

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN  
RECONVENED ITS REGULAR SESSION OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007  
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M. IN JOINT SESSION  
WITH THE CRAVEN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD IN THE  
COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Jason R. Jones  
Vice Chairman Theron McCabe  
Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen  
Commissioner Perry L. Morris  
Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Commissioner M. Renée Sisk  
Commissioner Steve Tyson

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Harold Blizzard, County Manager  
Ray H. Moser, Assistant County Manager  
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board  
Jim Hicks, County Attorney  
James R. Sugg, Attorney's Office

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Bell  
Louis Balogh  
Sharon Bland  
Shelton Phillips  
William Perry  
Jessie White

**PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:**

Don Baumgardner, Planning Director  
Chad Strawn, Assistant Planning and Community Development Director  
Jason Frederick

Following the call to order, Planning Consultant, Dale Holland of Holland Consulting Planners, presented an update on the CAMA Land Use Plan, indicating that Craven County has finished Phase I. He also stated that Phase II is expected to begin after the first of the year when CAMA grants are anticipated. In the event the grants are delayed, the County has an option to proceed with self funding Phase II with the expectation that CAMA funds will be forthcoming; however, there is a minimal risk that they may not be forthcoming. In further comments, Mr. Holland stated that the connectivity of subdivisions should be one objective for future community planning and should be encouraged; however, he stated that without an ordinance to that affect, there is no way to enforce the requirement that subdivisions be connected. The Planning Development staff recommended that Craven County conduct a series of educational and public input sessions in the area which is under consideration for a zoning ordinance along the Highway 70 East corridor. Three meetings in January were proposed. The Planning Board proposed to return to the Board of Commissioners afterwards with a summary of the input received, which could be used to help guide the Board of Commissioners in what type of ordinance should be drafted. The observation was made that Havelock's and New Bern's Extraterritorial Jurisdictions (ETJ's) are merging toward each other and that both cities could zone their respective ETJ's now, if desired. Ms. Bland initiated discussion concerning the need to control density in any proposed ordinance. Mr. Balogh stated that developers are currently trying to circumvent the subdivision regulations by passing off developments as Planned Urban Development (PUB). He stated that, as such, the Planning Board is unable to regulate these developments.

The next step identified for the process would be scheduling dates for public meetings, if the Board of Commissioners desires to proceed, and to defining the area to be controlled. The Board reached consensus to include all of Township Seven all the way through

Township Six up to Havelock’s jurisdiction, and to set January 8 as the first public information meeting date. The Planning Board is expected to report back to the Board of Commissioners in February.

At 10:45 a.m. the Board recessed and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

In response to a Commissioner’s inquiry, County Manager, Harold Blizzard, engaged in discussion of the purchase of County blazers for the Commissioners. Commissioner McCabe moved that the County purchase blazers with an embroidered county seal, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and carried with four (4) “Ayes”, there being three (3) “Nays” from Commissioners Tyson, Morris and Jones.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Jason R. Jones  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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