

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Vice Chairman Jason R. 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
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 minutes of April 16, 2007 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Request for Temporary, Full-Time Training Intern

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, submitted a request that Megan Piner, a student at Appalachian State University, be hired for a temporary Intern Training Position for the period of May 14, 2007 through August 3, 2007. She would be paid \$4,500 for 480 hours, which is the number of hours she must complete to earn six semester hours of credit in her Town Administrator-City-County Manager (TACCM) concentration in the Bachelor of Science degree. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the temporary Intern Training Position at a salary of \$4,500 for 480 hours, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Convention Center Space Rental Rates

Convention Center Director, Sandy Chamberlin, submitted a request that the Board authorize the following proposed space rental rates for calendar year 2008. Commissioner Allen moved for approval of the space rental rates for calendar year 2008, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.



**NEW BERN RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER PROPOSED 2008
RENTAL RATES**

ROOM	DAILY RENTAL RATE 2008
Colonial Capital Ballroom (A,B&C)	\$2,250
Ballroom A	\$1,125
Ballroom B	\$650
Ballroom C	\$550
Tryon Room (A&B)	\$475
Tryon Room A	\$300
Tryon Room B	\$250
Berne Room	\$350
Craven Board Room	\$200
Heritage Hall	\$400
Promenade	\$250
Riverfront Veranda	\$400
Entire Facility	\$3,400

Reclassification of Physician Position

Craven County Health Director, Wanda Sandelé, submitted a request that the Physician position previously approved by the Craven County Board of Commissioners be reclassified to a Physician Extender III position at a grade 81, step 4 with an annual salary of \$74,255. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the reclassification of a Physician Position to a Physician Extender III position, grade 81, step 4 with an annual salary of \$74,255, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.



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.

Environmental Health

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$21,000.00	101-3101-420-15-02 Legal	\$21,000.00
TOTAL	\$21,000.00	TOTAL	\$21,000.00

Justification: Adams Creek Septic Tank issue.

General Public Transportation

101-7026-348-34-00 ROAP	\$18,366.00	101-7026-450-39-50 Jones County	\$18,366.00
TOTAL	\$18,366.00	TOTAL	\$18,366.00

Justification: Additional Jones County ROAP funds awarded by the State. If funds are not expended, the state will be refunded.

DSS 7291 Mandated

101-7291-349-10-00 Day Care Combined	\$5,930.00	101-7291-450-39-26 Child Day Care	\$5,930.00
TOTAL	\$5,930.00	TOTAL	\$5,930.00

Justification: Additional funds received for Regular Day Care Subsidy for Military adjustment for month of March. There is no County match.

Convention Center

101-8201-357-13-00 Rebillable Items	\$2,000.00	101-8201-430-22-00 Telephone exp.	\$2,000.00
101-8201-357-70-00 Catering Comm.	\$45,000.00	101-8201-430-23-00 Utilities	\$11,000.00
101-8201-357-74-00 Coffee Break	\$8,000.00	101-8201-430-26-01 Bldg/Grounds	\$8,800.00
101-8201-357-75-00	\$14,000.00	101-8201-430-26-02	\$3,200.00

Space Rental		Maint/Repair	
101-8201-357-78-00	\$3,700.00	101-8201-430-27-00	\$16,967.00
In House Catering		Advertising Exp	
101-8201-357-79-00	\$1,000.00	101-8201-430-32-11	\$2,000.00
Audiovisual Rental		Laundry	
101-8201-357-81-00	\$2,500.00	101-8201-430-32-21	\$3,000.00
Equipment Rental		Rebillable Items	
101-8201-357-83-00	\$1,500.00	101-8201-430-32-23	\$5,000.00
Utility Service		Coffee Break	
101-8201-357-85-00	\$600.00	101-8201-430-32-40	\$2,200.00
Telecommunications		Other Supplies	
		101-8201-430-40-50	\$10,000.00
		Temporary Employee	
		101-8201-430-73-21	\$2,600.00
		C/O \$500-\$4,999	
		101-8201-430-98-16	\$11,533.00
		County Reserve	
TOTAL	\$78,300.00	TOTAL	\$78,300.00

Justification: Increased revenue and increased expenses.

Subdivisions for Approval

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

Shady Banks – Final: The property, owned by Dustin Tyson and surveyed by Southern Boundaries, is located within Twp. 7 off of SR 1199 (Possum Trot Road). The Subdivision contains 1 lot on .99 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an individual septic system.

Pecan Ridge – Final: The property, owned by Rick Scheper and surveyed by Brad Suitt and Associates, is located within Twp. 7 off of SR 1144 (Crump Farm Road). The subdivision contains 25 lots on 13.69 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems. The Planning Director was excused from the Planning Board meeting due to family interest.

The Lakes at Antioch Road – Final: The property, owned by Rick Scheper and surveyed by Brad Suitt and Associates, is located within Twp. 2 off of SR 1433 (Antioch Road). The subdivision contains 45 lots on 42.37 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems. The Planning Director was excused from the Planning Board meeting due to family interest.



Summerfield Phase II – Final: The property, owned by Summerfield Land Company, Inc. and engineered by Robert Chiles, is located within Twp. 2 off of SR 1003 (Aurora Road). The subdivision contains 6 lots on 31.09 acres and is proposed be served by community water and individual septic systems. The Planning Director was excused from the Planning Board meeting due to family interest.

Adams Hill View – Final: The property, owned by Reba A. Adams and surveyed by Terry Wheeler, is located within Twp. 9 off of SR 1480 (Lane Farm Road). The subdivision contains 6 lots on 4.90 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

River Bluffs Phase VIII – Final: The property, owned by River Bluffs Ltd. Partnership, and surveyed by Atlantic Survey and Design, is located within Twp. 7 off of River Bluffs Drive. The subdivision contains 35 lots on 37.937 acres and 3 common area lots on 9.195 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and New Bern sewer.

Heritage Farms Section I – Final: The property, owned by Harry B. Taylor and engineered by Thomas Engineering, is located within Twp. 5 off of SR 1714 (Godette School Road). The subdivision contains 21 lots on 7.88 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Funding Approval

The Planning Department submitted a request that Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, be granted the authority to sign all documentation related to the elevation of one residence in River Bend through a grant agreement issued through the NC Division of Emergency Management. The project is being funded by Pre-Disaster Mitigation funds. Commissioner Allen moved to grant Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, the authority to sign all documentation related to a grant through the NC Division of Emergency Management, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

Tax Releases and Refunds

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following tax releases and refunds 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
BERRY, KENT ALLEN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/98	1998-0091643	\$120.81
BERRY, KENT ALLEN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/99	1999-0003896	\$198.86

ELZEY, JONATHAN MARK II DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0016579	\$176.28
FARGO, MICHAEL W INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 2-A	2006-0017204	\$485.21
GAROLDS, JAMES T JR DID NOT OWN 01/01/06	2006-0019584	\$153.53
GASKINS, BRANDON DID NOT OWN 01/01/06	2006-0019789	\$85.60
GASKINS, BRANDON LESTER DID NOT OWN 01/01/06	2006-0019790	\$19.87
HART, DAVID RESIDENT AND REGISTRATION IN CANADA	2006-0091510	\$954.85
NEVELS, TIWANNA S MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN 1999	2006-0039604	\$108.95
NEVELS, TIWANNA S MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN 1999	2005-0038959	\$42.30
OBESO, JOSE RITO FELIX DOUBLE BILLED ON ACCT #67785	2006-0091539	\$68.14
ROBERTS, THOMAS EDWARD MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN FLOYD	2001-0091456	\$13.89
ROBERTS, THOMAS EDWARD MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN FLOYD	2003-0043065	\$78.64
ROBERTS, THOMAS EDWARD MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN FLOYD	2004-0043609	\$71.57
ROBERTS, THOMAS EDWARD MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN FLOYD	2005-0044897	\$67.01
ROBERTS, THOMAS EDWARD MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN FLOYD	2006-0045511	\$60.33
ROBERTS, THOMAS EDWARD MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN FLOYD	2002-0042706	\$86.96

WALKER, MARY BRINSON DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0055164	\$71.83
	18 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$2,864.63
<i>Refunds</i>		
BERRY, KENT ALLEN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/97	1997-0003682	\$243.54
BERRY, KENT ALLEN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/98	1998-0091643	\$96.68
EAST CAROLINA BACK SOLUTIONS L DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #64532	2006-0015805	\$705.71
LAWHORN, BETTY JEAN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0031449	\$65.27
LAWHORN, BETTY JEAN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0030438	\$69.59
LAWHORN, BETTY JEAN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0029935	\$62.94
LAWHORN, BETTY JEAN DID NOT OWN 01/01/02	2002-0029719	\$68.10
NEVELS, TIWANNA S MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN 1999	2004-0090011	\$219.48
NEVELS, TIWANNA S MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN 1999	2004-0090249	\$73.88
NEVELS, TIWANNA S MOBILE HOME DESTROYED IN 1999	2005-0038959	\$78.82
	10 – REFUND (S)	\$1,684.01

PUBLIC HEARING ON BORROWING FOR THE 2007 PROJECTS

At 7:02 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, to receive public input on the borrowing for the 2007 projects. Commissioner Morris seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, informed the Board that the application had been mailed to the Local Government Commission and the Statement of Debt filed with the Clerk to the Board on May 7. Mr.

Hemphill prefaced the public hearing with an explanation of the projects covered by the proposed borrowing and the amounts, as follows:

Creekside Elementary School	\$14,000,000 (included in interim financing)
Fiber Optic Project	\$2,200,000 (\$1.2 million in interim financing)
Other School Projects:	
J.T. Barber	\$2,687,955
Grover C. Fields	\$1,975,820
Bus Garage	\$2,688,400
Land for future high school	\$ 750,000
Intercoms/phone systems	\$ 471,000
Land for airport	\$1,800,000
Judicial Center	\$30,000,000(\$3.2 million in interim financing)
Tryon Palace Commitment	\$1,000,000
West Craven Park match	\$ 500,000 (included in interim financing)

The following citizens spoke expressing concern about the proposed move of the district court operation to the new Judicial Center, citing reasons that included the projected impact on the downtown area, predicted logistical problems for law offices, the absence of stakeholders in the planning process, and pedestrian access.

1. Ernest Richardson, 301 Abner Nash Dr.
2. Ed Armstrong, 229 Sarah's Circle
3. Tom Bayliss, 3021 River Lane
4. Janet Francoeur, 205 Pollock Street
5. Mary Peterken, 4805 Morton Rd., New Bern
6. Susan Moffat, 316 South Front Street
7. Frank Palumbo
8. Dell Ipock, 610 Ipock Lane
9. Norman Kellum, 4809 Trent Woods Dr.
10. Gary Clemmons, 3505 Barons Way
11. Ken McCotter, 4518 West Fairway Dr.
12. George Jennings, 204 Country Club Rd.
13. Nancy Stallings, 20 Batts Hill Rd.
14. Harold Talton, 1995 Hoods Creek Drive
15. John Ward, 1400 Green Springs Road
16. Bill Rust, 1332 Pine Valley Road

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the location of the entire Judicial Center facility, citing reasons that included the expectation that the center will introduce drugs, rape and other criminal activity to the area, and anxiety over potential property loss.

1. Christine Hartwig, 503 New Liberty Road

2. *Effie Bryant, 336 Hillard Road*
3. *Charlie Simmons, 2218 Tuscarora Rhems Road*
4. *Novella Thomas*
5. *Sandra Simmons*

At 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sisk. Commissioner Tyson expressed reservations about moving the district court facility. Commissioner Morris stated that the Clerk of Court, the District Attorney, the Sheriff and Chief Superior Court Judge were all part of the planning process for this facility from the beginning. Commissioner Tyson recommended that a satellite district court be considered to be held at the new site one day per week. Commissioner Jones requested that the Board hold off on funding the Judicial Center. Commissioner McCabe agreed that the court system should stay in New Bern. Commissioner Sisk expressed the urgency to move ahead and approve the funding so that other projects can proceed. Commissioner Allen stated that to turn back now would be devastating. Commissioner Allen moved to proceed with the borrowing authority and to authorize the Finance Officer to move forward with the borrowing process, seconded by Commissioner Sisk. Commissioner Tyson offered an amendment to the motion to include an understanding that the court will not be moved at this time. Commissioner Tyson moved to adopt the amendment, seconded by Commissioner McCabe. The motion carried with five (5) "Ayes", there being two (2) "Nays" from Commissioners Allen and Morris. The main motion then carried with six (6) "Ayes", there being one (1) "Nay" from Commissioner Jones.

At 8:35 a.m. the Board was declared in recess.

At 8:45 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Ben Bunn, 501 East Front Street, spoke in support of a request for \$5,000 in funding in the new budget cycle for the Craven Regional Medical Center Foundation. He stated the purpose of the requested funding is to partner with the foundation for needs of uninsured clients, particularly in the area of prescriptions, transportation and equipment.

Ray Griffin, requested that the Board consider a proclamation supporting public religious expression in Craven County.

Charles Simmons, 2218 Tuscarora Rhems Road, spoke again in opposition to the location of the new Judicial Center.

Sandra Simmons, spoke once again in opposition to the location of the new Judicial Center.

CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET REQUEST

Board of Education Chairman, Carr Ipock, introduced the Superintendent of Craven County Schools, Bill Rivenbark, who recapped some of the major accomplishments and current status of the Board of Education. Finance Officer, David Clifton, was called forward to present the budget. He outlined the major factors of change in the budget, as follows:

- 5% increase for certified personnel
- 2.5% increase for classified personnel
- New positions for Creekside Elementary School
- Increase of ¾% for retirement match
- Teacher supplement from \$1,700 flat rate to a 6% of salary supplement, which averages approximately \$2,460
- Mileage rate increase to keep pace with the IRS rate
- \$250,000 increase in maintenance budget
- \$150,000-\$300,000 increase in technology, targeting classroom computers
- \$131,000 utility increase to account for additional utilities at Creekside Elementary School

The total expense increase in the proposed budget is \$2,619,000.00, which reflects an eleven percent (11%) increase. There was a projected decrease in revenue from \$3 million to \$2.6 million to reflect actual revenues in the last cycle. The proposed budget reflects an eighteen percent (18%) increase in the County's allocation. Commissioner Morris inquired about the time frame for redistricting. Mr. Ipock responded that redistricting discussion is being reintroduced. Commissioner Sampson went on record to oppose the concept of an off-site alternative school which is being considered for the old Bridgeton Elementary School.

CRAVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET REQUEST

Craven Community College President, Scott Ralls, presented the proposed FY 2007-2008 budget, stating that an increase of \$213,420 is requested, reflecting a 7.2% increase mainly for the following items:

- Utilities and phone
- \$79,600 salaries and benefits, reflecting a 12.5% increase in hospitalization
- Supplement increase - \$58,968
- Maintenance supplies and equipment

FY 06 CDBG SCATTERED SITE CONTRACT AWARDS

Chip Bartlett from Holland Consulting Planners presented recommendations for the home of Mary Campbell and Febra Coley. It was recommended that the award for the home Febra Coley go to Hugh Warren, Contractors, who was the low bidder, in the amount of

\$29,375. It was recommended that the bid for the home of Mary Campbell be re-bid. The low bid that came in for \$34,155 was required to be rejected because the contractor was not licensed. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the recommendations of the Planning Department, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Craven Aging Planning Board

Commissioner Allen nominated Sylvia Gaskins and Marianne Taylor for reappointment to the Craven Aging Planning Board. Commissioner Allen moved to reappoint them by acclamation, there being no additional nominees, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

Craven Regional Medical Center

Commissioner Morris nominated Norman Kellum and Charles Wetherington for reappointment to the Craven Regional Medical Authority Board of Commissioners and moved that they both be appointed by acclamation. There being no additional nominees, Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Adult Care Home Advisory Committee

Commissioner Allen nominated Willie Wiggins and Frances Walker for reappointment to the Adult Care Home Advisory Committee and moved that they both be reappointed by acclamation. There being no additional nominees, Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Community Coalition Against Family Violence

Commissioner Sisk nominated Tracey Bachofen for appointment. There was no motion to waive the one-meeting waiting period and this appointment was not previously brought before the Board; therefore, the name will lay on the table until the Board's next meeting.

New Bern Electric Services Board

Commissioner McCabe moved to recommend John Wood for reappointment by the City of New Bern to the New Bern Electric Services Board, to represent Township 7. His name was submitted by the Electric Services Board indicating that he is willing to serve another three year term. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, indicated that he would request a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) relative to pending litigation and settlement. It was the Board's consensus to defer the closed session until the end of the meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Blizzard presented an amendment to the findings resolution, which was adopted at the Board's last meeting, designating the lead underwriter position which had been transferred to BB&T and designating the co-underwriter, as follows:

WHEREAS, the County of Craven, North Carolina (the "*County*") is a validly existing political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, existing as such under and by virtue of the Constitution, statutes and laws of the State of North Carolina (the "*State*");

WHEREAS, the County has the power, pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina to (1) purchase real and personal property, (2) enter into installment purchase contracts in order to finance or refinance the purchase of real and personal property used, or to be used, for public purposes, and (3) grant a security interest in some or all of the property purchased to secure repayment of the purchase price;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County (the "*Board of Commissioners*") has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to enter into (1) an installment purchase contract (the "*Contract*") with Craven County Finance Corporation, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation (the "*Corporation*"), in order to pay the capital costs of (a) acquiring, constructing and equipping a new judicial center (the "*Craven County Judicial Center Project*"), (b) acquiring, constructing and equipping a new elementary school (the "*Creekside Elementary School Project*"), (c) acquiring, constructing and equipping various improvements at a number of existing public schools (the "*Other School Projects*"), (d) constructing and equipping a portion of a fiber optic network owned by the County (the "*Fiber Optic Network Project*"), (e) acquiring land adjacent to an airport (the "*Airport Land Project*"), (f) funding a commitment for a portion of the construction of Tryon Palace History Education Center (the "*Tryon Palace Project*"), and (g) constructing various improvements to West Craven Park (the "*West Craven Park Project*," and together with the Craven County Judicial Center Project, the Creekside Elementary School Project, the Other School Projects, the Fiber Optic Network Project, the Airport Land Project, the Tryon Palace Project and the West Craven Park Project, the "*2007 Projects*"), and (2) a deed of trust and security agreement (the "*Deed of Trust*") related to (a) the County's fee simple interest in the real property and the improvements thereon (the "*Sites*") on which the Craven County Judicial Center Project and the Creekside Elementary School Project will be located, and (b) the County's interest in the personal property related to the Sites;

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it will proceed with the acquisition, construction and equipping of the 2007 Projects and, in connection therewith, include in the Deed of Trust the Sites of the Craven County Judicial Center Project and the Creekside Elementary School Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN, NORTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ***Earmarked Revenues.*** That to the extent legally available, non-ad valorem revenues are not sufficient to make installment payments falling due under the Contract, which are related to the Creekside Elementary School Project and the Other School Projects, the County expects that it may need to raise property taxes by 3½ cents to cover any such shortfall.

Section 2. ***Direction to Retain Financing Team.*** That the County Manager and the Finance Director, with advice from the County Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to retain the assistance of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae LLP, as special counsel, and BB&T Capital Markets, a division of Scott & Stringfellow, Inc., A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. and Ferris, Baker & Watts, Incorporated, as underwriters, and Wells Fargo Bank, as trustee.

Section 3. ***Repealer.*** That all motions, orders, resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. ***Effective Date.*** That this Resolution is effective on the date of its adoption.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the amendment to the findings resolution, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and carried by six (6) “Ayes”, there being one (1) “Nay” from Commissioner Jones.

Commissioner Sampson inquired of the County Manager about the possibility of instituting an ordinance, or policy banning guns in the County buildings. The Manager was asked by the Board to revisit this issue, which had been explored by a previous Board.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Morris reported on a recent meeting that he attended that was held by the Fairfield Harbour Property Owners Association. He stated that the important issues for that community include impact fees, lights on the Neuse River Bridge, and debris on the bridge which creates a hazard.

Commissioner McCabe reintroduced discussion concerning the condition of Hwy 101 and Blades Road in his district and the flooding that occurs on the Adams Creek Road Bridge.

Commissioner Sisk reported on the legislative briefing which was attended by the Commissioners and their efforts to bring about a cap on the County's portion of Medicaid costs.

Commissioner Allen announced that on May 20 the Craven Community Concert Band will be performing at Tryon Palace.

Commissioner Jones expressed appreciation to Commissioner Sisk and Commissioner McCabe for their attendance and support at the Cove City Park dedication and appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for having funded this project. He also expressed concern that several roads in the County are still without County water.

Commissioner Sampson indicated a desire to present a resolution to Mr. Louis Fleming at the Board's next meeting. He also requested that a resolution be drafted in recognition of Mrs. Melinda Harris who has recently celebrated a 111th birthday. Commissioner Allen moved to direct staff to draft the resolution for Mrs. Harris, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

At 10:35 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3), as requested by the County Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

At 10:47 p.m. the Board returned to regular session. The County Attorney announced that the Board had discussed the Pompy case, the Marvin Moore claim and St. Luke's disposal. There was no action taken.

At 10:48 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board