

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, FEBRUARY 5, 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 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
James R. Sugg, County Attorney

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of January 16, 2007 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Selection of Legal Services Firm for FY 06 CDBG-Scattered Site Program

The Planning Department received two proposals for legal services related to the 2006 CDBG Scattered Site Program from the firms of Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks and Hart, P.A. and Stubbs and Purdue, P.A. Upon analyzing the proposals based on criteria requested, the Planning Department recommended award of the FY06 CDBG Legal Services Contract to Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks and Hart, P.A. Commissioner Sisk moved to award the contract to Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks and Hart, P.A., as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris, with six (6) "Ayes" and one (1) "Nay" from Commissioner Jones.

Subdivisions for Approval

County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivisions, upon recommendation of the Planning Board, for the Board's approval. Commissioner Sisk moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Morris, with six (6) "Ayes" and one (1) "Nay" from Commissioner Jones.

Satterfield – Final: The property, owned by Carolina East Investments and surveyed by Brad Suitt & Associates, is located within Twp. 7 off of SR 1113 (Old Cherry Point Road). The subdivision contains 30 lots on 7.50 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and sewer.

Westgate Estates – Reapproval for Final: The property, owned by Kenneth H. Hartley and surveyed by Terry Wheeler, is located within Twp. 2 off of SR 1435 (Cool Springs Road). The subdivision contains 9 lots on 10.40 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual sewer systems.

Carol R. Harper Division – Final: The property, owned by Carol R. Harper and surveyed by Kendall Gaskins, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1448 (Bear Hold Road). The subdivision contains 2 lots on 1.92 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

Budget Amendments

Craven County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, submitted the following budget amendments for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the budget amendments, seconded by Commissioner Morris, with six (6) “Ayes” and one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Jones

Tax Collections

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$55,000.00	101-0901-400-33-02 Refunds	\$30,000.00
		101-901-400-40-03 Collections	\$25,000.00
TOTAL	\$55,000.00	TOTAL	\$55,000.00

Justification: Budget fund balance to cover the cost of tax refunds and collection fees through June 30, 2007.

Health/Bates Foundation

101-6609-346-02-00 Bates Foundation Grant	\$4,000.00	101-6609-440-40-00 Contractual Services	\$4,000.00
TOTAL	\$4,000.00	TOTAL	\$4,000.00

Justification: Bates Foundation grant money to be used for swimming classes at the YMCA.

DSS 7291 Mandated

101-7291-349-10-00 Day Care Combined	\$5,275.00	101-7291-450-39-26 Child Day Care	\$5,275.00
TOTAL	\$5,275.00	TOTAL	\$5,275.00

Justification: Additional funding from the State for regular subsidy day care. There is no County match.

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 Morris, with six (6) “Ayes and one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Jones.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
A W WELDING & FABRICATION INC NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2006	2006-0090124	\$172.47
ACTUS LEND LEASE ORDERED BY BOARD OF E&R 01/23/07	2006-0000099	\$58,927.45
AMMAN, SEAN B MILITARY – ½ VAL SEAN 06 LES-MI ECC-08/30/08	2006-0000963	\$28.88

B AND B ENTERPRISES COMPANY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1997-0001665	\$34.10
B AND B ENTERPRISES COMPANY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1998-0001740	\$32.11
B AND B ENTERPRISES COMPANY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1999-0001806	\$30.43
B AND B ENTERPRISES COMPANY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2000-0001848	\$29.49
B AND B ENTERPRISES COMPANY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2001-0001856	\$29.58
B AND B ENTERPRISES COMPANY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2002-0001902	\$34.89
B AND B ENTERPRISES COMPANY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2003-0001908	\$32.04
B AND B ENTERPRISES COMPANY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2004-0001886	\$29.76
B AND B ENTERPRISES COMPANY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0001969	\$29.63
B AND B ENTERPRISES COMPANY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0001974	\$24.27
COLLINS, MARGARET S DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0010936	\$150.48
GIBSON, THOMAS PAUL DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002	2002-0019229	\$61.34
GROOMS, MARK PROPERTY VACANT	2006-0022093	\$32.64
HARREL, BRADLEY BEAUMAN MILITARY – HIS NAME ONLY 04 LES-SC ECC-11/24/06	2006-0023592	\$206.49
HART, OLIN J IV & SONJA S MILITARY ½ VALUE, OLIN LES-NY ECC-02/15/08	2006-0023993	\$44.26
HENRY, NORMAN SINCLAIR & MARY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0025042	\$109.98
HOLLOWAY, ROY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002	2002-0091019	\$58.80
HOLLOWAY, ROY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0024487	\$53.73
HOLLOWAY, ROY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0024874	\$49.50
HOLLOWAY, ROY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0025751	\$46.14
HOLLOWAY, ROY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0026079	\$41.95

HOLMES, PATRICIA L NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2006	2006-0090446	\$35.74
IHRIE SUPPLY COMPANY LATE LISTING FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2006-0027199	\$33.30
JONES, MARVIN O JR PROPERTY VACANT	2006-0029253	\$32.00
KEYS, L L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1997-0025672	\$63.03
KEYS, L L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1998-0025680	\$58.37
KEYS, L L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUIHSED	1999-0026865	\$55.37
KEYS, L L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUSHED	2000-0027602	\$53.81
KEYS, L L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2001-0027848	\$53.30
KEYS, L L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2002-0028196	\$62.86
KEYS, L L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2003-0028390	\$57.16
KEYS, L L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2004-0028865	\$53.20
KEYS, L L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0029796	\$53.38
KEYS, L L FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0030145	\$46.10
MABE, KEITH D & JENNIFER DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0033666	\$129.64
MILLER, FRED & MARY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1997-0031207	\$40.72
MILLER, FRED & MARY FORECLOSURE -LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1998-0031220	\$37.36
MILLER, FRED & MARY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1999-0032724	\$35.44
MILLER, FRED & MARY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2000-0033647	\$34.95
MILLER, FRED & MARY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2001-0034015	\$34.86
MILLER, FRED & MARY FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2002-0034424	\$40.94

NIPPER, MITCHELL W & BARBARA O DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0039922	\$297.04
PEARSON, JAMES C FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1997-0035331	\$356.36
PEARSON, JAMES C FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1998-0035376	\$226.65
PEARSON, JAMES C FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1999-0037053	\$214.89
PEARSON, JAMES C FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2000-0038156	\$203.87
PEARSON, JAMES C FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2001-0038529	\$202.27
PEARSON, JAMES C FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2002-0039060	\$110.31
PEARSON, JAMES C FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2003-0039366	\$99.91
PEARSON, JAMES C FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2004-0039912	\$71.41
PEARSON, JAMES C FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0041083	\$71.56
PEARSON, JAMES C FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0041725	\$62.84
PURIFOY, RICHARD DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #62236	2006-0091330	\$135.03
RAINES, JOE ALLEN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0043919	\$122.00
ROWE, JAMES M LISTED AS REAL ON ACCT #44551	2006-0046119	\$236.33
RUSSELL, ALAN & PURIFOY, ANDY INTEREST APPLIED IN ERROR	2006-0046336	\$22.64
SEMRAD, ROBERT W & CONSTANCE A INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 8J (FIRE)	2006-0047651	\$6.54
SMITH, RICHARD WILLIAM NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY 01/01/2006	2006-0091776	\$5.31
TYSON, SAM & MARY DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #66173	2006-0091566	\$164.57
UNKNOWN OWNER FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2003-0051375	\$37.59
UNKNOWN OWNER FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2004-0051937	\$34.95
UNKNOWN OWNER FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0053421	\$34.94

UNKNOWN OWNER FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0054265	\$29.12
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	1999-0048284	\$79.43
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	1998-0046009	\$58.45
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	1997-0045965	\$63.08
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	1999-0048292	\$10.64
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	1998-0046020	\$11.15
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	1997-0045978	\$11.83
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2006-0054294	\$30.64
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2005-0053447	\$36.60
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2004-0051963	\$36.74
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2003-0051401	\$39.50
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2002-0050960	\$42.20
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2001-0050158	\$33.40
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2000-0049804	\$33.50
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2006-0054308	\$8.72
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2005-0053461	\$12.74
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2004-0051978	\$12.92
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2003-0051416	\$13.88
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2002-0050975	\$14.10
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2001-0050174	\$11.26

UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING MAPPING ERROR	2000-0049820	\$10.78
VAIL, FRANK HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1997-0046027	\$61.48
VAIL, FRANK HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1998-0046070	\$28.47
VAIL, FRANK HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	1999-0048342	\$27.03
VAIL, FRANK HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2000-0049871	\$27.03
VAIL, FRANK HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2001-0050233	\$27.12
VAIL, FRANK HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2002-0051033	\$31.63
VAIL, FRANK HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2003-0051471	\$29.11
VAIL, FRANK HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2004-0052035	\$27.07
VAIL, FRANK HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0053525	\$26.96
VAIL, FRANK HRS FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2006-0054391	\$21.84
	96 – CREDIT MEMO (\$)	\$64,927.37

Refunds

BAYER, CHARLES I DOUBLE LISTED ON SAME ACCT #440645	2005-0003234	\$24.49
BAYER, CHARLES I DOUBLE LISTED ON SAME ACCT #440645	2006-0003257	\$22.81
BRAXTON, JESSE F DI D NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0090577	\$115.15
BRAXTON, JESSE F DID NOT OWN 01/01/06	2006-0005818	\$103.44
DIXON, LINDA KAY VACANT PROPERTY	2006-0014703	\$32.00
GOMEZ, ROMMEL DOUBLE BILLED ON ACCT 62301	2005-0091232	\$103.11
NEWBY, VIRGINIA BILLED AT INCORRECT VALUE	2006-0091538	\$96.97
ROWE, JAMES M DOUBLE LISTED AS REAL ON ACCT #44551	2005-0045511	\$250.69

ROWE, JAMES M DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #44551	2004-0044219	\$235.92
ROWE, JAMES M DOUBLE LISTED AS REAL ON ACCT #44551	2003-0043695	\$246.66
	10 – REFUND (S)	\$1,231.24

Selection of Underwriter for Upcoming Borrowing

Craven County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, requested that the Board approve the selection of an underwriter and co-underwriter for the upcoming borrowing which will be used to pay off the interim financing of \$18,900,000, as well as fund the law enforcement center and several other items. The financing will be done through Certificates of Participation (COP’s). The underwriter will assist the County in making presentations to the LGC and rating agencies as well as actually marketing the bonds. The underwriter is paid a fee to perform these services. The fee is an amount per bond and the proposals ranged from \$2.95 per bond to \$4.25.

Because of the anticipated size, a co-writer, whose function is strictly to be involved in the sale of the bonds, is necessary. The co-underwriter is compensated at the same per bond fee as the lead underwriter.

Proposals were requested from four underwriters: Allison Peeler with Ferris, Baker, Watts, Inc; Ryan Maher with A.G. Edwards Capital Markets; Mark Burns with Wachovia Securities; and David Adams with BB&T Capital Markets.

Ferris, Baker, Watts was recommended as the lead underwriter and A.G. Edwards as the co-underwriter. Commissioner Sisk moved to award Ferris, Baker, Watts as the underwriter and A.G. Edwards as the co-underwriter, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris, with six (6) “Ayes and one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Jones.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Conditional Use Permits

At 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, to receive public comments on the request for a conditional use permit by Brinn Glass and Mirror, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. There were no speakers from the public and at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the request for a conditional use permit, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

At 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, to receive public comment on a request for a conditional use permit for Bubba and the Chef, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. There were no speakers from the public and at 7:06 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the request for the conditional use permit, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

Road Closing

At 7:07 p.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, to receive public comment on the Resolution of Intent to Close the Right-of-Way on a portion of River Avenue in the Leesville section of Twp. 7. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, announced that the notice of intent had been published and mailed to all nearby property owners and that all had received the mailing without comment to date, with the return receipts having been received. There were no speakers from the public and at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner

Morris and unanimously carried. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the petition to close the subject portion of River Avenue, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Mr. James Finch petitioned the Board for the closure of a state right-of-way on a portion of Swiss Road in Twp. 7. He stated that the road has never been opened and that the state has declared no intention to open the road. It now consists of a grove of trees. He advised the Board that he owns the property on both sides of that segment of the right-of-way and that other Swiss Road residents are in accord with his request. Mr. Finch was advised of the process and cost involved, as a public hearing is required and the petitioner is required to pay the cost of advertising for the public hearing and mailing by certified mail a resolution of intent to close the portion of the road to all nearby property owners. Commissioner Morris moved to schedule the public hearing on March 19 at 8:30 a.m. and to adopt a resolution of intent to close the road, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Mr. Terrence Hicks petitioned the Board concerning flooding on Perrytown Road. He stated that the most recent flooding began to occur on August 27, 2006 and has not been associated with hurricanes or any particular storms. He stated that the road floods with any significant rain event. He asserted the belief that the rain water is being diverted from Hunters Ridge. Chad Strong of the Planning Department advised that Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, has spoken with the engineer for the developer of Hunters Ridge, John Thompson, about repair of a berm in the subdivision that has been breached, causing the run-off. He stated that the subdivision is required to contain its own run-off water. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, was directed to have Mr. Baumgardner contact Mr. Hicks to apprise him of the status of the situation. Mr. Hicks was directed to return to the Board if he was not satisfied with the results of Mr. Baumgardner's efforts. Commissioner Tyson also asked Mr. Hicks to contact him personally if necessary.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON CAMA LAND USE PLAN

Dale Holland with Holland Consulting Planners presented public information regarding the update of Craven County's CAMA Land Use Plan. He explained the CAMA planning process and the Citizen Participation Plan. Although this was not a public hearing, the public was given an opportunity to comment; however, there were no comments from the public. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the Citizen Participation Plan, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

BILLBOARD ORDINANCE

The Board permitted Commissioner Tyson to introduce an item which was not originally on the agenda. Commissioner Tyson discussed the possibility of adopting a billboard ordinance and moved that the Craven County Planning Board and the County Planning Director consider proposals for sign regulations and recommend a Craven County Sign Ordinance to regulate on-premise and off-premise signs within Craven County. Commissioner McCabe seconded by motion. During discussion, Commissioner Morris indicated the desire to have the entire County studied for the ordinance. Commissioners Allen and Sisk agreed, stating that an evenhanded approach throughout the County would be most fair. Commissioner Morris presented an amended motion to have the Craven County Planning Board and the County Planning Director consider proposals for sign regulations and recommend a Craven County Sign Ordinance to regulate on-premise and off-premise signs within Craven County for consideration by the Craven County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Tyson seconded the amended motions, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Tyson then moved that the Board of Commissioners consider the imposition of a temporary moratorium on both on-premise and off-premise sign development within Craven County to afford the County an opportunity to develop and adopt adequate land use regulatory controls, and that the Board of Commissioners

schedule a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on February 19, 2007 to hear citizens' concerns about the imposition of a moratorium. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Commissioner Jones stated the preference that the public hearing be scheduled in the evening and he moved that the Commissioners' meeting for February 19 be rescheduled for 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

TAX DEPARTMENT MATTERS

Report on Unpaid Taxes

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented to the Board the amount of 2006 taxes that remain unpaid which are a lien upon real estate, pursuant to NCGS 105-369 (a). He also requested that the Board order him to advertise the tax liens for 2006 on April 2, 2007 in the Sun Journal. Commissioner Sisk moved that the Tax Collector be ordered to advertise the liens, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

Tax Collection Agreement

Mr. Antry presented a new proposed contract with Attorney Mark Bardhill for the delinquent real property tax foreclosure program. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the new agreement, seconded by Commissioner Morris. During discussion, Commissioner Morris inquired if any of the notices that go to taxpayers advise them of the foreclosure attorney's fee that attach to the tax bill. Mr. Antry responded that the County Attorney's letter to delinquent taxpayers advises them of the fees, including the amount.

RESCUE SQUADS' REQUEST FOR GRANT MATCH

Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, presented a request on behalf of Vanceboro, Ft. Barnwell and New Bern-Craven Rescue Squads for appropriation of grant match funds, as follows:

- Vanceboro Rescue \$25,000.00
- Ft. Barnwell Rescue \$21,215.25
- New Bern-Craven Rescue \$23,787.30

Mr. Kite advised the Board that funds were budgeted in each provider's squad budgets but not in the County's budget. The match amounts were requested from fund balance. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the appropriations, as listed, from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Rescue Squads

101-0000-399-01-00	\$70,004.00	101-2825-410-33-20	\$23,788.00
Fund Balance		NB Craven Grant Match	
		101-2827-410-33-20	\$21,216.00
		Ft. Barnwell Grant Match	
		101-2829-410-33-20	\$25,000.00
		Vanceboro Grant Match	
TOTAL	\$70,004.00	TOTAL	\$70,004.00

Justification: Budget fund balance to cover grant matches for New Bern Craven County Rescue (\$23,788), Ft Barnwell Rescue (\$21,216) and Vanceboro Rescue (\$25,000).

APPOINTMENTS*Nursing Home Advisory Committee*

Commissioner Morris moved to defer this appointment until the Board's next agenda, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Adult Care Home Advisory Committee

Commissioner Sisk moved to defer this appointment until the Board's next agenda, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Economic Development Commission

Commissioner Morris nominated Alex Badger, Bill Hartman and Joe Thomas for reappointment and Marvin Raines for appointment to replace Dell Ipock on the Economic Development Commission. There were no more nominations and Commissioner McCabe moved to close nominations and declare said nominees appointed by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

Twp. 6 Fire Tax Commissioner

Commissioner Morris nominated Craig Arthur as Twp. 6 Fire Tax Commissioner to replace Charles Miller, deceased. Commissioner McCabe moved to close nominations, there being no additional nominees, and to declare Mr. Arthur appointed by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

Craven Aging Planning Board

Commissioner Sisk nominated Lois Pugh and Ann Johnson for reappointment. There being no additional nominees, Commissioner McCabe moved to close nominations and declare Ms. Johnson and Ms. Pugh reappointed by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

Electric Services Board

Commissioner McCabe moved to defer this appointment until the Board's next agenda, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, indicated that he would request a closed session; however, he recommended that it be deferred until the end of the agenda.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT*St. Luke's Building*

As a result of the Board's directive at the November 20, 2006 meeting, the County Manager reported on research concerning the historic status of the St. Luke's building. He advised the Board that he had contacted the City of New Bern Planning Director, the New Bern Preservation Foundation and the New Bern Historical Society and learned that neither the New Bern Preservation Foundation, the New Bern Historical Society nor the New Bern Historical Preservation Commission has any authority concerning the sale of the building. He advised, however, that should the County or any new owner contemplate exterior alterations to the building, the role of the Historic Preservation Commission could be activated. He informed the Board of several inquiries made concerning the building by both private individuals and other groups and recommended that the building be sold and the County Attorney be instructed to prepare a resolution for consideration at the Board's February 19 meeting, which will activate the building's disposal by means of sealed bids. Commissioner Jones indicated hesitation with selling

the building, considering its historic significance to many families in the community, without a guarantee that it would not be demolished. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, advised the Board that a restrictive covenant could, and should, be attached to any sale of the building that would prevent such action. Commissioner Sisk moved to direct staff to go forward with preparation of a resolution arranging for the disposal of the building for the Board's consideration at its next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

Workshop Study Meetings

Mr. Blizzard requested that the Board schedule a workshop study meeting to review the updated Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and discuss funding for upcoming projects. He also asked that the Board meet in workshop as the Water Board to be briefed on water projects, Capacity Use Rules, water conservation plans and other water related issues. Commissioner Jones moved that the Board set the workshop for 9:00 a.m. on February 19 for the regular session and at 8:00 a.m. for the Water workshop. The motion carried with four (4) "Ayes", there being three (3) "Nays" from Commissioners Allen, McCabe and Sisk.

Meeting with Legislative Delegation

Mr. Blizzard announced tentative plans that have been made at the request of the Board for a meeting with Senator Preston, Representative Wainwright and Representative Underhill on February 19 at 10:30 a.m. He asked that the Board consider topics for discussion that can be communicated to the legislative delegation. Commissioner Allen suggested the discussion of the traffic signal at Ketner Blvd. Commissioner Morris wished to discuss the legislative delegation's views on proposed solutions to the Medicaid issue and the maintenance of ADM School funding. Mr. Blizzard stated that the road ditch maintenance issue is a topic of concern to citizens that could be discussed with the legislative delegation. Commissioner Morris requested that the new district engineer be invited to attend the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Tyson announced a community meeting in District 7 at 7:00 p.m. on February 8 at the fire station.

Commissioner McCabe expressed appreciation to staff in assisting his orientation.

Commissioner Allen reported on his attendance at the Public Health Director's Conference.

Commissioner Jones reminded everyone of a community meeting in his district on February 6.

Commissioner Sampson reported on the Essentials of County Government class that was attended by the Commissioners and announced a program on February 15 being held at Stanley White on the Hospice Program, being sponsored in conjunction with concerned citizens and the Hospice Program.

At 9:00 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to go into closed session, as requested by the County Attorney, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3), following a five minute break. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

At 9:20 p.m. the Board returned to regular session. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, announced that the Board had considered potential litigation and that the Attorney had been instructed in regard to further negotiation in the matter.

At 9:21 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to recess until 9:00 a.m. on February 19, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board