

**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, APRIL 17, 2006. 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 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 Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sampson moved to approve minutes of the April 3, 2006 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Brown 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 Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Credits*

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
BOYD, BILLY RAY NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY 01/01/2004	2004-0005218	\$13.79
DURKIN, DORIS ANN OUT OF BUSINESS 01/01/2005	2005-0015	146.08
HARVEY, REGGIE NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2004	2004-0090698	\$63.53
HARVEY, REGGIE OUT OF BUSINESS 01/01/2005	2005-0023850	\$61.39
IPOCK, BRICE FRANKLIN DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT. #26857	1997-0090106	\$848.08
LEE, ROBERT EDWARD DID NOT OWN 01/1/2005	2005-0031751	\$24.61
RAMIREZ, JESUS M DID NOT OWN 01/01/2000	2000-0040197	\$441.38
RAMIREX, JESUS M DID NOT OWN 1/01/2001	2001-0040552	\$429.53

RAMIREZ, JESUS M DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002	2002-0041206	\$376.90
RAMIREZ, JESUS M DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0041510	\$329.64
RAMIREZ, JESUS M DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0090269	\$299.90
RAMIREZ, JESUS M DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0091295	\$275.26
STALLINGS, GERALD T & LINDA L BILLING RIVERBEND ONLY-COUNTY IN	2006-0090051	\$311.26
WILLIAMS, BONNIE F DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #53062	2005-0091297	\$339.44
14 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$3,960.79

***Refunds***

STANLEY, JASON & DEBBIE DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0049397	\$91.39
THOME, BRUCE C & LINDA E DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0050337	\$13.01
THOME, BRUCE C & LINDA E DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0051834	\$13.22
3 – REFUND (S)		\$117.62

***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 Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

***Pass Through***

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-0564-348-12-00 Ct Ref Youth	\$(1,975.00)	101-0564-450-91-03 Ct Ref Youth	\$(1,975.00)
TOTAL	\$(1,975.00)	TOTAL	\$(1,975.00)

**Justification:** Decrease in referrals resulting in funds not being utilized.

***Pass Through***

101-0564-348-65-00 Teen Court	\$1,975.00	101-0564-450-91-65 Teen Court	\$1,975.00
TOTAL	\$1,975.00	TOTAL	\$1,975.00

**Justification:** Additional DJJDP funds awarded to Teen Court.

*DSS 7291 Mandated Services*

101-7291-349-32-00	\$1,814.00	101-7291-450-23-03	\$1,814.00
Energy		CP&L	
TOTAL	\$1,814.00	TOTAL	\$1,814.00

**Justification:** Additional funding received from the State for CP&L. Funds are 100% State, no County match required.

*DSS 7291 Mandated Services*

101-7291-349-32-00	\$996.00	101-7291-450-23-03	\$996.00
Energy		CP&L	
TOTAL	\$996.00	TOTAL	\$996.00

**Justification:** Additional funding received from the State for CP&L. Funds are 100% State, no County match required.

*DSS 7295 Senior*

101-7295-349-63-00	\$(353.00)	101-7295-450-20-00	\$(470.00)
General Purpose		Postage	
101-00-399-01-0	\$(117.00)		
Fund Balance			
TOTAL	\$(470.00)	TOTAL	\$(470.00)

**Justification:** Funds received for the General Purpose funding grant through the Area Agency on Aging were lower than estimated. Funds are 75% Fed and State reimbursed, with a 25% County match.

*Approval of Audit Contract*

The Board was requested to approve the proposed contract with McGladrey & Pullen for the County fiscal 2006 audit. The proposed price was \$76,000, which is a 5% increase over the fiscal 2005 audit price due to new GASB requirements. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the audit contract with McGladrey & Pullen for the County fiscal 2006 audit for \$76,000, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Approval For Execution of Contract to Purchase Site for New Elementary School*

The Board was requested to approve the contract for the purchase of land for a new elementary school in Carolina Colours and to authorize the Chairman to sign the purchase contract. The County will only pay \$375,000 already appropriated by the Board. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the contract for the purchase of land for the new elementary school in Carolina Colours and to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Commissioner Morris asked that the agenda be amended to add an appointment to the Planning Board, which was deferred from the Board's last meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to add this item to the agenda. Commissioner Tyson nominated Regina Crawford to replace Mr. Charles Dickenson on the Planning Board and moved that nominations be closed and that she be appointed by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Frank Palumbo, Mary Mallard and Jennifer Knight presented the funding recommendations for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, as follows:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
Juvenile Restitution Program	\$44,000.00
Area Day Reporting Center	\$78,593.00
TAU	\$17,000.00
Resolve	\$51,800.00
Rebound/Emergency Respite	\$48,000.00
Teen Court	\$12,000.00
Psychological Services	\$6,800.00
JCPC	\$3,000.00

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the recommendations, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

**PRESENTATION ON NACo PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD PROGRAM**

Health Director, Wanda Sandelé, presented a summary of the NACo prescription drug discount drug card program, which was requested by the Board, as follows, including the advantages and disadvantages of the program.

**NACo PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM SUMMARY**

- A prescription discount card for the uninsured and underinsured – no Rx coverage
- Program administered by Advance PCS, a division of Caremark, a Fortune 500 company.
- Consumer presents card to a participating pharmacist, receives a discount if the drug is on the list.
- Advance PCS receives a rebate from the drug manufacturer for prescriptions filled and may receive other compensation from manufacturers. There is also a \$3.50 transaction fee paid by the pharmacy.
- The County signs an agreement for a term of 3 years and one month that is automatically renewed for one year terms. The agreement can be terminated on 60 days notice.
- PCS provides the cards with their own and the County’s logo on it free of charge.
- PCS provides information brochures and marketing materials free of charge.
- The County decides who to give the card to and may apply residency or income requirements, or, may have no requirements at all.
- This is not an insurance plan and not subject to the same privacy rules of health care providers and insurance companies. The information “obtained in connection with the agreement may be used, disclosed, reproduced or adapted in any manner they deem appropriate”. Information is considered confidential “to the extent required by applicable law” HIPAA would not apply here.
- Advance PCS may provide the county with programs designed to ensure proper drug utilization and encourage the use of cost effective medications. The may

include mailings to participants and communications with the physician. They may also contact individuals regarding eligibility for clinical trials.

- This is an exclusive arrangement. The County may not participate in any other drug discount program
- Administrative issues for the County:
  - Eligibility
  - Distribution of marketing materials
  - Providing a contact for questions
  - Ongoing distribution of cards
  - Monitoring significant changes
  - Review of utilization reports
  - Notification of participants if County withdraws from the program

Following the presentation the Board inquired of Ms. Sandelé how the \$3.50 administration fee for the card is handled. They also requested additional information on other discount programs offered by the drug companies.

#### **UPDATE ON THE RE-INSTatement OF WIND-BORNE DEBRIS PROVISIONS TO THE NC BUILDING CODE**

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, updated the Board on the absence of any level of protection to buildings against wind-borne debris in the North Carolina Building Code and stated that if the provisions are not reinstated in the North Carolina Code it is likely that insurers will view North Carolina as an undesirable high-risk place to do business. In addition, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has indicated that unless the wind-borne debris provisions are adopted, federal assistance in rebuilding homes that are destroyed may be limited or non-existent. He reported on meetings in which Craven County staff have participated, as well as other advocacy efforts. There is hope that North Carolina Insurance Commissioner and the Department of Insurance will petition the state to require tougher building code standards that help to reduce future hurricane damage in North Carolina. Further updates will be provided to the Board as developments occur.

#### **EMS MATTERS**

##### *Termination of Convalescent Transport Services Franchise*

EMS Director, Stanley Kite, advised the Board that he had received a telephone notice from Convalescent Transport Service stating the cessation of their service, as well as correspondence from the state indicating that Convalescent Transport Service has been ordered to cease its service. The franchise agreement requires written notice of service termination, which puts Convalescent Transport in violation of the County franchise; therefore, the franchise is automatically nullified.

##### *Second Vote on Award of Franchise to Johnston Ambulance Service*

At its meeting on April 3 the Board approved the award of a franchise, being vacated by Convalescent Transport Service, to Johnston Ambulance Service (JAS). A second vote is required with the request that the certificate of franchise be awarded to Johnston Ambulance Service effective April 18, 2006. Commissioner Brown moved to award the vacated franchise to JAS, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

##### *EMS Advisory Council Recommendation*

The Board was advised that the Craven County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council voted on March 15 to issue a continuation to the franchise held by Tarheel Ambulance Service, which will expire at the end of April. Commissioner Brown moved to accept the EMS Advisory Council recommendation to continue the franchise of



Tarheel Ambulance Service, without an expiration date, but with the provision for an annual review each June. Commissioner Staton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS**

*Coastal Resources Advisory Council*

The Board further deferred an appointment to the Coastal Resources Advisory Council to replace Natalie Baggett.

*Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC)*

Commissioner Staton requested that the appointment to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee to replace Earley Toon be deferred.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Brown* announced that the House Select Committee on Health Care is recommending to the NC House of Representatives that the NCACC recommendation for Medicaid relief be adopted. If adopted this measure would save Craven County approximately \$350,000.

Commissioner Morris reminded the Board that it will meet in lunch session at Cooperative Extension Service to hear a presentation from Cooperative Extension staff, and at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Perry L. Morris  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
Clerk to the Board