

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 19, 2005. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chairman Perry L. Morris
- Vice Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
- Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
- Commissioner George N. Brown, Jr.
- Commissioner Bill Harper
- 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 Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of December 5, 2005 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Subdivisions for Approval

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented the following subdivisions for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Allen moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Lakeside at Royal Pines Section Two – Final: The property, owned by Ellis Development Co., and engineered by Thomas Engineering, is located within Twp. 6 off of SR 1176 (Carolina Pines Blvd.). The subdivision contains 47 lots on 13.73 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and sewer. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Reedy Creek Phase Five – Final: The property, owned by Reedy Creek LLC, and surveyed by Robert Davis, is located within Twp. 7 off of SR 1962 (Goose Creek Road). The subdivision contains 22 lots on 16.52 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Budget Amendments

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

D/S

JOURNAL ENTRY

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
275-8500-480-97-82	\$375,000.00	275-0000-101-00-00	\$375,000.00
382-0000-101-00-00	\$375,000.00	382-0000-366-04-00	\$375,000.00

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BUDGET AMENDMENT

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
275-0000-399-00-00	\$375,000.00	275-8500-480-97-32	\$375,000.00
Fund Balance		Transfer to School Project	

Justification: Advance funds from D/S Fund to purchase land for Elementary School in Carolina Colours.

Elem. School Proj.

382-0000-366-04-00	\$375,000.00	382-8500-480-73-05	\$375,000.00
Transfer from D/S Fund		Land	
TOTAL	\$375,000.00	TOTAL	\$375,000.00

Justification: New Elementary School Project.

Health/Healthy Carolinians

101-6604-349-20-00	\$10,000.00	101-6604-440-40-00	\$9,600.00
State Rev/Health Carolinians		Contractual Services	
		101-6604-440-32-40	\$400.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.00	TOTAL	\$10,000.00

Justification: Additional State money has been awarded to the Healthy Carolinians program. These funds must be spent by May 31, 2006. There will be no carry forward money in the SFY 2007.

Health/Family Planning

101-6400-349-12-00	\$12,377.00	101-6400-440-32-05	\$6,189.00
State Rev/Family Plan		Prescription Drugs	
		101-6400-440-32-08	\$6,188.00
		Medical Supplies	
101-6400-349-12-00	\$1,118.00	101-6400-440-32-05	\$1,118.00
State Rev/Family Plan		Prescription Drugs	
TOTAL	\$13,495.00	TOTAL	\$13,495.00

Justification: \$12,377 additional state money has been made available to provide services to Family Planning TANF patients. \$1,118 additional state money has been made available for purchasing long-acting contraceptives.

Reappraisal

JOURNAL ENTRY

371-0571-400-97-01	\$10,000.00	371-0000-101-00-00	\$10,000.00
To Genl Fd		Cash	
101-0000-101-00-00	\$10,000.00	101-5001-366-07-00	\$5,000.00
Cash		Fr Reserve	
From Reserve to Reappraisal			
Line item transfer			
101-7201-450-26-01	\$7,500.00	101-7201-450-73-02	\$7,500.00
M/R Bldg		Other Imp	

TOTAL	\$27,500.00	TOTAL	\$27,500.00
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BUDGET AMENDMENT

371-0000-399-00-00	\$10,000.00	371-0571-400-97-01	\$10,000.00
Fund Balance		To Genl Fund	
101-5001-366-07-00	\$5,000.00	101-5001-440-73-02	\$5,000.00
Fr Reserve		Other Imp	
101-7201-366-07-00	\$5,000.00	101-7201-450-73-02	\$5,000.00
Fr Reserve		Other Imp	
TOTAL	\$20,000.00	TOTAL	\$20,000.00

Justification: Budget \$10,000 in Capital Reserve funds to be transferred to the General Fund for chiller improvements at Health and Social Services.

Reappraisal

JOURNAL ENTRY

371-0571-400-97-01	\$15,000.00	371-0000-101-00-00	\$15,000.00
To Genl Fd		Cash	
101-0000-101-00-00	\$15,000.00	101-0865-366-07-00	
From Reserve to Reappraisal			
TOTAL	\$30,000.00	TOTAL	\$15,000.00

BUDGET AMENDMENT

371-0000-399-00-00	\$15,000.00	371-0571-400-97-01	\$15,000.00
Fund Balance		To Genl Fd	
101-0865-366-07-00	\$15,000.00	101-0865-400-40-00	\$15,000.00
TOTAL	\$30,000.00	TOTAL	\$30,000.00

Justification: Budget \$15,000 in capital reserve funds to be transferred to the General Fund Reappraisal Department to cover costs.

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
BEAUCHAMP, JASON DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0003291	\$133.55
BEAUCHAMP, JASON MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 05 LES-TX ECC-05/02/02	2002-0090968	\$150.74
BECHERER, ALEXANDER ALBERT MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 05 LES-MO ECC-03/03/07	2004-0003342	\$32.82

CAMPEN, ALBERT L DID NOT OWN 01/01/2001	2001-0091166	\$198.86
CAMPEN, ALBERT L DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002	2002-0007705	\$172.96
CAMPEN, ALBERT L DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0007736	\$150.65
CAMPEN, ALBERT L DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0007841	\$133.98
CRAWFORD, RICHARD LANE DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #57492	2005-0011966	\$297.49
DILLS, ELAINE MITCHELL DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #40609	2005-0014267	\$42.58
HARUNZO, RACHEL DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #40724	2005-0091236	\$187.39
HICKS, JAMES E HRS PROPERTY VACANT	2005-0024968	\$32.00
REDCO PROPERTIES LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2005-0043551	\$5,665.39
REDCO PROPERTIES LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2005-0043550	\$1,142.16
RIGGS, JAMES A & DALE D CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2005-0044366	\$748.01
RIGGS, JAMES H & DEBRA H CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2005-0044371	\$307.84
STEPHENS, JOHNEY MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 05 LES-OK ECC-04/08/2006	2004-0091580	\$24.98
STEPHENS, JOHNEY MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 05 LES-OK ECC-04/08/2006	2005-0049612	\$22.61
WILLIAMS, MIRIAM BELL & WILLIA PROPERTY VACANT	2005-0057567	\$32.00
	18 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$9,476.01

Refund

DUDLEY, BRIAN KEITH PROPERTY VACANT	2005-0015051	\$32.00
	1 – REFUND (S)	\$32.00

PRESENTATION ON CITIZEN SOLDIER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Crystal Moore, Community Liaison, made an informational presentation on the mission and activities of the Citizen Soldier Support Program. The primary objective of the program is to encourage local community support for the families of deployed citizen soldiers serving in the National Guard and Reserves.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS UPDATE

Director of Elections, Tiffiney Miller, updated the Board on the new voting equipment standards mandated by the State. She advised the Board that the DRE voting equipment that was purchased by Craven County in 1997 has been decertified because of its inability to produce a paper audit; however, the software is still certified. A forum has been scheduled for voters to view new equipment under consideration on December 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex. It is expected that more concrete information relative to cost estimates will be available for presentation to the Board on January 3, 2006 so that bid packages will be ready by January 20, 2006. Included in the cost of replacement equipment will be 27 units accessible to visually impaired voters as required by HAVA (Help America Vote Act), to have one unit available at each polling place.

SCHOOL BOARD REQUEST

The Board reviewed discussions with the Board of Education held in joint session on December 9, 2005. At that time, there was consensus to support the Board of Education in acquiring a 30 acre parcel in Carolina Colours for the location of a new elementary school. Commissioner Allen moved to exercise an option to purchase 30 acres of usable land in Carolina Colours at \$12,500 per acre for a total of \$375,000 from the Schools' Debt Service fund, pending a determination of suitability. Commissioner Staton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS*Health Board*

The Board considered the expiring terms of Suzanne Pryor (pharmacist), Mary Ann Van Voorhees (nurse), Vincent Bowers and Arabelle Bryant (citizens). Commissioner Allen nominated Ms. Pryor for reappointment. Commissioner Brown nominated Ms. Van Voorhees for reappointment. There being no additional nominations, Ms. Pryor and Ms. Van Voorhees were reappointed by acclamation. The Chairman requested that appointment of the two citizen positions be deferred until the next meeting in order to review the geographic distribution on the Health Board.

CRSWMA

The Board considered the expiring term of Bill Ritchie. Commissioner Allen nominated Mr. Ritchie for reappointment. There being no additional nominees, Mr. Ritchie was declared reappointed by acclamation.

Cove City Library Board

Commissioner Brown nominated Shearin McCoy for reappointment. There being no other nominees, Ms. McCoy was appointed by acclamation.

Havelock Library Board

Commissioner Allen nominated Leonora Lupton for reappointment. There being no other nominees, Ms. Lupton was declared reappointed by acclamation.

New Bern Library Board

Commissioner Sisk nominated Molly Ritter for reappointment. There being no additional nominations, Ms. Ritter was reappointed by acclamation.

Vanceboro Library Board

Commissioner Staton nominated Dorothy Bryant for reappointment. There were no other nominations and Ms. Bryant was reappointed by acclamation.

Farmers Market Board

The Board received a request from the Farmers Market Board that an appointment be made to replace Hank Bland, who is not participating. The Chairman announced that Mr. Bland has been unable to attend due to health, and asked for a deferment until the next meeting to seek an agricultural representative.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented an agreement Moseley Architects, PC for architectural services relative to design and construction of the new jail, Sheriff's Department offices, Magistrate Courtroom, a District Courtroom and ancillary facilities. He advised the Board that the agreement is based on a lump sum fee as opposed to a percentage. Commissioner Brown moved to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Sisk inquired if there is any option for citizens to use a shredder through the County's solid waste program. She was informed that CRSWMA allows the County to monitor the burial of its confidential records. Assistant County Manager, George Sawyer, agreed to contact CRSWMA to determine what can be done for citizens.

Commissioner Sampson read a proclamation that had been presented by the Mayor of New Bern on the occasion of his 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Commissioner Morris urged Commissioners and citizens to support the County schools' arts programs by attending concerts and performances. He also announced that a tentative date for a proposed meeting with the state legislative delegation is January 3, just prior to the Board's regular meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Brown moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, announced that in closed session, the Board had taken action to purchase a parcel near the airport; however, the negotiations relative to price are pending and will be disclosed at the Board's upcoming meeting on January 3, 2006. The Chairman was authorized to sign a purchase agreement.

At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Perry L. Morris, Chairman
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board