

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 20, 2005. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Harold Blizzard, County Manager
 George B. Sawyer, Assistant County Manager
 Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer
 Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
 James R. Sugg, County Attorney

Following an invocation by Commissioner Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of June 6, 2005 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Budget Amendments

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

Multiple

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$97,000.00	101-0101-400-15-02 Legal	\$22,000.00
101-1001-357-60-00 Excise Tax	\$70,000.00	101-1001-400-45-03 State Excise Tax	\$70,000.00
		101-2008-410-21-01 Board Prisoners	\$45,000.00
		101-2008-410-32-08 Medical	\$30,000.00
101-2825-357-53-00 NB Craven	\$5,000.00	101-2801-410-40-03 Collections Cont	\$3,500.00
101-2828-357-49-00 Bridgeton	\$25,000.00	101-2825-410-33-10 90% Reimbursement	\$4,500.00
		101-2828-410-33-10 90% Reimbursement	\$22,500.00
101-2830-357-52-00 Cove City	\$5,000.00	101-2830-410-33-10 90% Reimbursement	\$4,500.00
101-6800-347-12-00 ABC 5 Cent	\$3,000.00	101-6800-440-94-42 ABC 5 Cent Bottle	\$3,000.00
101-7024-329-00-00 EHTAP Interest	\$180.00	101-7024-450-39-25 Transportation	\$180.00
TOTAL	\$205,180.00	TOTAL	\$205,180.00

Justification: Budget fund balance in the amount of \$97,000 to cover Jail medical and Prisoner (Juvenile and Safekeeping) Housing and County legal. Budget additional anticipated revenues (\$108,180) from Register of Deeds State Handicap Interest to cover anticipated expenses.

Non Departmental

101-0000-399-01-00	\$40,000.00	101-0560-430-96-79	\$40,000.00
Fund Balance		Convention Ctr – Special	
TOTAL	\$40,000.00	TOTAL	\$40,000.00

Justification: To cover legal and other costs associated with Convention Center issues.

Dental

101-5500-348-17-00	\$44,104.00	101-5500-440-73-01	\$44,104.00
K.B. Reynolds Grant		Capital Outlay over 5,000	
TOTAL	\$44,104.00	TOTAL	\$44,104.00

Justification: K.B. Reynolds grant received to cover a portion of the Smile Mobile refurbishing.

Foundation

101-6506-336-25-00	\$8,000.00	101-6506-440-96-52	\$8,000.00
Donations/Contributions		Special App/Health Foundation	
Health Foundation			
TOTAL	\$8,000.00	TOTAL	\$8,000.00

Justification: Hospice collections are exceeding amount budgeted – directed by Finance to do budget amendment.

DSS Mandated

101-0000-399-01-00	\$650,000.00	101-7291-450-39-03	\$650,000.00
Fund Balance		Medicaid	
TOTAL	\$650,000.00	TOTAL	\$650,000.00

Justification: Medicaid costs through 06/30/05 – Budget 06-06-05=\$4,000,000; spent (April 2005)=\$3,798,620.

Multiple HCCBG

101-7221-349-27-00	\$13,200.00	101-7221-450-40-00	\$13,200.00
DSS in Home		Cont Ser	
101-7002-348-04-00	\$(6,700.00)	101-7001-450-10-02	\$(700.00)
CARTS		Salaries	
		101-7002-450-10-02	\$(1,900.00)
		Salaries	
		101-7002-450-10-04	\$(4,100.00)
		PT Salaries	
101-6504-348-58-00	\$(2,500.00)	101-6500-440-10-02	\$(2,500.00)
Health		Salaries	
101-7295-377-26-00	\$(4,000.00)	101-7295-440-11-01	\$(1,500.00)
Congregate		Fica	
		101-7295-440-46-0	\$(2,500.00)
		Insurance	
TOTAL	\$0.00	TOTAL	\$0.00

Justification: Realign revenue and expenditure for HCCBG – Health, CARTS and Congregate will underspend and funds are needed for DSS in Home.

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
AFFORDABLE TENTS INC NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2004	2004-0090338	\$64.36
BABET LLC NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2004	2004-0090378	\$101.00
BALLARD, BRENDA DOUBLE LISTED ON TICKET #2234 – SAME ACCOUNT #	2004-0002235	\$56.30
BANNISTER, GREGORY HESEKIA & L DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0090134	\$323.45
BRILEY, ZENO CARROLL & DEBRA H DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0090124	\$343.48
BRILEY, ZENO CARROLL & DEBRA H DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0005664	\$82.83
BRILEY, ZENO CARROLL & DEBRA H DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0005731	\$74.26
CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0090497	\$102.93
CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORP DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0090498	\$80.15
GODWIN, CRYSTAL NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2004	2004-0090655	\$58.78
GODWIN, CRYSTAL NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2003	2003-0091217	\$61.79
HARPER, JOHN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0022526	\$164.61
JONES, JAMES VERNON DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0027395	\$45.28
JONES, JAMES VERNON DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0027854	\$41.27
PARADISE VALLEY HOLDINGS INC NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2004	2004-0090922	\$102.00

15 – CREDIT MEMO (\$) \$1,702.49

Refunds

LODGE-NEW BERN SHRINE CLUB 2004-0031569 \$2,181.87
ORDERED BY NC PROPERTY TAX COMMISSION MAY 20, 2005

LODGE-NEW BERN SHRINE CLUB 2003-0031077 \$2,181.87
ORDERED BY NC PROPERTY TAX COMMISSION ON MAY 20, 2005

2 – REFUND (\$) \$4,363.74

TAX FORECLOSURE UPDATE

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented an update on the County’s tax foreclosure procedure and a recommendation for proceeding with the collection of small outstanding balances. He stated that the collection agreement with Attorney Mark Bardill to implement a tax foreclosure program for collection of delinquent real property taxes has been successful during the course of its four years of implementation. The arrangement, involving suits that have been filed on 815 out of 1,250 parcels, has resulted in additional tax collection of \$449,195.63. He advised the Board that many of the remaining parcels owe balances below \$50 and he proposed that parcels on which the taxes total \$150 for one or more years and parcels on which the taxes are three or more years old, regardless of the amount, be forwarded to foreclosure. The Board was concerned about the amount of notice received by taxpayers prior to the parcels going into foreclosure. Mr. Antry responded that the law only requires one notice to property owners; however, property owners in Craven County receive four (4) notices, including three (3) from the Tax Department and one (1) from the County Attorney’s office. Commissioner Morris inquired if any of the correspondences were sent via certified mail. Commissioners Harper and Sampson joined Commissioner Morris in the opinion that at least one of the pieces of correspondence should be sent by certified mail. Commissioner Morris moved to reduce the number of mailings from four (4) to three (3) with the second one being a certified mailing from the tax office. During the discussion it was determined that certified mail would be costly both in terms of funds, as well as staff time, without any guarantees of being any more effective than the current mailings. Following discussion, Commissioner Morris withdrew his motion. Mr. Antry further advised the Board that there is a lapse of approximately nine to ten months between the first bill issued by the Tax Department and the issuance of the County Attorney’s letter. Commissioner Sisk moved to adopt Mr. Antry’s plan for the collection of small amounts, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Clubfoot Creek Update

Health Director, Wanda Sandelé, presented the results of her department’s research that was generated by the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments report on water quality at Clubfoot Creek. She prefaced her remarks with the statement that the Health Department does not normally deal with recreational waters; however, she had consulted with the North Carolina Shellfish Division and the North Carolina Division of Water Quality to determine if there is any possibility or any likelihood of placing Clubfoot Creek on the 303 D lists. Placement on these lists accesses grants for water quality improvement activities. The grants require a 40% match. She stated that although the shellfish beds in Clubfoot Creek are closed for harvesting, the beds are not highly productive and the standard for the levels of coliform for shellfish harvesting are very stringent. She stated that the closing of the creek for shellfish harvesting does not preclude fin fishing and recreational activities, and predicted that Clubfoot Creek would not rate as a high priority for placement on a 303 D list. She recommended that such an effort is not one that the Health Department should undertake at this time, as the State’s focus is on larger and more seriously impaired waters.

Human Services Complex Smoking Prohibition

Ms. Sandelé advised the Board that the Craven County Board of Health, at its May 9th meeting, voted to recommend to the Commissioners that the Human Services Complex be designated as non-smoking and that smoking outdoors be prohibited within 50 linear feet of entrances and air-intake units. The request was made in order for Craven County Department of Health to comply with the Centers for Disease Control designation of a smoke free facility, as stipulated by a grant

the department receives from the agency. She indicated that on April 28th Governor Easley signed into law a revision of GS 143-599 that exempts health departments and the buildings and grounds where local health departments are located. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the recommendation, effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sampson congratulated Ms. Sandel  and the Health Department on its recent state-wide recognition.

APPOINTMENTS

Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board

Commissioner Allen asked to defer pending appointment to the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board to replace Joe Greaser, representing organized labor, until the Board’s next meeting.

Havelock Planning Board

The Board received a request from the City of Havelock for reappointment of Mr. Marion Sykes as its extraterritorial jurisdiction member to the Havelock Planning Board. Commissioner Harper moved to approve the request to reappoint Mr. Sykes, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

The Board received a request from the nominating committee of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council that the following members be reappointed: Michael Barnhill, Blake Belcher, Richard Bowers, Eddie Mace, Donn Gunderson, Jennifer Knight, Mary Mallard, Carol Mattocks, Tom Braaten, Frank Palombo, Bill Harper, George Sawyer, Cheryl Spencer and Kris Kastner. In addition, a request was made that Ms. Linda Sifontes be appointed to represent the Board of Education to replace Mr. Terrence Hicks.

Voting Delegates

The Board considered voting delegates to the Annual NACo Conference in July and to the Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in August. Commissioner Sampson moved to designate the Chairman as the delegate for both conferences and the Vice Chairman as the alternate, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2005-2006 BUDGET

The Board considered the FY 2005-2006 Budget Ordinance, as follows, which was adopted by motion of Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and carried in a roll call vote, there being four (4) “Ayes” from Commissioners Brown, Morris, Sampson and Staton and three (3) “Nays” from Commissioners Allen, Harper and Sisk.

SECTION I

The following amounts are appropriated for expenditure in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Commissioners	\$	480,271
Special Appropriations	\$	345,414
Administration	\$	537,497
Personnel	\$	422,638
Information Technology	\$	779,676
Finance	\$	680,613
Non Departmental	\$	1,055,000
Pass Through	\$	235,045
Contributions to Other Funds	\$	2,000,000
Elections	\$	215,029

Tax Assessor	\$ 956,670
Tax Collector	\$ 431,122
Register of Deeds	\$ 968,691
Public Buildings	\$ 1,508,023
Housekeeping	\$ 202,100
Court Facilities	\$ 586,737
Maintenance	\$ 336,515
Central Maintenance Garage	\$ 264,291
Sheriff	\$ 4,188,012
Jail	\$ 2,514,657
Communications	\$ 448,010
CJPP	\$ 99,370
Fire Marshall/ Emergency Management	\$ 230,246
Inspections	\$ 442,839
E 911 County/Wireless	\$ 43,560
Medical Examiner	\$ 66,500
Rescue Squads	\$ 1,043,172
Solid Waste	\$ 3,504,547
Planning	\$ 440,036

SECTION I (continued)

Soil Conservation	\$ 140,466
Cooperative Extension	\$ 301,227
Economic Development	\$ 598,996
Health	\$ 11,091,129
Mental Health	\$ 271,827
Transportation – CARTS	\$ 928,791
Elderly Handicap	\$ 62,227
General Public Transportation	\$ 131,464
Veterans Services	\$ 113,110
Social Services	\$ 21,981,460
Recreation	\$ 796,807
Libraries	\$ 1,063,993
Convention Center	\$ 1,004,028
Craven County Schools	
Current Expense	\$ 14,606,053
Capital Outlay	\$ 750,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 60,000
Transfer to School Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,060,000
Craven Community College	
Current Expense	\$ 2,760,683
Capital Outlay	\$ 75,000
Debt Service Principal	\$ 100,000
Debt Service Interest	\$ 74,600
TOTAL	\$ 84,998,142

SECTION II

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

First Party Payment for Services	122,389
Third Party Payment for Services	219,754
Fees for Services	4,948,877

Transfers In From Other Funds	2,616,061
Inter-Departmental	387,691
Inter-Governmental	756,092
Medicaid	2,138,727
Medicare	1,534,827
Medicaid Maximization	423,500
Federal Revenue	311,003
Fund Balance Appropriated	805,562
County Health Appropriations	859,921
Total	\$84,998,142

SECTION III

The following amount is appropriated to the Seized Property – Sheriff’s Department Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Expense:

Miscellaneous	\$25,200
Total	\$25,200

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Seized Property – Sheriff’s Department Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 10,000
Substance Abuse Tax – State	\$ 15,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 200
Total	\$ 25,200

SECTION IV

The following amount is appropriated for the Enhanced 911 Project for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Enhanced 911 Operating Expenses	\$ 312,192
Total	\$ 312,192

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Enhanced 911 Project during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Interest	\$ 1,800
Telephone Subscriber Charges	294,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	16,392
Total	\$ 312,192

SECTION V

The following amounts are appropriated for the Rhems Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,500
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	161,899
Capital Reserve	4,560
Total	\$169,959

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Rhems Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$111,561
(Rate of .0375; Valuation of \$ 305,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	58,398
Total	\$169,959

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Workers Compensation	\$ 4,250
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	158,951
Payment to Little Swift Creek Fire Department	5,730
Capital Outlay – Reserve	3,199
Total	\$ 173,130

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 1 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	113,751
(Rate of .0238; Valuation of \$490,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	59,379
Total	\$173,130

SECTION VII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Tri-Community Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Workers Compensation	\$ 4,900
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	201,653
Payment from Sandy Point	11,884
Total	\$ 219,437

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Tri-Community Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 136,556
(Rate of .0350; Valuation of \$400,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	70,997
Sandy Point Appropriation	11,884
Total	\$219,437

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,500
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	96,318
From Twp #1 Vanceboro	5,730

Total	\$ 106,548
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It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Little Swift Creek Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 66,181
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(Rate of .0590; Valuation of \$115,000,000.00)

Sales Tax	34,637
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From Township #1 Vanceboro	5,730
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Total	\$ 106,548
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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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Workers Compensation - Cove City	\$ 2,500
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Insurance - Cove City	1,300
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Payment to Cove City	49,145
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Cove City Payment from Township #9	3,000
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Payment to Dover	39,277
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Workers Compensation - Fort Barnwell	2,200
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Insurance - Fort Barnwell	1,250
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Payment to Fort Barnwell	52,609
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Total	\$ 151,281
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It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 3 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 96,980
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(Rate of .0681; Valuation of \$146,000,000.00)

Sales Tax	51,301
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Payment from Township #9 to Cove City	3,000
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Total \$ **151,281**

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,200
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	181,706
Total	\$ 184,906

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 5 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 122,315
(Rate of .0570; Valuation of \$220,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	62,591
Total	\$ 184,906

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,100
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	215,016
Total	\$218,116

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 6 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 144,847
(Rate of .0675; Valuation of \$220,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	73,269
Total	\$218,116

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,200
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	274,530
Capital Reserve	11,292
Total	\$ 290,022

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 7 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 192,251
(Rate of .027; Valuation of \$730,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	97,771
Total	\$ 290,022

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,500
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	288,495
Total	\$ 291,995

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 201,264
(Rate of .0362; Valuation of \$570,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	90,731
Total	\$ 291,995

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,300
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	153,750
Payment to Cove City	3,000
Capital – Reserve	7,873
Total	\$ 168,923

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 9 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 111,274
(Rate of .0713; Valuation of \$160,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	57,649
Total	\$ 168,923

SECTION XV

The following amounts are appropriated for the Sandy Point Service District for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Transfer to Tri Community	11,884
Total	\$ 11,884

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Sandy Point Service District during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	7,743
(Rate of .05670; Valuation of \$14,00,000.00)	
Sales Tax	4,141
Total	\$ 11,884

SECTION XVI

The following amount is appropriated for the Schools Debt Service for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Debt Service Expenses	\$4,286,350
Total	\$4,286,350

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Schools Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Interest	\$ 60,000
Sales Tax	3,070,000
State ADM	725,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	441,350
Total	\$ 4,286,350

SECTION XVII

The following amount is appropriated for the County Reserve Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Transfer to General County Projects	\$1,570,000
Transfer to Jail Project Fund	500,000
Total	\$2,070,000

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the County Reserve Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending July 1, 2006.

Interest on Investments	\$50,000
Transfer from General Fund	2,020,000
Total	\$2,070,000

SECTION XVIII

The following amount is appropriated for the Craven County Water Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Water Operations Expense	\$ 3,198,585
Total	\$ 3,198,585

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Craven County Water Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Penalty and Interest	\$ 149,500
Interest on Investments	50,000

Fees	243,800
Water Sales	2,755,285
Total	\$ 3,198,585

Any rates not listed remain unchanged from prior year.

SECTION XIX

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Neuse River Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Debt Service	\$ 65,431
Total	\$ 65,431

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Transfers in from Water Operating Fund	\$ 65,431
Total	\$ 65,431

SECTION XX

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Debt Service	\$ 106,670
Total	\$ 106,670

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Transfers in from Water Operating Fund	\$ 106,670
Total	\$ 106,670

SECTION XXI

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Debt Service	\$ 424,316
Total	\$ 424,316

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Transfers in From Water Operating Fund	\$ 424,316
Total	\$ 424,316

SECTION XXII

The following amount is appropriated to the Health Benefits Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Health Benefits	\$ 2,795,000
Workers Compensation	\$ 450,000
Auto Physical Damage	\$ 50,000
Total	\$ 3,295,000

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Health Benefits Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Health Benefits:

Interest	\$ 25,000
Employer Contribution – Health	2,295,000
Employee Contribution - Health	170,000
Employer Contribution - Dental	210,000
Employee Contribution - Dental	95,000
Workers Compensation Fees	450,000
Regular vehicle Expense	50,000
Total	\$ 3,295,000

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

Health – Employee	\$ 328
Child Only	175
Family	424
Dental – Employee	30
Child Only	35
Family	45

SECTION XXIII

The following amount is appropriated to the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Juvenile Restitution Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Juvenile Restitution Expense \$ 42,000

Total \$ 42,000

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, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

CBA - Juvenile Restitution \$ 42,000

Total \$ 42,000

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SECTION XXIV

The following amount is appropriated for the Occupancy Tax Trust Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Transfer to General Fund 791,302

City of Havelock 97,000

Total \$ 888,302

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Occupancy Tax Trust Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Revenue:

Tourism Development Authority Occupancy Tax \$ 888,302

Total \$ 888,302

SECTION XXV

There is levied a tax rate of \$.61 per \$100.00 valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2005, 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 \$5,935,000,000.00 and an estimated collection rate of 97.54%.

SECTION XXVI

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

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

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

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

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

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 57 **SECTION XXVI**

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

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 62 This Ordinance is hereby adopted this 20TH day of June, 2005.

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 65 **COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT**

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 67 *Personnel Announcement*

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 69 County Manager, Harold Blizzard, announced that Ms. Phyllis Toler was named CARTS
 70 Director effective June 15th.

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 74 *Budget Amendment*

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 76 Mr. Blizzard asked Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, to present the following additional budget
 77 amendment.

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 79 **7295 Senior Program**

80	81	101-7295-369-06-00	\$418.00	101-7295-450-39-31	\$418.00
82	82	East Car Council Fan		Crisis	
83	83				
84	84	TOTAL	\$418.00	TOTAL	\$418.00

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

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 89 Commissioner Allen moved to approve the budget amendment, as presented, seconded by
 90 Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

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 92 **COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS**

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 94 *Commissioner Harper* reported that Representatives Wainwright and Underhill had voted against
 95 a bill that would cut off funds to the Global Transpark. He commented that the Global Transpark
 96 or North Carolina’s Eastern Region as it is currently named, creates a lot of pressure for counties
 97 and that he would not vote for any tax increase as long as it continues to be funded.

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 99 *Commissioner Sampson* commented that the current gas prices are creating more of a trickle
 100 down problem for taxpayers and the County than the funding of the North Carolina’s Eastern
 101 Region. He also commented on the youth summit that was held by the Duffyfield Resident’s
 102 Council on June 11th and commended Linda Hughes and Susan DeJesus for their planning and
 103 execution of this all day event which promoted development of leadership among youth.

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 105 *Commissioner Sisk* commended the YMCA for the opening of the new aquatic center and invited

106 other Commissioners to participate in River Bend's Fourth of July Parade.

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108 *Commissioner Staton* reported on numerous complaints relative to speeding and noise in the
109 Harlowe area and indicated that he had been assured by the Sheriff that additional deputies
110 would be posted in the area for ordinance enforcement. He asked that the Board go on record to
111 request the State's revision of its paving priority list to widen the shoulders of NC 101 in the
112 Harlowe area.

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114 *Commissioner Allen* reminded the Board that the Havelock Chamber of Commerce will be
115 holding its annual banquet on June 24th and that local leaders are invited to ride to Charlotte on
116 June 28th to address the BRAC Commission along with other delegations from North Carolina,
117 South Carolina and West Virginia. He also reported on a conference recently attended as the
118 County's representative on the Board of the Neuse Center for Mental Health.

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120 *Commissioner Morris* stated that he was overwhelmed by the vote on the 2005-2006 Budget
121 Ordinance which was, according to his understanding, a consensus budget until the vote was
122 taken. He stated that all of the Commissioners had some problem with the budget but had
123 reached some consensus in the budget work sessions that were held.

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125 *Commissioner Brown* stated that he had accepted his responsibility as an elected official when he
126 took office and that his vote on the Budget Ordinance is reflective of that fact.

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128 At 9:58 a.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Morris and
129 unanimously carried.

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134 Chairman George N. Brown, Jr.

135 Craven County Board of Commissioners

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140 Gwendolyn M. Bryan

141 Clerk to the Board

