

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2004. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.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

\* Joined the meeting late

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sisk and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sampson moved to approve minutes of July 6, 2004 regular session and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> reconvened sessions, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Subdivisions for Approval*

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivisions for the Board's approval. Commissioner Morris moved for their approval, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

William G. and Leigh O. Nobles Div. – Final: The property, owned by William and Leigh Nobels and surveyed by Matthews surveying, is located within Township 3 off of SR 1235 (Hobbs Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 2.5 acres of land. The lot is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

Pamela Denise Davis Giblin Div. – Final: The property, owned by Henry Carton Davis and surveyed by Matthews surveying, is located in Township 9 off of NC Hwy 55 W. The subdivision contains 2 lots on 1.49 acres of land. The lots are proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

River Place, Section 3 – Final: The property, owned by Barakh Properties, LLC and surveyed by Spruill and Associates, is located in Township 9 off of SR 1424 (Pate Road). The subdivision contains 4 lots on 3.597 acres of land. The lots are proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

*Request for Public Hearing on Hazard Mitigation Plan*

The Planning Department requested to set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. to receive comments regarding the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan

(HMP). Local governments in North Carolina are required to adopt a local HMP by November 1, 2004 in order to receive future federal and state disaster recovery and mitigation assistance. FEMA and NCEM are currently reviewing the document for compliance. Commissioner Morris moved to set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., as requested by the Planning Department, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried in a roll vote.

*Request for Public Hearing – FY 2005-2006 CDBG – CN*

The Planning Department requested to set a public hearing for September 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. relative to the intention of the County to apply for FY 2005-2006 CDBG Concentrated Needs funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain the views and proposals of the citizens of Craven County with regard to the determination of priorities for the community development and housing needs of the County. Commissioner Morris moved to set a public hearing for September 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., as requested by the Planning Department, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Award Recommendation for Rehabilitation of One Unit in the Craven County 2003 CDBG-SS Project*

A bid opening was held on July 22, 2004 for the rehabilitation of the Elijah Brown residence included in the 2003 CDBG Project. Bids were received from three contractors: Danny Clark, Stonemaster and United Builders. Award recommendations were as follows:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Comments</u>
7	Elijah Brown 820 Cedar St. New Bern, NC	Stonemaster	\$29,995	Low Bidder

Commissioner Morris moved to award the contract to Stonemaster for the amount of \$29,995, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Budget Amendments*

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

***E 911 Wired and Wireless***

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-2501-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$506.00	101-2501-410-26-02 M/R Equip	\$506.00
101-2511-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$338.00	101-2511-410-26-02 M/R Equip	\$338.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$844.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$844.00</b>

**Justification:** Budget carryover to complete New UPS installation at Communications.

***Sheriff***

101-2006-377-06-00 LLEBG	\$(6,756.00)	101-2006-410-32-40 Other Supplies	\$(7,506.00)
101-2006-399-01-0 Fund Balance	\$(750.00)		

101-2005-377-03-00	\$1,756.00	101-2005-410-32-40	\$1,756.00
BJP Vests		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$(5,750.00)	TOTAL	\$(5,750.00)

**Justification:** LLEBG budgeted grant and will not be received this year. BJP Vest grant was budgeted as \$5,000 and came in at \$6,756.

***Health/Healthy Carolinians***

101-6604-399-08-00	\$3,229.00	101-6604-440-15-15	\$9.00
Health Carolinians Fund Balance		Dues/Subscr	
		101-6604-440-20-0	\$158.00
		Postage	
		101-6604-440-24-0	\$454.00
		Meeting Expenses	
		101-6604-440-25-0	\$11.00
		Travel Training	
		101-6604-440-27-0	\$510.00
		Advertising	
		101-6604-440-32-40	\$1,127.00
		Other Supplies	
		101-6604-440-40-40	\$960.00
		Contractual	
TOTAL	\$3,229.00	TOTAL	\$3,229.00

**Justification:** Fund Balance from Healthy Carolinians to be carried over to FY 04/05.

***Health/Bates Foundation***

101-6609-399-08-00	\$3,844.00	101-6609-440-40-00	\$3,844.00
Bates Foundation Fund Balance		Contractual	
TOTAL	\$3,844.00	TOTAL	\$3,844.00

**Justification:** Funds to be carried over from the Bates Foundation for the Water Safety program. Monies will be used to pay YMCA, Board of Education, Village Health Center and Pamlico Schools for the activities in support of the program.

***Health/United Way***

101-6610-399-08-00	\$3,120.00	101-6610-440-40-00	\$3,120.00
United Way Fund Balance		Contractual Services	
TOTAL	\$3,120.00	TOTAL	\$3,120.00

**Justification:** Funds to be carried over from the United Way for the Water Safety program. Monies will be used to pay Village Health Center and Pamlico Schools for the activities in support of the program.

***Health/CDC – Lead***

101-5600-348-45-00	\$2,000.00	101-5600-440-40-50	\$2,000.00
Lead Partnership		Contractual Ser/Contract Employ	
TOTAL	\$2,000.00	TOTAL	\$2,000.00

**Justification:** Additional money to be received the CDC Lead. The additional \$2,000 will be used to increase the hours for part-time help from TESI for filed and clerical work.

***Health/Mosquito Control***

101-5901-399-10-00	\$6,348.00	101-5901-440-32-40	\$6,348.00
Mosquito Control		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$6,348.00	TOTAL	\$6,348.00

**Justification:** Funds to be carried over to FY 04/05. These funds will be used in the event of a Hurricane and we need to purchase emergency chemicals for spraying.

***Health/Asthma Coalition***

101-3140-399-08-00	\$772.00	101-3140-420-32-40	\$772.00
Asthma Coalition – Fund Balance		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$772.00	TOTAL	\$772.00

**Justification:** Funds to be carried over the FY 04-05.

***General/Seized Assets***

114-0000-399-01-00	\$3,736.00	114-2001-410-97-01	\$3,736.00
Fund Balance		To Genl Fund	
101-2020-366-14-00	\$3,736.00	101-2020-410-25-00	\$1,481.00
From Seized Assets		Travel	
101-2020-377-08-00	\$1,245.00	101-2020-410-32-40	\$3,500.00
Federal STAR		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$8,717.00	TOTAL	\$8,717.00

**Justification:** 1. Budget Seized Asset forfeiture funds to be transferred to General Fund STAR program to cover local share of grant. 2. Budget transfer in from Seized Asset fund and Federal STAR funds to cover travel in the amount of \$1,481, helmets-\$1,500 and educational supplies - \$2,000 as required by the grant period which runs from 10/01/2003 to 09/30/2004. Grant ends 09/30/04.

***Seized Assets/Sheriff***

**JOURNAL ENTRY DEBIT**

**JOURNAL ENTRY CREDIT**

114-2001-410-97-01	\$5,000.00	114-0000-101-00-00	\$5,000.00
To Genl Fd		Cash	
101-0000-101-00-00	\$5,000.00	101-2001-366-14-00	\$5,000.00
Cash		From Seized Assets	

To cover FY 2005 Incentive Pay Awards

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

101-2001-366-14-00	\$5,000.00	101-2001-410-10-03	\$5,000.00
From Seized Assets		Incentive	
114-0000-399-01-00	\$5,000.00	114-2001-410-97-01	\$5,000.00
Fund Balance		To Genl Fund	
TOTAL	\$10,000.00	TOTAL	\$10,000.00

**Justification:** Funds to cover cost of Incentive Awards for Deputy Sheriff employees. Funds are being transferred in from Seized Assets.

***DSS 7291 Mandated Services***

101-7291-349-32-00	\$(35,552.00)	101-7291-450-23-04	\$(35,552.00)
Energy CIP		Energy CIP	
TOTAL	\$(35,552.00)	TOTAL	\$(35,552.00)

**Justification:** Funding authorization for Crisis Intervention Program reflects a much lower amount than original figure on the State estimates. Funds are 100% federal.

***Tax Releases and Refunds***

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

***Credits***

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>TICKET #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
CRICK, JAMES O & JODIE L MILITARY – HIS NAME ONLY 02 LES-FL ECC-07/09/04	2002-0011438	\$29.53
CRICK, JAMES O & JODIE L MILITARY – HIS NAME ONLY 02 LES-FL ECC-07/09/04	2003-0011528	\$26.30
HAAS, PETER J DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002	2002-0090723	\$32.00
HALL, DONALD EDWARD ADJUST PER BILL OF SALE	2003-0091225	\$56.65
HALL, MARILYN D DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #34189	2003-0021285	\$492.96
JONES, CHARLIE LEE & EUNICE DI NOT IN CRAVEN CO. ON 01/01/2003	2003-0027213	\$249.29
MILLER, MICHELLE INCORRECT YEAR & SIZE – REBILLING	2003-0034734	\$465.03
PAUL, TINA LOUISE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002	2002-0038978	\$13.58
PAUL, TINA LOUISE DID NOT OWN 1/1/2001	2001-0038437	\$14.82
PROVISION CARE INC NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2003	2003-0091281	\$37.49
RASBERRY, DONNIE P NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/1999	1999-0091191	\$1,788.63
RASBERRY, DONNIE P NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2000	2000-0040273	\$1,874.16

RASBERRY, DONNIE P NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2001	2001-0090706	\$1,829.82
RASBERRY, DONNIE P NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2002	2002-0041289	\$1,646.76
RASBERRY, DONNIE P NOT IN BUSINESS ON 01/01/2003	2003-0090729	\$1,270.85
ROBERSON, LINWOOD E PROPERTY NOT LIVABLE	1994-0036917	\$9.42
ROBERSON, LINWOOD E PROPERTY NOT LIVABLE	1995-0037093	\$8.85
ROBERSON, LINWOOD E PROPERTY NOT LIVABLE	1996-0037920	\$8.37
ROBERSON, LINWOOD E PROPERTY NOT LIVABLE	1997-0038483	\$7.87
ROBERSON, LINWOOD E PROPERTY NOT LIVABLE	1998-0038547	\$6.69
ROBERSON, LINWOOD E PROPERTY NOT LIVABLE	1999-0040409	\$6.33
WRIGHT, SONYA RENEE DID NOT OWN 01/01/04	2004-0057307	\$21.84
WRIGHT, SONYA RENEE DID NOT OWN 01/01/04	2004-0057306	\$126.36
WRIGHT, SONYA RENEE DID NOT OWN 01/01/04	2004-0057305	\$58.24

24 – CREDIT MEMO (S)    \$10,081.84

***Refunds***

IPOCK, ROY E APPRAISAL CORRECTION	2003-0025862	\$6.40
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1 – REFUND (S)    \$6.40

**PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**

*Mr. Charles Perry* had requested to come before the Board concerning a Sheriff's Department matter; however, he did not appear, no notice having been given.

**NEW BERN GIRLS BABE RUTH SOFTBALL PRESENTATION**

Cyndi Ward, Local Tournament Coordinator of the Babe Ruth Girls Softball, announced the kick-off the effort to host the 2005 State Championship locally. She introduced State Commissioner, Jesse Whitley, who expounded on the structure of the Girls Babe Ruth Softball League. He stated that 49-51 teams will be expected in the New Bern area for this tournament which is scheduled for July 6-11, 2005. Commissioner Sisk asked that the numbers from the previous year's tournament be forwarded to the County Manager once they are tabulated; however, it was projected that the economic impact to Craven

County as a result of hosting this tournament would be significant. Ms. Ward also stated that the league will be soliciting local businesses for assistance and support.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### *Naming of Overpass*

The following resolution was presented for the Board's approval as a result of a petition made by Mr. Daniel Clark during the Board's March 2004 meeting. Commissioner Allen moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2004-14 REQUESTING THE NAMING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' MEMORIAL**

**WHEREAS**, four law enforcement officers in Craven County have lost their lives in the line of duty since 1960, as follows: Carl Ellis Mayo, Jr., New Bern Police Department; Toby Taylor, Craven County Sheriff's Department; Jeffrey A. Matheny, Craven County Sheriff's Department; and Donald M. Miller, New Bern Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fraternal Order of Police has requested that the Craven County Board of Commissioners advocate for the naming of a bridge or roadway in Craven County in memory of these fallen officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the bridge on NC 43 (Glenburnie Road) over US 70 has been selected as the site for this recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS respectfully requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation to designate this bridge on NC 43 as the "Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial" in memory of these four fallen officers and future officers in Craven County who may be called upon to give the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the safety of the public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department of Transportation be requested to place the appropriate signage on US Highway 70 at the approaches to the bridge.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2004.

### *Endorsement of "Eat Smart, Move More Craven County"*

Ms. Ivy Reid of the Craven County Cooperative Extension Office, presented the following resolution with a request for its adoption and explained an upcoming Healthy Lifestyles Summit aimed at involving the community in healthier practices. Commissioner Sampson moved for its support, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION # 2004-16 IN SUPPORT OF "EAT SMART, MOVE MORE CRAVEN COUNTY"**

**WHEREAS**, moderate physical activity and good nutrition are the two most simple behaviors one can engage in to ensure good health; and

**WHEREAS**, moderate physical activity and good nutrition have been proven to be important behaviors to avoid such disease as diabetes, cancer, heart disease and obesity; and

**WHEREAS**, “Eat Smart, Move More Craven County” is devoted to seeking policy and environmental changes that encourage physical activity and good nutrition for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, “Eat Smart, Move More” proposes to host a Healthy Lifestyles Summit that will involve all the leadership within Craven and Jones Counties to inform leaders of the role local governments, school boards, and the workplace environment can play in encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports “Eat Smart, Move More Craven County” and will, to the greatest extent possible, participate in the Healthy Lifestyles Summit.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2004.

*Strategic Highway Corridor*

The following resolution was submitted for the Board’s consideration and Commissioner Sampson moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

**Resolution in Support of the  
Eastern North Carolina Element of the North Carolina Strategic Highway  
Corridors Concept**

**WHEREAS**, a coalition of NCDOT Board of Transportation Members from Divisions One, Two, Three, Four, and Six, and who represent the forth (40) counties generally considered to comprise eastern North Carolina, have united together and formulated a regional plan which, upon implementation, will provide a grid of freeways and expressways at strategic locations through eastern North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, economic growth in eastern North Carolina has been hampered by the lack of a strategically located system of fully controlled access highways which would otherwise facilitate commerce and transportation through the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption and implementation of such a plan will improve transportation and facilitate growth and prosperity throughout eastern North Carolina by providing for greater mobility and connectivity which shall benefit all of eastern North Carolina’s residents, municipalities, and counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption and implementation of such a plan will provide environmental stewardship in that the majority of the plan will maximize the use of existing corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, it is widely known that the majority of traffic fatalities in North Carolina occur on rural two-lane roads, and the addition of freeways to eastern North Carolina’s transportation network would increase safety for residents and tourists in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a stated goal of the Craven County Board of Commissioners to promote transportation as a regional issue requiring regional solutions, and the consensus was to support the Eastern North Carolina Element as an integral part of the Statewide Strategic Highway Corridors Concept; and

**NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the coalition of the North Carolina Board of Transportation members and North Carolina Department of Transportation Staff who have formulated this regional plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports the inclusion of the Eastern Element of the Strategic Highway Corridors Concept as a part of the Statewide Transportation Plan and the administration of this plan by the North Carolina Department of Transportation in order to provide fully controlled access highway corridors that will facilitate safety, growth, and prosperity through eastern North Carolina.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2004.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FLOOD DAMAGE  
PREVENTION ORDINANCE**

At 7:30 p.m. the Board was declared in public hearing, as advertised, concerning proposed amendments to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance which was adopted on May 17, 2004. County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, explained that the issue addressed by the proposed amendments arose after adoption of the ordinance, and it concerns structures in existence as of the affective date of the ordinance. The proposed amendments exempt pre-existing structures from the two-foot freeboard requirement. There were no members of the public who spoke on the matter and at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried. Commissioner Harper moved to adopt the proposed amendment, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

*Road Addition Resolutions*

Craven County Attorney, Jim Sugg, presented the standard SR-2 Road Resolution for Stan Berry Hicks Road in Township 7 for a length of .15 miles. Commissioner Sisk moved for adoption of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried. In addition, Commissioner Staton requested that the Board adopt the standard SR-2 Road Resolution adding Lukeath Carter Drive (.40 miles), Anchorage Drive (.23 miles), Portside Lane (.10 miles), Spinnaker Lane (.10 miles) and Bimini Court (.10 miles). Commissioner Sampson moved for adoption of the standard SR-2 Road Resolution adding these roads to the state system, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried.

**PERSONNEL MATTERS – COMMUNITY COLLEGE SRO**

Craven County Sheriff, Jerry Monette, presented a request for creation of a School Resource Officer position at the main campus of Craven Community College. He stated that the request is based upon an acceptable contract being negotiated with the Community College, which will provide for the funding of this position. Commissioner Morris moved for the creation of the School Resource Officer position for the Community College contingent upon the negotiation of a satisfactory contract. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The contract and the accompanying budget amendment will be presented to the Board for approval once a final copy is prepared.

**APPOINTMENTS**

*ABC Board*

The Board was requested to make an appointment to replace Mr. James Huff on the ABC Board. Mr. Huff was reappointed for a new term on June 7, 2004 and is now deceased. Commissioner Morris explained that the seat vacated was representing the Vanceboro area and he nominated Jimmy Whitford. Commissioner Harper nominated Carl Tart. Commissioner Sampson moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. In a roll call vote, Mr. Whitford received six (6) votes and Mr. Tart received one (1) vote from Commissioner Harper. Commissioner Sampson noted that a resume and letter of interest had been submitted by Mr. James Jackson; however, he deferred to the appointment of Mr. Whitford. Commissioner Allen explained that the Board has had a long-standing policy to provide representation from across the County on the ABC Board.

*Highway 70 Corridor Committee*

The Board received a request from the Wayne County Manager to appoint two representatives to the newly established Highway 70 Corridor Committee. Commissioner Allen nominated Danny Walsh of Havelock. Commissioner Sampson

nominated County Manager, Harold Blizzard. There were no additional nominations and Mr. Walsh and Mr. Blizzard were appointed by acclamation.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

The County Attorney indicated that he had two items for discussion in closed session, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(3) and (4).

At 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Harper moved to go into closed session as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

At 8:40 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to return to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, reported that pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(4) the Board had discussed a performance grant agreement with BSH and requested that the Board set a public hearing for 9:00 a.m. on August 16<sup>th</sup> concerning this agreement. Commissioner Sampson moved to set the public hearing, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried. Mr. Sugg reported that pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(3) the Board had discussed United Senior Services equipment, which is now in receivership. The consensus of the Board was not to purchase the equipment because the requested purchase price is too high and the Board prefers to procure new items. A budget amendment for \$18,400 was requested. Commissioner Sampson moved to appropriate \$18,400 from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

***DSS – Meals Program***

101-0000-399-01-00	\$18,400.00	101-7295-450-73-21	\$18,400.00
Fund Balance		C/O	
TOTAL	\$18,400.00	TOTAL	\$18,400.00

**Justification:** Appropriate funds to replace equipment at meal sites and pay bankruptcy court for automobiles sold at auction.

Mr. Sugg reported that the total cost for the road improvements at Neuse Harbour is \$99,215.72. He presented the preliminary assessment roll, which was accepted by motion of Commissioner Harper, seconded by Commissioner Staton and announced that there will be a public hearing on the project at the Board’s next meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. He requested that the Board adopt the following road addition resolution for the Neuse Harbour roads. Commissioner Allen moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REQUESTING CERTAIN ROADS IN  
NEUSE HARBOUR SUBDIVISION BE  
INCLUDED ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS,** Craven County has assessed property owners within Neuse Harbour Subdivision for all or part of the cost of constructing, reconstructing, paving and otherwise building and improving certain streets in Neuse Harbour Subdivision; and

**WHEREAS,** the final assessment roll shall be adopted after a public hearing regarding the assessment on August 16, 2004; and

**WHEREAS,** the roads in said subdivision that are being requested to be placed on the state highway system have been brought up to state standards and otherwise meet the standards prescribed by the Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Craven County requests that the Department of Transportation place said roads within Neuse Harbour Subdivision, Craven County, State of North Carolina on the highway system for maintenance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Craven County Board of Commissioners that the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Highways place certain roads located within Neuse Harbour Subdivision, Craven County, North Carolina, that meet the requirements of the State of North Carolina for maintenance of the state system for maintenance.

Done this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2004.

#### **UPDATE ON TROPICAL STORM ALEX**

Fire Marshal, Stanley Kite, was called upon to provide an update on the impending tropical storm. He reported to the Board that the Craven County Emergency Operations Center had been opened and that a shelter would be opening at 10:00 p.m. at Havelock High School.

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

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented a request from the Board of Education that surplus computer equipment be donated to the schools. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Mr. Blizzard to turn over computers that are no longer of use to the County to the Board of Education and to report these transfers as they occur.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Harper* thanked citizens who had assisted him in the wake of the fire at his home and business. He suggested that the fairgrounds be considered for utilization by those who may wish to camp out during the Girls Babe Ruth Softball League tournament next year.

*Commissioner Sampson* thanked the County for allowing him to attend the NACo Annual Conference in Maricopa County, Arizona and reported on some of the speaker topics.

*Commissioner Sisk* stated that she enjoyed the NACo Conference and commented on the building improvements that are underway at the Senior Services Center. She applauded a new program being developed for the blind elderly at the center. Commissioner Sisk also expressed concerns about the amount of funds being spent for jail medical costs and asked the County Manager to look into what kind of insurance may be available for covering medical costs of inmates.

*Commissioner Staton* thanked the voters and his supporters in the July primary.

*Commissioner Morris* reported on a workshop concerning the earned income credit at the NACo Annual Conference.

*Commissioner Allen* presented a recognition letter for the achievement of Eagle Scout status by Zachary Harden and moved that the Board authorize him and the Chairman to sign and send the letter of recognition. Commissioner Staton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commissioner Allen announced that the National Association of Local Boards of Health has officially been recognized as an affiliate organization of NACo during the annual conference and that he has been appointed as the affiliate representative to the NACo Board of Directors.

*Commissioner Brown* urged caution by citizens in light of the approaching storm.

At 9:12 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

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

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
Clerk to the Board