

**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, DECEMBER 6, 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

Following an invocation by Commissioner Samspon and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Harper, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of November 15, 2004 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**RECONSTITUTE THE BOARD**

The oath of office was administered to newly elected Commissioner, Leon C. Staton, and the Chairman turned over the gavel to County Attorney, Jim Sugg, who was asked to preside over the election of the Chairman

*Election of Chairman*

Commissioner Staton nominated George N. Brown, Jr. as Chairman. Commissioner Sampson moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried. Commissioner Staton moved to declare Commissioner Brown elected Chair by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. The newly elected Chairman proceeded with the election of the Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Samspon nominated Commissioner Morris as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Staton moved to close nominations, and declare Commissioner Morris elected as Vice Chairman by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

At 7:15 p.m. the Board was declared in recess and reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Tax Releases and Refunds*

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following tax releases and refunds for the Board's approval. Commissioner Sisk 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>
ANGLIN, WILLIAM P MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY "TX" ECC 4-1-2000	2000-0090631	\$48.93
BORTREE, EDWARD & PAT VALUE ADJ. PER BILL OF SALE	2004-0091425	\$42.12
BUSCH, ED & SHARON CORRECTING APPRAISAL VALUE	2004-0091432	\$70.53
CALVERT, LENA S CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2004-0007686	\$12.00
CHURCH-CHURCH OF GOD OF NEW BE EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2004-0009335	\$308.74
CHURCH-INDEPENDEN FUNDAMENTAL EXEMPT PER GS 105.278.3	2004-0009381	\$152.33
FLANAGAN, GEORGE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2001	2001-0016445	\$52.96
FLANAGAN, GEORGE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2000	2000-0016344	\$45.78
FREE, ELAINE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0090623	\$70.21
GRAY, BRIAN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0091484	\$126.32
HBH DEVELOPERS LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2004-0021384	\$32.93
HARRIS, HELEN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0022342	\$83.59
HARRIS, HELEN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0022732	\$74.17
HODGES, WILLIAM RAY NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO. 01/01/2004	2004-0024668	\$60.19
HUGHES, CHARLES EDWARD NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO. 01/01/2004	2004-0091507	\$57.13
JOHANSEN, MARTIN A MH LOCATED ON MILITARY PROPERTY	2004-0091513	\$206.77
KEEL, GLORIA DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002	2002-0027905	\$262.04
KNIGHT, WRIGHT HRS RECYCLE FEE ALREADY PAID	2004-0090617	\$10.00
MCMILLEN, TODD M & BEVERLY F VALUE ADJ. PER BILL OF SALE	2004-0091538	\$65.11

MILLS, MARVIN C & MARY JO PROPERTY VACANT	2004-0035415	\$32.00
MOORE, EDWARD L & DORA E DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT. #48362	2002-0035337	\$61.91
MOORE, EDWARD LEE DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT. #508775	2002-0090925	\$238.24
NELSON, TERRI DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0037726	\$57.69
QUARRIE, THOMAS J & JANET A VALUE ADJUST. PER BILL OF SALE	2004-0091561	\$56.12
RISI, ARMAND RECYCLE FEE ALREADY PAID	2004-0091621	\$48.00
ROBERTS, JIM & BROWN, LAURA VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2004-0091567	\$55.64
STATEN, ALICE RECYCLE FEE ALREADY PAID	2004-0091624	\$56.00
STILLEY, JOYCE W RECYCLE FEE ALREADY PAID	2004-0091625	\$10.00
THOMPSON, MARY ELIZABETH RECYCLE FEE ALREADY PAID	2004-0091627	\$48.00
TYLER, DOUGLAS A & ASHLEY D CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2004-0051659	\$183.14
TYLER, DOUGLAS A & ASHLEY D CORRECTING APPRIASAL ERROR	2004-0091236	\$440.25
WALKER, RUBY E RECYCLE FEE ALREADY PAID	2004-0053786	10.00
WELLONS INC-CALVIN G DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0053786	\$756.00
WELLONS INC-CALVIN G DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0053785	\$837.26
WILLIAMS, DELILAH MRS RECYCLE FEE ALREADY PAID	2004-0091629	\$10.00
WOODARD, ALAN V VALUE ADJ PER ABOS MARINE GUIDE	2004-0091596	\$100.73

36 – CREDIT MEMO (S) \$4,782.83

***Refunds***

IPOCK, TIMOTHY M MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED	2004-0091224	\$101.28
IPOCK, TIMOTHY M MOBILE HOME DOUBLE LISTED	2004-0090741	\$92.36

MOORE, EDWARD LEE 2002-0090925 \$91.99  
 DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT. #5080775

3 – REFUND (S) \$285.63

*Budget Amendments*

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

***EMS State Homeland Security***

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-2306-348-90-00 Homeland Security	\$7,517.00	101-2306-410-25-00 Travel	\$6,334.00
		101-2306-410-25-10 Training	\$1,156.00
		101-2306-410-32-40 Supplies	\$27.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,517.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,517.00</b>

**JUSTIFICATION:** Carryover FY 2004 Grant – unexpended funds – State reimburses after funds are expended.

***EMS – Domestic Prep – Bioterrorism***

101-2308-348-89-00 DOJ Terrorism	\$2,751.00	101-2308-410-25-10 Training	\$2,751.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,751.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,751.00</b>

**JUSTIFICATION:** Carryover of Terrorism Grant DOJ-02-114. Grant was budgeted in FY 2004 but not expended.

***EMS LETPP***

101-2310-377-89-00 LETTP	\$49,200.00	101-2310-410-32-40 Other Supplies	\$49,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,200.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,200.00</b>

**Justification:** Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant to purchase radios for the Sheriff’s Department.

***EMS Citizens Corp Grant***

101-2311-377-89-00 Citizens Corp	\$16,500.00	101-2311-410-40-54 City of Havelock	\$5,500.00
		101-2311-410-40-88 Trent Woods	\$5,500.00
		101-2311-410-40-0 Cont Ser	\$5,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>

**Justification:** Citizen Corp Grant to purchase anti terrorism items for the City of Havelock, Town of Trent Woods and one other undetermined municipality.

***EMS Formula Grant***

101-2312-377-890-00	\$185,459.00	101-2312-410-40-00	\$185,459.00
Formula Grant		Cont Ser	
TOTAL	\$185,459.00	TOTAL	\$185,459.00

**Justification:** Formula grant was awarded by the State in October 2004 for communication expenses.

***Havelock Rescue***

101-2826-357-48-00	\$(180,000.00)	101-2826-410-33-10	\$(180,000.00)
Havelock Rescue		90% of Collection	
TOTAL	\$(180,000.00)	TOTAL	\$(180,000.00)

**Justification:** Correct Havelock Rescue budget to comply with contract. Revenue will not pass through Craven County but will go directly to the Squad.

***EDC***

101-0000-399-01-00	\$216,684.00	101-4401-430-47-01	\$216,684.00
Fund Balance		BSH	
TOTAL	\$216,684.00	TOTAL	\$216,684.00

**Justification:** Budget fund balance to cover cost of BSH Incentive for FY 2005.

***Health/Family Planning***

101-6400-349-12-00	\$10,000.00	101-6400-440-40-00	\$10,000.00
State Rev/Family Planning – State		Health/Contractual Services	
TOTAL	\$10,000.00	TOTAL	\$10,000.00

**Justification:** Additional funding from State to support sterilizations for low-income men and women in the Family Planning (Title X) Program.

*Set Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance*

The Planning Board recommended approval of proposed amendments to the Craven County Subdivision Ordinance and submitted a request that a public hearing be set for Monday, January 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to receive comments regarding the proposed amendments. Commissioner Sisk moved to set a public hearing for Monday, January 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., as requested, to hear public comments regarding the proposed amendments to the Craven County Subdivision Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION**

At 7:22 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried. CARTS Director, Johnny Purvis, explained the Community Transportation Program Grant Application. He indicated that the plan had been available for public review prior to the public hearing but there had been no members of the public to review or discuss it. There was one member from the public, Mr. Frank Kerr, who asked to speak. He expressed the opinion that CARTS is not a public transportation system. He complained about dialysis patients not being transported and complained about the heavy use of the system by minorities, free of charge. Mr. Purvis responded that all passengers pay at least \$1 per trip up to \$6 per trip based on their circumstances. He also explained that the system makes routine



## CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Craven at a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

### *Presentation of Emergency Operations Plan*

Mr. Kite asked for approval of the County Emergency Operations Plan, which was presented to the Board on November 1, 2004. There was no input received by Mr. Kite from the Commissioners during the review period. Commissioner Morris moved to allow the Chairman to sign the plan, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

## APPOINTMENTS

### *Commissioners' Appointments*

The Chairman deferred the appointment of Commissioners to boards and committees until the Board's next meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup> and asked that the Commissioners provide him with some input.

### *Economic Development Commission*

The Board considered the expiring terms of Al Coley, Bob Crawford, Steve Redd and Michael Sullivan and received a resume of Mickey Corcoran for consideration of appointment to the expiring term of Bob Crawford. Commissioner Morris moved to reappoint Mr. Coley, Dr. Redd and Mr. Sullivan and to appoint Mr. Corcoran as recommended by the Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### *Health Board*

The Board considered the expiring terms of Mark Leary, Gene Bowling, and Melinda Warren, and established that Dr. Warren is not eligible for reappointment. Commissioner Allen nominated Mark Leary and Gene Bowling for reappointment and nominated Robert Whitley for appointment to the term being vacated by Melinda Warren. Commissioner Staton moved to close nominations, with the recommended appointments being made by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

### *Community Coalition Against Family Violence*

The Board received a request from the Community Coalition Against Family Violence for appointment of Mr. Curtis E. Rhem. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the recommendation of Mr. Rhem's appointment, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

### *Library Boards*

The Board considered expiring terms on the New Bern Craven County Library Board. Commissioner Morris asked that the appointments to this Board be deferred, as the Library Board would be meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board considered an appointment to the term of Lewis Sanderford, who resigned from the Regional Library Board. Upon recommendation of the Regional Library, Commissioner Allen nominated JoAnn Ipock of the Cove City Library Board and moved that she be accepted by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

### *Presentation of Contract for Core Creek-Agricultural Extension Project for Approval*

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, stated that the contract for the Core Creek-Agricultural Extension Project which was previously approved by the Board has been increased by

\$5,342 to compensate for the difference in a new double size culvert being required by the project. He asked that the Board reapprove the contract with Jimmie L. Morris & Sons for performing the grading, landscaping and general stream restoration at the Core Creek-Agricultural Extension project, including the new amount. Commissioner Morris asked to be excused from the deliberations and vote regarding this request. Commissioner Sampson moved to excuse Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried. Commissioner Staton moved to approve the increased contract with Jimmie L. Morris & Sons, pending receipt of the appropriate permits from the State. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with six (6) "Ayes", with Commissioner Morris' abstention.

*Request for Resolution to Dispose of Property*

The Board considered a request from the City of New Bern that the County sell its interest in the property located at 1119 G Street in New Bern, which was acquired by the City and the County as a result of a tax foreclosure. The County's interest in the property is \$1,642.11, with the City holding the major interest of \$4,306.56. The City communicated its intent to convey the property, once holding the entire interest, to the Neuse River Community Development Corporation, a non-profit organization funded by the City whose mission is to provide single family dwellings to low and moderate income families. Mr. Sugg also indicated that there are requests to purchase three other properties that are eligible for disposal, as follows: 702 Scott Street in the Brownsville section of James City, valued at \$3,900 on the tax rolls and two (2) lots in Fairfield Harbour, Lot #79 in the Tobago section and Lot #149 in the Jamaica section. He stated that \$4,000 had been offered by Yuri Southerland for the lot at 702 Scott Street and suggested that it be disposed of at auction or through negotiated sale, with \$4,000 being the starting amount. Commissioner Morris moved to allow the Attorney to determine the best method of disposition that is most beneficial to the County, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried. Mr. Sugg stated that the value of one of the Fairfield Harbour lots is \$4,000 and that an offer had been received of \$4,000 for the two lots since one of the lots contains a large portion of wetlands and is not very usable. He recommended an auction to sell both of the lots together. Commissioner Allen moved to dispose of the two properties together at auction or by the best method determined by the County Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sampson moved to sell the County's interest in the property at 1119 G Street in New Bern to the City, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, presented the results of the December 4<sup>th</sup> surplus property auction, as follows, and submitted it for the record. Commissioner Morris moved to receive the report, as follows, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried.

Craven County Auction  
Saturday, December 4, 2004

Buyer		
Description	Number	Amount
4 Mauve Chairs	42	\$5.00
3 Mauve Chairs	20	\$6.00
4 Chairs-1 black,2 tan,1 brown	32	\$1.00
4 Chairs-1 mauve,2 red,1 brown	11	\$4.00
4 Chairs-1red,1purple,1gray,1rust	14	\$1.00
4 Printers-2Panasonic,1Epson,1Citizen	9	\$5.50
4 Printers-4HP	9	\$5.50
3 Typewriters-1Xerox,1Adler-Royal	25	\$4.00
3 Typewriters-1Brother,1IBM,1Adler-Royal	25	\$4.00
3 Fax Machines-1Brother,1Xerox,1Sharp	25	\$4.00
1 Magicard Printer & 1 UPS	11	\$1.00
4 Card Holders & 7 Calculators	32	\$5.00
9 Sm.Screen &1 Lg.Screen Security Sys.	18	\$0.50

Misc.Computer Caddies,Shelf,SignBd	18	\$0.50
Childs Table/2Chairs/Bench/Stool & Pictures	9	\$20.00
2 Centrifuge	18	\$1.00
5 Calculators & 1 Ricoh Fax	9	\$2.00
5 Printers & 1 Sharp Copier	9	\$2.00
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 1 Keyboard	44	\$0.50
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 2 Keyboards	44	\$0.50
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 2 Keyboards	23	\$30.00
3 Flatscreens, 3 Printers & 2 Keyboards	23	\$30.00
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 2 Keyboards	11	\$11.00
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 2 Keyboards	11	\$11.00
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 2 Keyboards	13	\$2.50
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 1 Keyboard	13	\$2.50
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 1 Keyboard	19	\$0.50
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 1 Keyboard	19	\$0.50
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 1 Keyboard	10	\$0.50
3 Term., 3 Print., 1 Gateway Drive&1 Keybd	10	\$0.50

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Buyer

Description	Number	Amount
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 2 Keyboards	41	\$10.00
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 2 Keyboards	44	\$1.00
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 2 Keyboards	50	\$0.50
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 3 Keyboards	50	\$0.50
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 3 Keyboards	41	\$2.50
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 3 Keyboards	41	\$2.50
3 Terminals, 3 Printers & 3 Keyboards	41	\$4.00
3 Bx Comp./Typwtr Ribbons&1Bx Plastic Jackets	32	\$11.00
Misc Auto Parts	18	\$45.00
Rim Covers & Misc Auto Supplies	32	\$50.00
Supply Chest, Cable & Hose Reel	24	\$135.00
DuKane Radio System	45	\$1.00
Water Cooler & 2 Paper Towel Dispenser	29	\$10.00
Whirlpool Freezer	36	\$20.00
Phone System Misc.	45	\$1.00
4 Drawer File	33	\$24.00
Stack of Window Blinds& Richo Copier	9	\$20.00
Jack	32	\$180.00
1 Rollabout & Ribbons	25	\$1.50
Cartridges & Misc Cables	25	\$1.50
Addressograph,Copier & Box of Speakers	10	\$11.00
Off.Supplies,Telephones,Scan Maker & Prtr	45	\$1.00
Medical Equip (2)	18	\$24.00
Misc.Screens,Windows,Shelf & Rollabout Tbl	45	\$5.00
Office System	45	\$10.00
2 Monitors,2 PCs,1Keybd w/drawer-H2O	44	\$1.00
Mower w/bucket of teeth	24	\$15.00
Camera Equip., Projector & Paper	18	\$34.00
Hamilton Exam Table	45	\$5.00
Wooden Table & 1 Gray Chair	19	\$17.00

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Buyer

Description	Number	Amount
2 Truck Tool Boxes	36	\$3.00
Wet Dry Vac	29	\$27.00
Stack of 11 Tires-different sizes	29	\$95.00
Paper Towel Dispenser & Microwave	1	\$15.00
Childs Table/2Blue Chairs/ToolRack/2Pic.	1	\$15.00
Childs Table/4Chairs/ToolRack/3Pictures	9	\$26.00
3 Scales & 1 Exam Lamp	47	\$29.00
3 Copiers- 1 IBM, 2 Lexmark	9	\$1.00

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Buyer	Description	Number	Amount
	Go Outside to Tractor		
	1982 Ford Tractor F/A# 05608	21	\$1,900.00
	Serial # 90567		
	1992 Ford Crown Vic.-Red CCC	14	\$525.00
	2FACP72W4NX234496-----146,912miles		
	1997 Ford Crown Vic.-White F/A#19995	29	\$800.00
	2FALP71W4VX117616-----110,268miles		
	1995 Ford Crown Vic.-Red F/A#19278	29	\$400.00
	2FALP71W2SX151744-----141,833miles		
	1997 Ford Crown Vic.-Red F/A#19930	35	\$925.00
	2FALP71W7VX106657-----102,017miles		
	2002 Ford Crown Vic.-Red F/A#21754	7	\$1,950.00
	2FAFP71W22X113749-----117,688miles		
	1997 Ford Ranger H2O F/A#1990	21	\$1,150.00
	1FTCR10UXVUB69700-----165,213miles		
	1989 Dodge RAM 350 Van F/A#11779	21	\$1,850.00
	2B5WB35Z5KK370853-----145,064miles		
	1994 Ford Crown Vic.-Red F/A#19037	29	\$600.00
	2FALP71W7RX136909-----153,570miles		
	1995 Ford Crown Vic.-Red F/A#19284	7	\$900.00
	2FALP71W8SX151750-----148,267miles		

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Buyer	Description	Number	Amount
	1997 Ford Crown Vic.-Red F/A#19935	14	\$1,675.00
	2FALP71WOVX106662-----145,926miles		
	1996 Ford Thunderbird-Tan F/A#19924	17	\$1,800.00
	1FALP62W0TH119143-----125,872miles		
	1995 Ford Thunderbird-PurpleF/A#19557	41	\$2,050.00
	1FALP62W5SH135384-----117,702miles		
	1988 GMC Sierra 1500 F/A#14769	53	\$2,350.00
	2GTEK14H8J1558139-----300,586miles		
	1989 Chevy S-10 F/A#11799	27	\$1,075.00
	1GCCS14Z5K2193159-----96,772miles		

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Grand Total

Vehicles	\$19,950.00
Other	\$1,017.00
Total by Type	\$20,967.00

General 101-0000-335-01-00	\$19,816.00
Water 401-0000-335-01-00	\$1,151.00
Airport 830-0000-335-01-00	\$20,967.00
Total by Fund	
Total by Type	
Total by Type	

At 8:25 p.m. the Board recessed to convene the meeting of the Water and Sewer Board of Directors by motion of Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Morris, and returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

*Request for Closed Session*

Commissioner Allen moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss potential litigation as requested by County Attorney, Jim Sugg. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 8:44 p.m. the Board returned to regular session by motion of Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Harper. County Attorney Sugg announced that the Board had discussed the tax liability and bankruptcy proceedings of TEX-Fi Insustries. He stated that the County hopes to compromise taxes in the amount of approximately \$50,000 owed to Craven County and the matter is currently being negotiated.

### COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

*Commissioner Sisk* shared a complaint she received about the County's website and the absence of some important telephone numbers. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, responded that this would be checked and that the County is in the process of revamping its entire website.

*Commissioner Staton* thanked the Board for being a good Board and urged it to improve further. He commented once again on the conditions of the County's roads and highways where litter is being dropped. He asked what the Board could possibly do. Commissioner Sampson recommended that Clean Sweep be contacted for help and it was also suggested that the Sheriff be consulted about stricter enforcement of the existing litter laws.

*Commissioner Morris* noted the retirement of Florida Smith from the Department of Social Services after 28 years of service with the County. He requested that the County investigate what would be required for Craven Regional Medical Center to become a level 3 trauma center or as an alternative have changes made in the standard operating procedure that would prevent needless trips of trauma victims to Pitt Memorial Hospital.

*Commissioner Brown* asked that the Clerk prepare a letter for Florida Smith with the Board's consensus. He thanked the Board for re-electing him as Chairman.

At 9:05 p.m. Commissioner Staton moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Morris 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