

**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 TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2007. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- Commissioner M. Renée Sisk

**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 Morris moved to approve minutes of the December 18, 2006 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*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 Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Health/Asthma State Grant*

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-3136-348-28-00 Asthma State Grant	\$399.00	101-3136-420-32-40 Other Supplies	\$399.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$399.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$399.00</b>

**Justification:** When budget was originally submitted, it was unknown that the state would allocate an additional \$399 to be used in the Asthma State Grant program. This money will be used to purchase asthma intervention supplies for schools, child care centers or homes.

*Juvenile Restitution*

565-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$440.00	565-7501-500-32-40 Other Supplies	\$440.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$440.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$440.00</b>

**Justification:** Budget Juvenile Restitution Fund Balance to cover the purchase of a heavy duty shredder (no County funds).

*Tax Releases*

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

*Credits*

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
ANDREWS, OSSIE SR HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1997-0001028	\$162.58
ANDREWS, OSSIE SR HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1998-0001091	\$147.56
ANDREWS, OSSIE SR HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1999-0001151	\$146.38
ANDREWS, OSSIE SR HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2000-0001163	\$29.35
ANDREWS, OSSIE SR HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2001-0001183	\$29.43
ANDREWS, OSSIE SR HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2002-0001213	\$34.70
ANDREWS, OSSIE SR HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2003-0001239	\$31.85
ANDREWS, OSSIE SR HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2004-0001207	\$29.57
ANDREWS, OSSIE SR HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0001275	\$29.43
ANDREWS, OSSIE SR HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0001260	\$23.79
BEARD, EARL M L NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2006	2006-0091723	\$497.37
BRYANT, IRA BERNARD & BRYANT DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0091803	\$520.56
BUCK, FRANK & BUCK, LLOYD & HA EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2006-0007299	\$201.37
CLEVE, BILL DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #67546	2006-0091804	\$252.58
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOPM CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2006-0010535	\$2,020.94
DOWN EAST CYCLES NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2006	2006-0090312	\$52.57
EVERETT, CHARLES L PROPERTY VACANT	2006-0016939	\$32.00

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FIELDS, JANNIE ROBERSON ALSTON 2006-0017564 DOUBLE LISTED AS REAL/PARCEL #7-053-004	\$297.07
HARRIS, BOBBY 2006-0091192 MILITARY – HIS NAME ONLY 06 LES-FL	\$203.70
HOLLAR, GARY L 2006-0091737 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$835.95
HOLMES, DONNA A & MILTON 2006-0091690 DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	\$212.93
IPOCK, JAMES A SR & VIDA B 2006-0091813 DOUBLE BILLED ON SAME ACCT.	\$5.45
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032826 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$9.34
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032827 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$186.22
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032828 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$73.50
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032829 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERRO	\$150.48
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032830 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$574.95
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032831 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$227.45
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032832 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$171.42
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032833 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$294.28
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032834 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$253.72
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032835 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$319.09
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032836 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$153.67
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032837 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$173.02
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032838 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$22.14
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032840 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$8.14
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032841 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$119.52
LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032839 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$9.60

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LINKS AT PLANTATION HARBOR LLC 2006-0032843 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$2.67
PARTNERS EQUITY CAPITAL COMPANY 2006-0041475 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	\$71.98
PRICE, DONALD 2006-0091769 LOCATED IN CARTERET COUNTY FOR 2006	\$837.03
RICHARDSON, ROBERT F & SYLVIA 2006-0044879 FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	\$30.68
RIGGS, JAMES A & DALE D 2006-0045018 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR – WILL BE REBILLED	\$753.01
RIGGS, JAMES H & DEBRA H 2006-0045023 CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR – WILL BE REBILLED	\$305.74
TOLER, LEW C 2006-0053053 PROPERTY VACANT	\$32.00
Z & R ASSOCIATES LLC 2006-0091836 RECYCLE FEE DOUBLE BILLED	\$32.00
46 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$10,608.78

*Military Family of the Quarter Resolution*

The Board was requested to adopt the following resolution recognizing the family of Gunnery Sergeant James R. Anderson as Military Family of the Quarter. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the following resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote. Commissioner McCabe was designated by the Board as the representative to present the resolution at the luncheon for the Military Family of the Quarter.

**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY OF  
GUNNERY SERGEANT JAMES R. ANDERSON  
AS MILITARY FAMILY OF THE QUARTER**

**WHEREAS**, Gunnery Sergeant James R. Anderson reported to Marine Attack Squadron 223 Marine Aircraft Group 14, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing Cherry Point in June 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, he served with distinction as Division Chief of the Squadron Aviation Life Support Systems before his transfer to the squadron’s Quality Assurance Division in January 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, GySgt Anderson has continuously displayed a steadfast approach to mission accomplishment and unit success, and has exemplified a spirit of excellence and dedication which carries over into his personal life; and

**WHEREAS**, he and his wife, Lisa, have worked tirelessly to insure the wellbeing of others in the community through their involvement in their children’s activities and assistance to other Marines and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Andersons’ commitment to the physical, mental and spiritual development of their children and other children in the local community has been reflected in their acts of service wherever they have lived; and

**WHEREAS**, the Andersons through their example, are instilling in their children, James and Nathan, the values of service, responsibility, compassion and good citizenship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Craven County Board of Commissioners salutes the family of Gunnery Sergeant James R. Anderson, and extends congratulations for having been selected as Military Family of the Quarter.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2007.

**PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2007 CDBG**

Chip Bartlett with Holland Consulting Planners prefaced a public hearing relative to the intention of the County to apply for FY 2007 CDBG Community Revitalization funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act.

The following list of tentative proposed activities and an estimated budget was presented.

1.	C-1 Housing Activities (Rehabilitation, Acquisition, Clearance and Relocation)	\$550,000
2.	C-1 Public Works Improvements	\$275,000
3.	C-1 Administration	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
Total		\$900,000*

Mr. Bartlett advised the Board that the projected budget of \$900,000 would need adjustment to \*\$850,000 for the total project cost because the proposed activity did not contain adequate innovative activity in the area to apply for the full \$900,000. The budget presented involves four (4) repairs, four (4) replaced units and twelve (12) units cleared. There is also a provision for pump systems for each occupied household to connect to sewer, in addition to paving dirt rights-of-way. He announced the intention to partner with Habitat for Humanity to acquire one (1) lot that will be donated to and built by Habitat for Humanity. There are some drainage improvements also included. At 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to go into public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried. There was one speaker from the public, Yvonne Selbig, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, who expressed support for the grant application on behalf of her agency. At 7:14 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to close the public hearing, as advertised, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the following resolution committing \$75,000 in unrestricted local revenues to the FY 07 CDBG Community Revitalization Project, if funded. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

**FY07 CDBG COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION APPLICATION**

**RESOLUTION OF LOCAL COMMITMENT AND SIGNATORY**

WHEREAS, Craven County wishes to demonstrate local support for its proposed FY07 CDBG Community Revitalization application, and

WHEREAS, the county wishes to submit a competitive application to the Division of Community Assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves to commit \$75,000 in unrestricted local revenues to the FY07 CDBG Community Revitalization project if funded. These funds will be disbursed at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners during the FY07-08 and FY08-09 budget years. Local funds will be budgeted for housing activities or public works improvements by the county's planning consultant, based on the use that will provide the most competitive application. The Craven County Board of Commissioners also authorizes the Craven County Planning Director to submit the CDBG-CR application to the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to execute all signatory pages required for submittal of the application.

RESOLVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2007.

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, requested that the Board allow him to schedule a public information meeting during the Board’s regular session on February 5 concerning the CAMA Land Use Plan update. There was no objection from the Board and Mr. Baumgardner agreed to prepare the required notices.

**PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**

*Tenise Gooding*

Ms. Gooding thanked the Board for previous support for improvements at the Rocky Run Park. She updated the Board on the status of the park and pointed out several additional needs, including pot hole repair at the entrance, mulch replacement, and hazards caused by the condition of the fence. She also presented requests for funding for continued facility and equipment upgrades and stated that she is also, with the assistance of the Recreation Director, researching grants for installing a walking trail. She asked that the Board consider matching funds if grants are received. The Chairman advised Ms. Gooding that requests for additional upgrades and development of the park should be channeled through the Recreation Director and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board so that they will be prioritized and included in the departmental budget to the County Commissioners at the appropriate time.

*Andy Sipe*

Mr. Sipe presented a petition to close River Avenue in the Leesville section of Township 7. He advised the Board that his business owns the two parcels on each side of the road. The Board expressed interest in knowing if one additional property owner is in agreement with Mr. Sipe’s request and staff agreed to research that issue. The Board was advised that a public hearing would be necessary, after the Board declares its intent, to close the right-of-way, with public notice published for three successive weeks prior to the hearing. Commissioner Jones moved to set the public hearing for February 5 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

**RECREATION REQUEST FOR BID AWARD**

Recreation Director, Jan Parker, presented the following bid results and recommendation for clearing and grubbing at West Craven Park.

RJ Bushhogging		
Clear & Grub	\$4,000/acre	\$261,600
Erosion Control-silt fence only		<u>\$ 963</u>
		\$262,563
Broadway Grinding & Clearing		
Clear & Grub	\$3,800/acre	\$248,520
Erosion Control		<u>\$ 8,688</u>
		\$257,208
Trader Construction		
Clear & Grub	\$2,650/acre	\$173,310
Erosion Control		<u>\$ 19,850</u>
		\$193,160

Commissioner Morris moved to approve the award of the bid, as recommended, to Trader Construction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**APPOINTMENTS***Health Board*

The Board considered pending appointments to the Health Board for the expiring term of Jennetia Drake, who was nominated for reappointment at the previous meeting, as well as vacancies created by the resignation of Gene Bowling from the engineer's position and a vacancy for the veterinarian's position. Commissioner Allen nominated Larry Paul to serve in the veterinarian's position. Commissioner Jones nominated Ivy Oakley Heath. In a roll call vote, Dr. Paul received three (3) votes from Commissioners Allen, McCabe and Tyson, with Dr. Heath receiving three (3) votes from Commissioners Morris, Jones and Sampson. The Board agreed to defer this appointment until its next meeting for a second vote. It was the Board's consensus to defer the appointment of the engineer position until its next meeting. Commissioner Allen nominated Ms. Drake for reappointment. Commissioner McCabe nominated Verdel Newby. Commissioner Jones moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Verdel Newby was appointed by a vote of four (4) "Ayes" from Commissioners McCabe, Morris, Jones and Sampson, with Ms. Drake receiving two (2) votes from Commissioners Allen and Tyson.

*Cove City Library Board*

Commissioner Jones nominated Cathy Warmack to the Cove City Library Board to replace him, as he is now serving in the position designated for a Commissioner appointee. Commissioner McCabe moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Jones, with Ms. Warmack being appointed by acclamation.

*Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board*

Commissioner Morris nominated Mark Faithful, as recommended by Judy Cox, to replace her on the Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board, due to her retirement. Commissioner McCabe moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried, with Mr. Faithful being appointed by acclamation.

*NCACC Legislative Liaison*

The Board considered a request from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to designate among its members a legislative liaison to the Association. Commissioner Morris indicated interest in serving, as did Commissioner Allen. In a roll call vote, Commissioner Morris received four (4) votes from Commissioners McCabe, Morris, Jones and Sampson, there being two (2) votes for Commissioner Allen from Commissioners Allen and Tyson.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Morris* asked that the County Manager be directed to send a congratulatory letter to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Convention Center for their recent recognition by *Convention South* magazine.

*Commissioner Allen* announced that he is no longer the president of the National Association of Local Boards of Health, but as immediate past president he is now chairing the nominating committee.

*Commissioner Jones* asked that a moment of silence be held in honor of President Ford. He also announced that he has received citizens' calls regarding drainage issues with which the Department of Transportation is assisting. In addition, he stated that he is continuing to receive calls in opposition to the proposed jail location in the Clarks area and he went on record to express his opposition to the planned siting of the jail. He stated that the decision was made by a prior Board, but questioned the rationale for choosing the location. He asserted that the location should have been more centrally located. He advised the Board that he will be holding a community meeting in the Clarks area to discuss citizen's concerns and invited other Board members to attend.

*Commissioner Sampson* explained some of the factors that were involved in the decision to locate the jail in the Clarks area, emphasizing that it was the only feasible location that the prior Board was able to identify.

At 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
Clerk to the Board