

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, SEPTEMBER 19, 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
- 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 Morris moved to approve minutes of September 6, 2005, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Budget Amendment

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

DSS 7291 Mandated Services

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-7291-349-32-00 Energy	\$3,289.00	101-7291-450-23-047 CIP	\$3,289.00
101-7221-349-22-00 Serv Staff & Overhead	\$374.00	101-7201-450-40-50 Contract Emp.	\$374.00
TOTAL	\$3,663.00	TOTAL	\$3,663.00

Justification: Additional funds received from the State for Crisis Intervention Program. Funds are 100% federal, no match.

Tax Releases and Refund

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
CHURCH-NEUSE RIVER BAPTIST CHU EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2005-0009765	\$288.46

DANIELS, STUART W & JONI R SECOND HOME	2005-0012899	\$32.00
DASHNAW, JONATHAN M CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2005-0090117	\$600.15
DAVIS, ERIC & SHANNON CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2005-0013206	\$461.14
DAVIS, ERIC JOHN & SHANNON DIA MILI ½ VALUE ERIC 05 LES-SC ECC-10/03/06	2005-0013207	\$91.12
HARGETT, MADISON C HEIRS DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0023053	\$312.49
HENRY, TIFFANY BOWLEN DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #714800	2005-0090668	\$199.88
JENKINS, MILO L DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0027877	\$72.19
JENKINS, MILO L DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0090374	\$405.50
KIBLER, DEVIN & NINA MILITARY-1/2 VAL. DEVIN 05-LES-IL ECC-11/29/05	2005-0029814	\$67.42
KNOWLES, BILLY E JR & CHRISTY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0030400	\$68.85
NEW BERN-CITY OF PROPERTY EXEMPT	2005-0039033	\$32.00
NEW BERN-CITY OF PROPERTY VACANT	2005-0039036	\$96.00
RIGGS, WILLIAM JEREMY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002	2002-0090832	\$115.29
RIGGS, WILLIAM JEREMY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0042578	\$101.39
RIGGS, WILLIAM JEREMY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0043148	\$90.67
RIGGS, WILLIAM JEREMY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0044422	\$85.26
SEELMANN, WILLIAM GEORGE MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY-05 LES-FL ECC-NONE (CAPT)	2005-0046909	\$293.83
VENTRY, DANIEL JOHN VALUE ADJ. PER BILL OF SALE	2005-0053781	\$25.09
WALTERS, WAYNE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2000	2000-0050769	\$74.42
WALTERS, WAYNE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2001	2001-0051128	\$123.59
WALTERS, WAYNE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002	2002-0051949	\$112.45

WALTERS, WAYNE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0052359	\$101.96
WALTERS, WAYNE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0052956	\$92.97
WHALEY, BRADLEY D MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 05 LES-MO ECC-03/30/2008	2005-0056034	\$89.04
WILLIAMS PROPERTIES LLC-JK CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2005-0057192	\$791.85
26 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$4,825.01

Refund

FIRST CITIZENS BANK & TRUST CO DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACT #17328	2005-0017540	\$139.90
1 – REFUND		\$139.90

Subdivision for Approval

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivision for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Sisk moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Westmil Pond Estates – Final: The property, owned by LMW Developers, LLC and engineered by Thomas Engineering, is located within Twp 7 off of SR 1111 (Old Airport Road). The subdivision contains 38 lots on 10.92 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and City of New Bern sewer. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Request to Extend Contract with Holland Consulting Planners for Hazard Mitigation Plan Implementation Services

The Planning Board requested that the Board of Commissioners extend the contract with Holland Consulting Planners (HCP) for implementation of the tasks and strategies set forth in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Sisk moved to extend the contract with Holland Consulting Planners as requested by the Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS

Health Board

The Board of Commissioners received a letter of resignation from the Health Board submitted by Wilbur Crumpler. It was the Board’s consensus to defer this appointment until the next regular session.

North Carolina’s Eastern Region

The Board considered an appointment to North Carolina’s Eastern Region pursuant to the new structure which was enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly during the 2005 session, providing for only one representative from each participating county. Commissioner Sampson nominated Lonnie Pridgen. Commissioner Harper nominated Jim Davis. In a roll call vote, Lonnie Pridgen received six (6) votes from Commissioners Allen, Brown, Morris, Sampson, Staton and Sisk. Jim Davis received one (1) vote from Commissioner Harper. Commissioner Harper questioned the Board’s appointing someone to an entity over which it has no control. He suggested that the new appointee be requested to meet with Commissioners.

EMERGENCY SERVICES MATTERS*Township Six Fire Department Request*

Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, requested on behalf of the Township Six Fire Department that the Board endorse plans to purchase a new fire truck to be financed by First Citizens Bank. The loan in the amount of \$185,000 along with Fund Balance will be adequate for the purchase with no increase in fire tax needed. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

Update on Hurricane Ophelia

Mr. Kite provided a damage assessment from Hurricane Ophelia, and cautioned that other tropical systems currently in the Atlantic Basin bear watching. He stressed the importance of preparedness, and citizens heeding advisories.

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, recommended that the Board designate Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, as the primary contact to deal with FEMA. Commissioner Sampson moved to appoint Mr. Hemphill as the authorized agent for FEMA matters and Stanley Kite as secondary agent. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, provided the results of bidding for the County's 8.50 acre parcel located at 798 Broad Creek Road. He advised the Board that the bidding started at \$33,150, which was the appraised tax value of the parcel. One bid was received from Martha Parrott, in the amount of \$33,150. He recommended acceptance of the single bid. Commissioner Harper moved to accept the bid, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioners commented on the County's experience with Hurricane Ophelia and expressed appreciation to County staff, fire departments and others who lent assistance in response to the storm. Local contributors to Hurricane Katrina survivors who have taken refuge in Craven County were announced. Invitations were extended to DUFFEST, MUMFEST and Cove City's Annual Fireman's Day.

At 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Morris moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board