

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 WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2006. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Harold Blizzard, County Manager
 Ray H. Moser, 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 Sisk and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2006 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tax Releases

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
BOG RECOVERY INC NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2005	2005-0005023	\$37.61
COLLINS AUTO SALES NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2004	2004-0090492	\$7.13
COLLINS AUTO SALES NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2003	2003-0090330	\$7.73
COLLINS AUTO SALES NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2002	2002-0090673	\$8.56
CORBEAU, LOUIS RANDY NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2003	2003-0090344	\$255.40
CORBEAU, LOUIS RANDY NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2002	2002-0010570	\$283.26
CORBEAU, LOUIS RANDY NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2001	2001-0090267	\$312.32
CORBEAU, LOUIS RANDY NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2000	2000-0010367	\$316.10

CORBEAU, LOUIS RANDY NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/1999	1999-0090822	\$334.94
CORBEAU, LOUIS RANDY NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/1998	1998-0091199	\$353.78
HARREL, BRADLEY BEAUMAN MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 04 LES-SC ECC-11/24/06	2005-0023314	\$149.21
HILL, BILLY RAY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0024214	\$45.80
HILL, BILLY RAY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0023836	\$49.50
HILL, BILLY RAY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002	2002-0023670	\$53.71
HILL, BILLY RAY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2001	2001-0023384	\$58.13
HILL, BILLY RAY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2000	2000-0090409	\$50.68
HUGHES, JOSEPH H & ET AL CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2006-0090074	\$5,908.22
IPOCK LOGGING CO INC – JOHN P NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2005	2005-0026925	\$428.67
PARMLEY, TYRONE DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #63023	2005-0091293	\$42.71
ROBERT RUSSELL ADVERTISING OUT OF BUSINESS 01/01/2001	2001-0090721	\$19.10
STILLEY, DENNIS RAY MOBILE HOME JUKED PER TITLE	2003-0090172	\$305.16
WILLIAMS, JEFFERY & KIMBERLY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2006-0090081	\$36.32

22 – CREDIT MEMO (S) \$9,064.04

Subdivisions for Approval

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

Marina Townes Section II – B – Final: The property, owned by Marina Townes SCT Two LLC and surveyed by Robert Davis, is located within Twp. 2 off of SR 1600 (Broad Creek Road). The subdivision contains 18 lots on 1.204 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.

Crooked Run Phase II – Final: The property, owned by Edward McCotter, LLC and surveyed by Atlantic Survey and Design, is located within Twp. 7 off NC Hwy 70 E. The subdivision contains 62 lots on 19.247 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and New Bern sewer. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Walton L. Jones Division – Final: The property, owned by Walton and Neppie Jones and surveyed by Atlantic surveying, is located within Twp. 3 off NC Hwy 55 W. The subdivision contains 1 lot on 1.33 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an existing septic system. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Budget Amendments and Ordinance Update

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

Self Insurance

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
512-0321-354-31-00 Refunds	\$399,000.00	512-0321-400-40-81 Hlth Claims	\$478,000.00
512-00-329-00-0 Interest	\$21,900.00		
512-321-357-62-0 Employee Hlth	\$5,000.00		
512-321-357-63-0 Employer Hlth	\$15,000.00		
512-321-357-92-0 Employee Dental	\$1,990.00		
512-321-357-93-0 Employer Dental	\$850.00		
512-00-399-01-0 Fund Balance	\$34,260.00		
TOTAL	\$478,000.00	TOTAL	\$478,000.00

Justification: Fy 2006 – Health claims are exceeding amount budgeted.

New School Project

382-0000-380-06-00 COPS	\$14,000,000.00	382-8500-480-40-12 Gen’l Const	\$8,624,500.00
382-0000-354-02-00 Sales Tax Refund	\$182,938.00	382-8500-480-40-16 Plumbing	\$642,500.00
		382-8500-480-40-14 Mechanical	\$1,274,740.00
		382-8500-480-40-15 Electrical	\$1,170,934.00
		382-8500-480-75-01 Architect	\$167,100.00
		382-8500-480-76-59 Contingency	\$300,000.00
		382-8500-480-76-03 Survey/Geotechnical	\$24,000.00
		382-8500-480-27-0 Advertising	\$30,000.00
		382-8500-480-73-01 Capital Outlay	\$500,000.00
		382-8500-480-73-05 Land	\$164.00
		382-8500-480-76-50 Road	\$514.00
		382-8500-480-76-50 Road	\$250,000.00

		382-8500-480-97-05	\$1,198,486.00
		Transfer Fd	
TOTAL	\$14,182,938.00	TOTAL	14,182,938.00

Justification: Set up New Schools Project based on submitted budget.

Ordinance:

New Schools Project

This ordinance is hereby amended in the following amounts for expenditures for the NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Project.

Expenditures:

Legal	\$ 18,664.00
Advertising	\$ 30,000.00
General Contractor	\$ 8,624,500.00
Mechanical	\$ 1,274,740.00
Electrical	\$ 1,170,934.00
Plumbing	\$ 642,500.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 500,000.00
Land	\$ 375,000.00
Architect	\$ 542,100.00
Survey Geotechnical	\$ 24,000.00
Permits	\$ 6,000.00
Site Work	\$ 334,000.00
Road	\$ 340,000.00
Contingency	\$ 300,000.00
Administration	\$ 500.00
Refund to Schools Debt Service Fd 275	\$ 1,198,486.00
TOTAL	\$15,381,424.00

The following revenues are hereby amended for the Schools Roof Construction Project

Revenues:

Debt Service Reserve	\$ 1,198,486.00
Bond Proceeds – COPS	\$14,000,000.00
Contractor’s Sales Tax	\$ 182,938.00
TOTAL	\$15,381,424.00

This ordinance is hereby amended this 5th day of July, 2006.

People to People Request

A request was made to the Board by parents whose children are currently participating in a People to People exchange to Australia and New Zealand as youth ambassadors, to adopt a resolution which can be presented to the young ambassadors at its next meeting. The purpose of the program is to spread international goodwill and understanding on behalf of our nation as People to People Student Ambassadors. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt a resolution, to be presented to the young ambassadors at the Board’s next meeting commending their goodwill, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO CONVEY PERSONAL PROPERTY

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, presented the following resolution, which had been discussed at the Board’s meeting on June 19, requesting on behalf of Major Tripp to have

the house and outbuildings on the site of the new jail conveyed to him. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the resolution to convey personal property, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

NORTH CAROLINA
CRAVEN COUNTY

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING
MAJOR C. TRIPP TO ACQUIRE AND
RELOCATE DWELLING HOUSE
AND OUTBUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, Major C. Tripp and wife, Sara Tripp (hereinafter "Tripp"), entered into an Agreement dated December 1, 2005 for the sale of a tract of land to Craven County (hereinafter "County") consisting of 106 acres more or less; and

WHEREAS, Tripp executed a deed to County conveying said property described in Deed Book 2458, Page 350, Craven County Registry; and

WHEREAS, the said Agreement dated December 1, 2005 granted to Tripp the use of the dwelling house and outbuildings located thereon until May 23, 2007, or until such time as Tripp vacates the same, whichever shall first occur; and

WHEREAS, Tripp now desires to acquire said buildings and relocate the same to another site near the described 106-acre tract; and

WHEREAS, the dwelling house and outbuildings have no value to anyone except Tripp, which dwelling house and outbuildings have been "the home place" where Tripp and his wife lived for many years prior to her death; and

WHEREAS, County now desires to commence construction of a jail on the site and the buildings constitute an impediment to County in utilizing the property for the purposes for which it was purchased and said dwelling house and outbuildings must be removed or destroyed; and

WHEREAS, County desires to transfer the dwelling house and outbuildings to Tripp in exchange for Tripp removing the dwelling house and outbuildings from the property owned by County onto another parcel owned by Tripp.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Craven County exchange the dwelling house and outbuildings located on the 106-acre tract conveyed to County by Tripp by deed dated May 23, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2458, Page 350, Craven County Registry, for and in consideration of Tripp moving, razing or otherwise removing the dwelling house and outbuildings from the property on or before May 23, 2007 and clearing any debris created thereupon.

NOW, THEREFORE, County does hereby transfer and convey to Tripp the dwelling house and outbuildings only located on the parcel of land referenced herein, in exchange for Tripp removing said buildings from the premises as aforesaid. County agrees that Tripp is authorized to go upon the premises to remove the dwelling house and outbuildings from the said tract of land onto a site designated by Tripp, providing that said removal is completed prior to May 23, 2007.

This Resolution shall be published one (1) time in the *Sun Journal* after it is adopted by the Craven County Board of Commissioners as provided in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-271.

Done this 5th day of July, 2006.

APPOINTMENT TO FILL REGISTER OF DEEDS VACANCY

The Board considered a nomination from the Craven County Democratic Party for the appointment of Sherri Richards as the Register of Deeds to succeed Rebecca Thompson, whose retirement became effective on June 30, 2006. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, advised the Board that the nominee's seals had been ordered but not yet been received, and that the current seals of the retired Register of Deeds can still be legitimately used by the Assistant Register of Deeds; however, he and the County Attorney stated that they were not comfortable with the use of the old Register of Deeds seals by the newly appointed Register of Deeds. It was recommended that the Board make the appointment of the succeeding Register of Deeds subject to the seals being received and the oath taken. Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Sherri Bower Richards as the new Register of Deeds, as recommended by the Craven County Democratic Party, contingent upon receipt of the seals and the administration of the oath of office. Commissioner Staton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

AMBULANCE FRANCHISE REQUEST

Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, presented a request that the application of AmbuMed Ambulance Services be approved for the granting of a franchise pending an opening for a franchise. This was the recommendation of the EMS Advisory Council, which signifies that AmbuMed has qualified to receive the franchise should one become available. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the application for AmbuMed Ambulance Service franchise pending an opening in the system, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Airport Board

The Board was advised at its last meeting that the terms of Curtis Bare, Royce Jordan and Fletcher Watts on the Airport Board were due to expire. Commissioner Staton nominated Mr. Bare, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Watts for reappointment. Commissioner Sampson moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried, with Mr. Bare, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Watts being reappointed by acclamation.

Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board

The Board was advised on June 19 of the expiring term of Joe Graeser, who represents organized labor on the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Allen nominated Mr. Graeser for reappointment, and there being no additional nominees, he was appointed by acclamation.

EMS Advisory Council

The Board received information concerning expiring terms on the EMS Advisory Council. These appointments were deferred.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

The Board received recommendations from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, as follows:

Cindy Carroll

Juvenile Defense Attorney

Pete Monte	Business
Jan Parker	Recreation & Parks
Sandra Phelps	United Way
Alvin Burney	At large
Mary Mallard	Chief Court Counselor
Kent Flowers	DSS
Robert Keeter	At large
Sarah Loest	Substance Abuse Prof.

Commissioner Sisk moved to accept the recommendations for appointment, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

Craven Community College Board of Trustees

The Board was advised of the resignation of Marvin Raines from the Craven Community College Board of Trustees. Commissioner Tyson nominated Carol Mattocks and moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried, with Ms. Mattocks being appointed by acclamation.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Tyson commented that his district in Township 7 is one of the fastest growing areas of Craven County and he asked support of his colleagues in efforts with staff to get control of the traffic issues in that district.

Commissioner Sisk thanked Commissioners who participated in the River Bend Fourth of July Parade.

Commissioner Staton appealed for more stringent enforcement of the noise ordinance in his district by the Sheriff.

Commissioner Sampson commented that the City of New Bern has included the addition of a public swimming pool in its FY 2006-2007 budget and expressed the hope that the County would follow.

Commissioner Morris tentatively scheduled August 21 as the next meeting of the Commissioners with Craven County's Legislative Delegation. He stated that August 21 is the earliest date that the legislators will be available. He informed the Board that at the next meeting the Legislative Delegation will have a presentation to summarize the newly adopted legislation. He stated that he had also asked Roy Wilson, Director of Neuse Center, to provide the Board a status report on the mental health system.

Commissioner Brown announced that the North Carolina General Assembly has approved in the FY 2006-2007 \$27 million for Medicaid Relief; however, the relief is not recurring and he advised that Commissioners continue the pressure on the legislature for permanent relief.

At 7:32 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

Chairman Perry L. Morris
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board