to expire during the month of July.

REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION

The Chairman presented the following resolution requesting modification of the North Carolina Division of Water Quality Neuse River Buffer Rules for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Staton requested the County Attorney's opinion concerning the resolution and the Attorney deferred to Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, to comment. Mr. Baumgardner provided background concerning the rules and their impact on development in the coastal areas. Commissioner Morris moved to adopt the resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and carried by six (6) "Ayes", there being one (1) "Nay" from Commissioner Harper.

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST A MODIFICATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY NEUSE RIVER BUFFER RULES

WHEREAS, the Neuse River Buffer Rules which became permanent on August 1, 2000, did not adequately recognize the hardship inflicted by the rules on waterfront and marsh front properties that were platted prior to the adoption of the rules, and;

WHEREAS, during the time these rules have been in place, a significant number of previously platted lots have become severely impacted and, in some cases, unable to be built upon without going through a lengthy variance process, and;

WHEREAS, this process can be both time consuming and costly for the property owner, who is seeking to make improvements or to sell their property, and;

WHEREAS, even if a variance is obtained it may expire prior to the commencement date of actual construction by the same or any subsequent owner of the property, and;

WHEREAS, a subsequent property owner may not be able to obtain any modifications to a variance granted to a prior property owner, and;

WHEREAS, a Zone II exemption will be exactly the same as allowed under the Buffer Rules currently in place for the Catawba River;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Craven County Commissioners hereby request that the Division of Water Quality modify the Neuse River Buffer Rules so that all properties in recorded subdivision plans whether undeveloped or previously built upon and any approved preliminary subdivision plans that were approved prior to August 1, 2000, shall be exempted from the Zone II requirements of the rules.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2004.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Harper commented on the proposed name change of the Global Transpark Commission, stating that he did not understand how the name change would benefit the people. He stated that he would advocate reclaiming the monies that the County invested in the Global Transpark Commission and put it in to the direct control of the County either through the Economic Development Commission or County Administration.

Commissioner Sampson commented that churches will need to take a greater role in the community in caring for children's needs.

Commissioner Sisk congratulated the Havelock Devil Dog's T-Ball team for their opportunity to play at the White House and congratulated Sandy Richardson for the recent Rising Star award received by the Craven County Convention and Visitors Center. She reminded the Board of the invitation to attend the July 4th festivities in River Bend being held on July 5th.

Commissioner Morris urged extreme caution on the roads during the summer months when many people are traveling.

Commissioner Brown commented on the accountability of non-profit organizations funded by the County, stating that they are required to submit explanations of their proposed expenditures along with their budget request.

At 9:36 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Samspon.

Commissioner Allen asked that the Board allow Anthony Michalek to address the Board and he was allowed to do so. Mr. Michalek spoke concerning the penal system.

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

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