

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, OCTOBER 17, 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 Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Allen moved to approve minutes of October 3, 2005, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

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 Allen and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

| TAXPAYER NAME | TICKET# | AMOUNT |
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| ARMSTRONG, BRIDGETTE DARLENE PROPERTY VACANT | 2005-0001433 | \$32.00 |
| BROWN, LINWARD E & BROWN EDWIN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005 | 2005-0090510 | \$437.90 |
| CARTER, JEFFERY H MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 05 LES-FL ECC-08/31/05 | 2005-0008762 | \$29.10 |
| GRAY, CHESTER LEE VACANT PROPERTY | 2005-0021325 | \$32.00 |
| LEE, BAXTER DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005 | 2005-0031638 | \$47.91 |
| MARTIN, GILLETTE VACANT PROPERTY | 2005-0034063 | \$32.00 |
| POPE, THOMAS H & BARBARA C CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR | 2005-0090302 | \$226.74 |

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| QUINONES, ALAN P MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 05 LES-NY ECC-10/01/06 | 2005-0090843 | \$148.30 |
| SALMOND, CHARLES DOES NOT HAVE TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY | 2005-0045966 | \$529.94 |
| SWEENEY, JAMES F JR & MICHELLE MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 05 LES-NJ ECC-04/11/06 | 2005-0090900 | \$137.49 |
| TOLER, LEW C CONTINUOUSLY VACANT SINCE JUNE 2003 | 2005-0052263 | \$32.00 |
| TYLER, JAY KID VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE | 2004-0091587 | \$288.90 |
| TYLER, JAY KID VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE | 2005-0090943 | \$274.90 |
| WATFORD, JOHNNY INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 9L | 2005-0054920 | \$7.15 |

14 – CREDIT MEMO (S) \$2,256.33

Refund

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| COASTAL EAR NOSE & THROAT ASSO CORRECTED LISTING-DID NOT OWN 1/1/2005 | 2005-0010361 | \$926.43 |
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1 – REFUND (S) \$926.43

K-Mart Corporation Bankruptcy Proposal

Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted a proposal for an agreement to settle taxes owed to Craven County by K-Mart Corporation, as the bankruptcy court has dismissed the corporation’s tax liability. The amount of the proposed settlement, \$2,300.42, recommended by Mr. Antry, the County Manager and County Attorney, represents 70% of the original amount owed. Commissioner Sisk moved to accept the proposed settlement agreement, seconded by Commissioner Allen 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 Sisk moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

CJPP

| REVENUES | AMOUNT | EXPENDITURES | AMOUNT |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 101-2201-348-54-00 CJPP | \$(786.00) | 101-2201-410-25-15 Client Travel | \$(786.00) |
| TOTAL | \$(786.00) | TOTAL | \$(786.00) |

Justification: Grant decreased by the State from \$99,370 to \$98,584.

Co-op – SHIP

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| 101-4207-349-55-00 SHIP | \$1,000.00 | 101-4207-420-24-00 Meeting Expense | \$250.00 |
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| | | 101-4207-420-32-40 | \$750.00 |
| | | Other Supplies | |
| TOTAL | \$1,000.00 | TOTAL | \$1,000.00 |

Justification: Budget State grant for Senior Health Insurance Information Program.

SAFE SCHOOLS PROCLAMATION

Stuart Blount, Principal of Brinson Memorial Elementary School, and Tim Harvey of Craven County Emergency Services, presented the following proclamation, which was adopted unanimously upon a motion by Commissioner Allen and a second by Commissioner Staton.

PROCLAMATION

**By
Craven County Board of Commissioners
October 17, 2005**

Whereas, family and community involvement in the safety and security of young people enhances their ability to learn and develop; and

Whereas, the Craven County Board of Education and the Craven County Schools Crisis Resource Team are sponsoring “*Craven County Safe Schools Conference*,” the first county-wide campaign to encourage all citizens of Craven County to stay involved in keeping our schools safe and secure; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that all Craven County citizens support local schools and encourage young people in their academic endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS does hereby proclaim the month of October, 2005 to be **CRAVEN COUNTY SAFE SCHOOLS MONTH**, and urges all citizens of Craven County to recognize this event and participate appropriately in its observance.

Adopted this the 17th day of October, 2005.

APPOINTMENTS

Health Board

Commissioner Allen nominated Suzanne Pryor to fill the unexpired term of Wilbur Crumpler as the pharmacist on the Craven County Health Board. Commissioner Staton moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried, with Ms. Pryor being appointed by acclamation.

Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing

The Board considered the expiring terms of Dell Ipock and Gray Lancaster on the Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority. Commissioner Sisk moved for reappointment of Mr. Ipock and Mr. Lancaster, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Upcoming Appointments – November

The Board was advised of upcoming appointments of Fire Tax Commissioners and Trustees of the Firemen’s Relief Fund.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Request for Authorization to Execute Deed – Broad Creek Road

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, presented a deed to convey 8.50 acres at 798 Broad Creek Road, New Bern to Mary Martha Parrott for the bid amount of \$33,150. Commissioner Morris moved to authorize the Chairman to execute the deed, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

Resolution Ratifying Previous Action - Sale of Real Property at Public Auction

Mr. Sugg presented the following resolution of a parcel located at 757 Saint Delights Church Road, the sale of which the Board authorized on October 3, 2005 upon motion by Commissioner Allen, and a second by Commissioner Morris.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

WHEREAS, Craven County (“County”), a body politic and corporate, is the owner of a parcel of land located at 757 Saint Delights Church Road, Number Two (2) Township, Craven County, North Carolina, which is described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that said property is no longer needed for County purposes and should be sold at public auction; and

WHEREAS, County authorizes the sale of the parcel of land containing 12/100 of one acre, more or less, as further described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto, and as further described in Commissioner’s Deed dated May 31, 2005 and recorded June 21, 2005 in Book 2321 at Page 298, Craven County Registry; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-270, the Craven County Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered to offer for sale the parcel of land at public auction; and

WHEREAS, said offer or bid must be accepted by County at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Commissioners to become final; and

WHEREAS, the highest bidder must deposit ten percent (10%) of the bid with County, which deposit shall be held by County to ensure that said highest bidder will complete the purchase of the property if accepted by County; and

WHEREAS, County shall publish a notice of the sale of said property in the *Sun Journal* at least one (1) time not less than thirty (30) days before the sale, which notice shall contain the description of the property to be sold and said terms of the sale as referenced in this authorizing resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Attorney is authorized to sell the parcel of land described herein containing 12/100 of one acre, more or less with the highest bidder depositing ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with County to be held in escrow to ensure completion of the purchase of the property if said bid is accepted by County.

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2005.

Adoption of Resolution Approving Sale of a Portion of Carolina Avenue, Trent Woods

Jim Sugg, presented the following resolution authorizing sale of real property at public auction. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

WHEREAS, Craven County (“County”), a body politic and corporate, is the owner of a parcel of land located at Carolina Avenue and Wilson Creek, Trent Woods, Number Eight (8) Township, Craven County, North Carolina, which is described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that said property is no longer needed for County purposes and should be sold at public auction; and

WHEREAS, County authorizes the sale of the parcel of land containing one-half acre, more or less, as further described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto, and as further described in Map Book 8, Slide 125, Craven County Registry; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-270, the Craven County Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered to offer for sale the parcel of land at public auction; and

WHEREAS, said offer or bid must be accepted by County at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Commissioners to become final; and

WHEREAS, the highest bidder must deposit ten percent (10%) of the bid with County, which deposit shall be held by County to ensure that said highest bidder will complete the purchase of the property if accepted by County; and

WHEREAS, County shall publish a notice of the sale of said property in the *Sun Journal* at least one (1) time not less than thirty (30) days before the sale, which notice shall contain the description of the property to be sold and said terms of the sale as referenced in this authorizing resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Attorney is authorized to sell the parcel of land described herein containing one-half acre, more or less, with the highest bidder depositing ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with County to be held in escrow to ensure completion of the purchase of the property if said bid is accepted by County.

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2005.

Sale of Lot 79, Tobago, Fairfield Harbour

Mr. Sugg presented the following resolution and requested its adoption. Commissioner Morris moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners (“County”), a body politic and corporate, is the owner of a parcel of land designated as Lot 79, Tobago, Fairfield Harbour, Section 7, Part 1, recorded in Map Book/Plat Cabinet 13, Page/Slide(s) 45, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County, and being more particularly described on Exhibit “A” attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that said property is no longer needed for County purposes and should be sold at public auction; and

WHEREAS, County became the owner of said property in Commissioner’s Deed, which is recorded in Book 2104 at Page 724 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County; and

WHEREAS, County shall sell said property at public auction after publishing notice of the sale in the *Sun Journal* at least one (1) time not less than 30 days before the sale, which Notice shall contain the description of the property to be sold as described herein above. Said terms of the sale are referenced in this authorizing resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Attorney is authorized to sell the parcel of land described herein designated as Lot 79, Tobago, Fairfield Harbour, Section 7, Part 1, recorded in Map Book/Plat Cabinet 13, Page/Slide(s) 45, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County, and being more particularly described on Exhibit “A” attached hereto, with the highest bidder depositing ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with County to be held in escrow to ensure completion of the purchase of the property if said bid is accepted by County.

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2005.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, reported on a voluntary program which the state is passing on to local governments to serve as agents for Hurricane Katrina evacuees. The purpose of the program is to allow local governments to enter leases and make rental payments on behalf of evacuees, to be reimbursed by FEMA. Alfreda Stout of Craven County Department of Social Services was asked to brief the Board on the department’s activities to date with Hurricane Katrina evacuees in Craven County. She advised the Board that among 48-50 household shown by Red Cross to be in the area, approximately 20 households participated in a September 26 workshop held by the department, and involving twelve to fourteen other relief agencies. As a result of some households returning home and inability to contact others, only two remaining households can be verified at present, and they have not yet exhausted assistance already available to them. Commissioner Allen moved to defer any consideration if this program until and unless the situation changes. Commissioner Sisk seconded the motion. After discussion, Commissioner Allen amended the motion to decline participation in the program at this time, seconded by Commissioner Morris and carried by six (6) “Ayes”, there being one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Sampson.

During discussion, Commissioner Sampson stated that the County should develop some basis for handling these kinds of situations when they occur. Mr. Blizzard advised that

the actions taken were a development resulting from the Hurricane Floyd experience in 1999.

At 9:25 a.m. the Board went into recess.

At 9:35 the Board returned to regular session.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Morris discussed the need to address drainage issues in his district, and commented that the OLF siting issue has re-emerged. He announced that he, along with the Chairman and Commissioner Allen will be meeting with representatives of the Navy. Although it is not a public meeting, he stated that the press has been invited, and there will be future opportunities for public input on the matter.

Chairman Brown announced that the NCACC has been working on a strategic plan that is intended to add equity to all counties in their treatment. He noted that the General Assembly is changing from predominately rural to urban.

At 9:50 a.m., Commissioner Sisk moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss acquisition of property. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 10:37 a.m. the Board returned to regular session. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, reported that discussion had taken place concerning property acquisition and that the County Manager had been instructed in negotiations. There was no action taken.

At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

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

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board