

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, JUNE 18, 2007. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.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
- Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer
- Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
- James R. Sugg, County Attorney

Following an invocation by Commissioner Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Jones moved to approve minutes of June 4, 2007 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Morris 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 Morris moved for their approval, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
DOUG WELCH CONSTRUCTION INC NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2006	2006-0090310	\$148.19
ECKLER, MELISSA S PROPERTY VACANT	2007-0090061	\$96.00
LANE, ROBERT H JR UNCOLLECTABLE TAX – DECEASED	2000-0028844	\$374.90
LANE, ROBERT H JR DID NOT OWN 01/01/01	2001-0029100	\$365.19
MORRIS, CALVIN DOUGLAS & AMBER DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0038295	\$117.15
PFEIFF, MELISSA BILLED INCORRECT YEAR ON MH	2005-0041501	\$128.70
PFEIFF, MELISSA BILLED INCORRECT YEAR OF MH	2004-0091559	\$72.94
ROGERS, RONALD CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2006-0091649	\$182.93

SQUIRES, JAMES H DOUBLE BILLED ON ACCT #37458	2005-0049188	\$26.02
SQUIRES, JAMES H DOUBLE BILLED ON ACCT #37458	2006-0049917	\$539.85
	10 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$2,051.87

Refunds

KILPATRICK, MARVIN D JR & JUNE DOUBLE BILLED ON ACCT #1775460	2006-0030264	\$137.92
PFEIFF, MELISSA BILLED INCORRECT YEAR ON MH	2004-0091559	\$49.67
SQUIRES, JAMES H DOUBLE BILLED ON ACCT #37458	2005-0049188	\$488.59
	3 – REFUND (S)	\$676.18

Budget Amendments

Craven County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, submitted the following budget amendments for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Morris moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Jail

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-2008-349-17-00 Bd State Prisoners	\$20,000.00	101-2008-410-10-02 Salaries	\$4,750.00
101-2008-357-35-00 Work Release	\$8,000.00	101-2008-410-11-01 Fica	\$160.00
101-2008-350-03-00 Jail Fees	\$8,000.00	101-2001-410-11-02 Retirement	\$925.00
101-2008-357-66-00 Inmate Welfare	\$10,000.00	101-2008-410-11-03 401 K	\$1,100.00
101-2008-378-04-00 SSA Bounty	\$1,600.00	101-2008-410-11-04 Work Comp	\$600.00
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$52,515.00	101-2008-410-23-00 Utilities	\$22,580.00
		101-2008-410-32-08 Medical	\$15,000.00
		101-2008-410-32-26 Inmate Welfare	\$15,000.00
		101-2008-410-40-04 Food Service	\$40,000.00
TOTAL	\$100,115.00	TOTAL	\$100,115.00

Justification: Budget additional jail revenues (\$47,600) plus fund balance of \$52,525 to cover jail expenses due to termination of employees and increased jail population resulting in higher costs for utilities, medical, inmate welfare and food service.

2601/Animal

101-2601-357-37-00 Spay/Neuter	\$1,500.00	101-2601-410-40-45 Spay/Neuter	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$1,500.00	TOTAL	\$1,500.00

Justification: When the budget was done it was not known how many animals would be adopted out. In the charges for the adoption there is a spay and neuter fee. This charge is paid to the Veterinarian for this procedure. The two line items are like a wash. Revenue has already been exceeded and there are still outstanding bills to pay.

Twp. 7 Rescue

101-2831-357-56-00	\$6,000.00	101-2831-410-33-10	\$5,400.00
Twp 7 Rescue		90%	
		101-2801-410-40-03	\$600.00
		10% Collection Fee	
TOTAL	\$6,000.00	TOTAL	\$6,000.00

Justification: Budget additional revenues being generated by ambulance calls with 90% going to the squad and 10% to pay the collection fee.

EDC

101-4401-357-19-00	\$2,000.00	101-4401-430-23-00	\$2,000.00
Boeing		Utilities	
TOTAL	\$2,000.00	TOTAL	\$2,000.00

Justification: Budget \$2,000 reimbursement from Boeing to cover utilities.

Mental Health

101-6800-347-12-00	\$2,200.00	101-6800-440-94-42	\$2,200.00
ABC 5 Cent		ABC 5 Cent	
TOTAL	\$2,200.00	TOTAL	\$2,200.00

Justification: Alcohol 5 cent bottle fees are exceeding amount budgeted and will be disbursed to Neuse Center on receipt.

CARTS – Elderly Handicap

101-7024-329-00-00	\$430.00	101-7024-450-39-25	\$430.00
Interest		Co Transportation	

JOURNAL ENTRY

101-0000-329-00-00	\$427.83	101-7024-329-00-00	\$427.83
Interest		Interest	
FY 2007 EHTAP Interest			

Justification: Budget interest earned to cover the cost of the program.

DSS 7291 Mandated

101-7291-349-10-00	\$4,180.00	101-7291-450-39-26	\$4,180.00
Day Care Combined		Child Day Care	
TOTAL	\$4,180.00	TOTAL	\$4,180.00

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



Schools

101-0000-345-03-00	\$200,000.00	101-8500-480-98-01	\$575,000.00
Art 40 1 st ½ Cent		To Debt Service	
101-00-345-05-0	\$375,000.00		
TOTAL	\$575,000.00	TOTAL	\$575,000.00

Justification: Excess sales tax being received resulting in an additional estimation of \$575,000 being transferred to schools debt service.

Neuse Center Request

The Board of Commissioners was requested to adopt the following resolution for East Carolina Behavioral Health (ECBH) to hold real property located in Northampton and Hertford Counties due to the merger of Neuse Center for MH/DD/SAS, Roanoke-Chowan Human Services, Pitt County Mental Health Center and Beaufort County’s mental health program. Commissioner Morris moved for adoption of the following resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**Resolution
Regarding Neuse Center For
Mental Health/Developmental
Disabilities/Substance Abuse Services dba
East Carolina Behavioral Health**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the consolidation of Pitt County Mental Health, Beaufort County’s mental health programs, and Roanoke-Chowan Area MH/DD/SAS (“RC”) into Neuse Center for MH/DD/SAS dba East Carolina Behavioral Health (hereinafter “ECBH”), to be effective July 1, 2007, RC proposes the transfer of three parcels of real property, one in Northampton County and two in Hertford County, to ECBH in consideration of the terms of the consolidation. The parcels of real property are more particularly described on Exhibit A affixed hereto and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of ECBH has applied to the Board of County Commissioners for the appropriate authorization to accept and hold title to said real property;

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 122C-147 (c) of the North Carolina General Statutes, ECBH be, and hereby is, authorized to accept and hold title to that certain real property more particularly described on Exhibit A affixed hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

This the 18th day of June, 2007.

Service Person of the Quarter Resolution

The Board was requested to adopt the following resolution recognizing Justin E. Studler as Service Person of the Quarter. Commissioner Morris moved to adopt the following resolution honoring Justin E. Studler as Service Person of the Quarter, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING CORPORAL JUSTIN E. STUDLER
AS SERVICE PERSON OF THE QUARTER**

WHEREAS, Corporal Justin E. Studler serves as a Marine Air Traffic Controller, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Studler is constantly striving to better both the facility and himself by attending Corporal Leadership School where he graduated number two in a class full of seasoned Corporals; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Studler’s pride and enthusiasm toward the Marine Corps and his fellow Marines, has earned him the Platoon Ironman, Motivation Award, and Gung-ho Award; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Studler devotes countless hours to the residents of the Britthaven Retirement Community in both Havelock and New Bern and volunteers for the Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Foundation. He has also been a participant in numerous All-Terrain competitions, as well as other unit cohesion activities of Marine Corps Community Services; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Studler’s wife, Shara, also volunteers her time and efforts alongside her husband as he serves the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners recognizes Corporal Justin E. Studler for his superb initiative and dedication to his local community and devotion to his fellow Marines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners congratulates him on being selected Area Service Person of the Quarter.

Adopted this 18th day of June, 2007.

CARTS Request to Set Public Hearing

A request was made by CARTS that the Board set a public hearing on July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in order for Craven County to apply for the FY 2007-2008 Rural Assistance Program (ROAP) and receive the following grant funds:

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)	\$99,895
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMP)	\$21,990
Rural General Public (RGP)	\$98,886
 Total	 \$220,751

Commissioner Morris moved to set a public hearing for July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Audit Contract For 2007-2009

A proposed audit contract with McGladrey & Pullen was presented for the Board’s consideration and approval. The fee for 2007 is \$80,000, in 2008, \$90,000 and in 2009 \$87,000. The Board was advised by the Finance Officer that the significant increase over the current contract amount of \$76,000 is due to implementation of new Auditing Standards, which is greatest during the first year of implementation. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the proposed audit contract with McGladrey & Pullen for 2007-2009, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

PRESENTATION OF CAFR AWARD

The Chairman presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, and the Finance Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. This award is the highest recognition given for governmental financial accounting and reporting and is conferred by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

TAX APPEAL – ZACHARY TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor's appeal was rescheduled.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT MATTERS*Recreation and Parks Ordinance for Spring Garden and Cowpen Boat Landings*

Recreation Director, Jan Parker, presented Recreation and Parks Ordinance for Spring Garden and Cowpen Board Landings, which addresses issues such as personal conduct, fires, camping, alcohol and illegal drug use, loaded firearms and trash removal. The Board was requested to set a public hearing for July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to schedule the public hearing, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

Memoranda of Agreement

The following Memoranda of Agreement were presented concerning the maintenance of Cowpen and Spring Garden boat landings by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. These agreements establish a relationship with the Commission whereby the County will maintain the grounds and the Commission will provide capital improvements to the boat access areas. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the Memoranda of Agreement, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**AGREEMENT TO REPAIR, IMPROVE, AND OPERATE A PUBLIC BOATING ACCESS FACILITY**

This agreement is made and entered into this the _____ day of _____, 2007, by and between the **NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**, hereinafter referred to as the **COMMISSION**, and **Craven County**, hereinafter referred to as the **COUNTY**.

I. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

It is mutually agreed that the COMMISSION and the COUNTY will cooperate to provide free public boating access to the Neuse River where SR 1441, Cowpen Landing Road, terminates at the Neuse River.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES**A. The COMMISSION agrees to:**

1. Provide design development for repairs and improvements to the public boat landing, including the parking area.
2. Obtain all regulatory permits required for repairs and improvements.
3. Construct all repairs and improvements to the boat landing, parking area and adjacent courtesy docks.
4. Maintain the landing, in a serviceable condition, as a free public boating access area, with no closure of the site, except for repair purposes or emergency situations.

B. The COUNTY agrees to:

- 1. Provide free public boat access including vehicle and trailer parking, open 24 hours a day 7 days a week with no closure of the site, except for repair and improvements or emergency situations.
- 2. Maintain the grounds surrounding the site keeping the grass mowed at regular intervals year round which would be at least twice per month during spring and summer months and litter removed each time the site is mowed.

III. TERMINATION

It is mutually agreed that either party may terminate its involvement in this agreement by written notice to the other at least 120 days in advance of the date on which termination is to become effective.

IV. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall become effective upon full execution and shall continue in effect for a period equal to 25 years.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this Cooperative Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto, in duplicate originals, as of the date first above written.

Craven County

Harold Blizzard, County Manager

ATTEST

Gwen Bryan, Clerk to the Board

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES
COMMISSION

Richard B. Hamilton, Executive Director

ATTEST

Gordon S. Myers, Engineering Services Division
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V. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

It is mutually agreed that the COMMISSION and the COUNTY will cooperate to provide free public boating access to the Neuse River where SR 1423, N. West Craven Middle School Rd, terminates at the Neuse River.

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES

C. The COMMISSION agrees to:

5. Provide design development for repairs and improvements to the public boat landing, including the parking area.
6. Obtain all regulatory permits required for repairs and improvements.
7. Construct all repairs and improvements to the boat landing, parking area and adjacent courtesy docks.
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V. CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AGREEMENT

The Commission and the County, jointly and severally, to the extent allowed by applicable North Carolina law, covenant to indemnify and save harmless Craven County Board of Education from and against any and all claims, liability, loss or damage, arising from any conduct, work or thing done under the terms of this Agreement, to include injury or damage to any person or persons, including the Commission or the County, or to the property of any person, or persons or corporations occurring on or within the public access areas which are the subject of this Agreement, as the result of any activity, or lack of activity, of the Commission, its agents, employees, or any other person or entity under the direction of the Commission, or activity, or lack of activity, of the County, its agents, employees, or any other person or entity under the direction of the County. County and Commission further covenant to indemnify and save harmless from any protection, mitigation and enhancement measures or activities required by any state, federal or local governmental agency, or its successor agency in connection with the activities conducted by the County and Commission hereunder.

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APPOINTMENTS

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

The Board considered a pending vacancy on the Nursing Home Advisory Committee created by the resignation of Roy Murphy. Commissioner Jones nominated Ms. Ernestine Kelly Fisher of Dover. There being no additional nominees, Ms. Fisher was appointed by acclamation.

NACo Voting Delegate

The Board was asked to appoint a voting delegate to the NACo Annual Conference in Richmond, Virginia in July. Commissioner Morris moved that the Chairman be designated as Craven County’s voting representative, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried. Commissioner Allen recommended that the Vice Chairman be appointed as an alternate; however, the Vice Chairman announced that he would not be attending the Annual Conference. As a result, Commissioner McCabe volunteered to serve as the alternate and he was so designated.

Upcoming Appointments – July

The Board was apprised of impending vacancies on the ABC Board and the River Bend Board of Adjustment during the month of July.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

The recommended Budget Ordinance, as amended by consensus during budget work sessions, was presented to the Board, as follows. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the following Budget Ordinance, as presented and amended, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

SECTION I

The following amounts are appropriated for expenditure in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Commissioners	\$ 506,533
Special Appropriations	\$ 385,278
Administration	\$ 604,108
Personnel	\$ 389,272
Information Technology	\$ 865,784
Finance	\$ 744,936
Non Departmental	\$ 1,096,000
Pass Through	\$ 242,099
Contributions to Other Funds	\$ 3,054,888
Elections	\$ 257,271
Tax Assessor	\$ 1,079,740
Tax Collector	\$ 500,146
Register of Deeds	\$ 1,165,491
Public Buildings	\$ 1,905,852
Court Facilities	\$ 535,539
Maintenance	\$ 366,619
Central Maintenance Garage	\$ 276,983
Sheriff	\$ 4,760,137

Jail	\$ 2,881,035
Communications	\$ 503,269
Fire Marshall/ Emergency Management	\$ 290,845
Inspections	\$ 567,337
E 911 County/Wireless	\$ 42,983
Medical Examiner	\$ 69,000
Rescue Squads	\$ 1,250,868
Solid Waste	\$ 3,939,588
Planning	\$ 528,531
Soil Conservation	\$ 109,550

SECTION I (continued)

Cooperative Extension	\$ 335,062
Economic Development	\$ 682,378
Health	\$ 9,448,543
Mental Health	\$ 272,827
Transportation – CARTS	\$ 1,076,813
Elderly Handicap	\$ 59,001
General Public Transportation	\$ 128,539
Veterans Services	\$ 123,382
Social Services	\$ 23,564,570
Recreation	\$ 937,564
Libraries	\$ 1,191,866
Convention Center	\$ 1,083,437
Craven County Schools	
Current Expense	\$ 16,133,963
Current Expense – Technology	\$ 150,000
Current Expense - Teacher Supplement	\$ 125,000
Current Expense - Late List Penalty	\$ 65,000
Current Expense - Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 65,000
Capital Outlay	\$ 850,000
Transfer to Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,875,000
Craven Community College	
Current Expense	\$ 2,985,130
Capital Outlay	\$ 75,000
Capital Outlay Parking Lot	\$ 150,000
Debt Service Principal	\$ 100,000
Debt Service Interest	\$ 65,400
TOTAL	\$ 92,463,157

SECTION II

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Current Year's Property Taxes	\$	34,482,470
Prior Year's Property Taxes		210,000
Vehicle Property Taxes		5,088,559
Prior Year's Vehicle Property Taxes		325,000
Late Listing Penalty		65,000
Annual Fee (Solid Waste/Recycling)		1,448,988
In Lieu of Taxes		165,500
Penalty and Interest		257,183
Franchise Fees - (Cable T.V.)		280,000
Interest - Investments		1,200,300
Miscellaneous Revenue		55,290
Donations/Contributions		144,975
Beer & Wine State		165,000
One Cent Sales Tax		7,307,975
One Half Cent Sales Tax – Article 40		4,276,204

SECTION II (Continued)

One Half Cent Sales Tax – Article 42		4,266,588
One Half Cent Sales Tax –Article 44		3,455,876
Alcoholic Beverage Control		273,000
Grants – Other		75,000
State Revenues		1,376,202
State Grants		13,140,142
Court Fees		332,000
Sheriff Fees		125,000
First Party Payment for Services		117,200
Third Party Payment for Services		302,400
Fees for Services		6,056,107
Transfers In From Other Funds		1,414,274

Inter-Departmental	488,057
Inter-Governmental	682,362
Medicaid	2,239,090
Medicare	1,572,500
Medicaid Maximization	503,042
Federal Revenue	293,623
Fund Balance Appropriated	278,250
Total	\$92,463,157

SECTION III

The following amount is appropriated to the Seized Property – Sheriff’s Department Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Expense:

Miscellaneous	\$33,600
Total	\$33,600

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Seized Property – Sheriff’s Department Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 100
Substance Abuse Tax – State	\$ 33,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 500
Total	\$ 33,600

SECTION IV

The following amount is appropriated for the Enhanced 911 Project for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Enhanced 911 Operating Expenses	\$ 297,038
Total	\$ 297,038

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Enhanced 911 Project during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Interest	\$ 4,100
Telephone Subscriber Charges	275,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	17,938
Total	\$ 297,038

SECTION V

The following amounts are appropriated for the Rhems Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,090
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	188,930
Total	\$192,020

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Rhems Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$127,631
(Rate of .0425; Valuation of \$ 306,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	57,296
Fund Balance Appropriated	7,093
Total	\$192,020

SECTION VI

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 1 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,900
Insurance	1,000
Capital Outlay – Reserve	352
Payment to District	171,469
Payment to Little Swift Creek Fire Department	5,666
Total	\$ 182,387

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 1 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30,

2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	121,458
(Rate of .0238; Valuation of 520,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	60,929
Total	\$182,387

SECTION VII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Tri-Community Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Workers Compensation	\$ 5,000
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	237,341
Payment from Sandy Point	10,913
Total	\$ 254,254

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Tri-Community Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 161,440
(Rate of .0350; Valuation of \$470,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	79,328
Sandy Point Appropriation	8,486
Fund Balance Appropriated	5,000
Total	\$254,254

SECTION VIII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Little Swift Creek Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,200
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	100,037
From Twp #1 Vanceboro	5,666
Capital Outlay – Reserve	7,980



Total **\$ 117,883**

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Little Swift Creek Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes \$ 75,273

(Rate of .0590; Valuation of \$130,000,000.00)

Sales Tax 36,944

From Township #1 Vanceboro 5,666

Total **\$ 117,883**

SECTION IX

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 3 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Workers Compensation - Cove City \$ 1,700

Insurance - Cove City 900

Payment to Cove City 51,099

Cove City Grant Match 17,500

Cove City Payment from Township #9 3,000

Payment to Dover 39,763

Dover Grant Match 18,250

Workers Compensation - Fort Barnwell 2,200

Insurance - Fort Barnwell 900

Payment to Fort Barnwell 53,759

Fort Barnwell Grant Match 19,138

Total **\$ 208,209**

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 3 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes \$ 99,582

(Rate of .0681; Valuation of \$149,000,000.00)

Sales Tax 50,739

Payment from Township #9 to Cove City	3,000
General Fund 100	54,888
Total	\$ 208,209

SECTION X

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 5 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Workers Compensation	\$ 1,650
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	239,782
Total	\$ 242,432

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 5 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 164,286
(Rate of .0620; Valuation of \$270,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	72,646
Fund Balance Appropriated	5,500
Total	\$ 242,432

SECTION XI

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 6 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,300
Insurance	1,000
Capital Reserve	8,736
Payment to District	243,039
Total	\$255,075

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 6 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 172,236
(Rate of .0675; Valuation of \$260,000,000.00)	

Sales Tax	82,839
Total	\$255,075

SECTION XII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 7 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,500
Insurance	1,000
Capital Reserve	17,572
Payment to District	307,432
Total	\$ 329,504

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 7 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 222,582
(Rate of .027; Valuation of \$840,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	106,922
Total	\$ 329,504

SECTION XIII

The following amounts are appropriated for the West of New Bern Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,740
Insurance	1,000
Payment to District	340,095
Total	\$ 344,835

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the West of New Bern Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 220,265
(Rate of .0362; Valuation of \$620,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	108,570

Fund Balance Appropriated	16,000
Total	\$ 344,835

SECTION XIV

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 9 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,200
Insurance	1,000
Capital Reserve	1,012
Payment to District	169,950
Payment to Cove City	3,000
Total	\$ 178,162

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 9 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 118,955
(Rate of .0713; Valuation of \$170,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	59,207
Total	\$ 178,162

SECTION XV

The following amounts are appropriated for the Sandy Point Service District for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Transfer to Tri Community	10,913
Total	\$ 10,913

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Sandy Point Service District during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	5,620
(Rate of .05670; Valuation of \$10,100,000.00)	
Sales Tax	2,866
Fund Balance Appropriated	2,427



Total **\$ 10,913**

SECTION XVI

The following amount is appropriated for the Schools Debt Service for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Debt Service Expenses \$5,261,650

Total **\$5,261,650**

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Schools Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Interest \$ 125,000

Sales Tax 3,875,000

State ADM 936,000

Lottery Proceeds 325,650

Total **\$ 5,261,650**

SECTION XVII

The following amount is appropriated for the County Reserve Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Transfer to General County Projects \$218,000

Transfer to Jail Project – Fund 368 3,000,000

Total **\$3,218,000**

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the County Reserve Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending July 1, 2008.

Interest on Investments \$200,000

Transfer from General Fund 3,000,000

Reserve Fund Balance Appropriated 18,000

Total **\$3,218,000**

SECTION XVIII

The following amount is appropriated for the Craven County Water Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Water Operations Expense \$ 3,609,800



Total **\$ 3,609,800**

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Craven County Water Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Penalty and Interest	\$ 84,500
Interest on Investments	240,000
Fees	319,100
Water Sales	2,950,000
Rents	16,200

Total **\$ 3,609,800**

Any rates not listed remain unchanged from prior year.

SECTION XIX

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Neuse River Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Debt Service	\$ 71,172
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Total **\$ 71,172**

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Neuse River Water and Sewer –Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Transfers in from Water Operating Fund	\$ 71,172
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Total **\$ 71,172**

SECTION XX

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Number Six Township Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Debt Service	\$ 94,516
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Total **\$ 94,516**

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Number Six Township Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Transfers in from Water Operating Fund	\$ 94,516
Total	\$ 94,516

SECTION XXI

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Debt Service	\$ 445,667
Total	\$ 445,667

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Transfers in From Water Operating Fund	\$ 445,667
Total	\$ 445,667

SECTION XXII

The following amount is appropriated to the Health Benefits Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Health Benefits	\$ 3,602,000
Workers Compensation	\$ 480,000
Auto Physical Damage	\$ 50,000
Total	\$ 4,132,000

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Health Benefits Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Health Benefits:

Interest	\$ 31,622
Employer Contribution – Health	3,072,660
Employee Contribution - Health	176,598
Employer Contribution - Dental	221,400
Employee Contribution - Dental	99,720
Workers Compensation Fees	480,000

Regular vehicle Expense	50,000
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Total	\$ 4,132,000
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The above revenues reflect the following rates, which are changed for Health Coverage:

Health – Employee	\$ 415
Child Only	175
Family	424
Dental – Employee	30
Child Only	35
Family	45

SECTION XXIII

The following amount is appropriated to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) - Juvenile Restitution Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Juvenile Restitution Expense	\$ 46,000
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Total	\$ 46,000
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It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Juvenile Restitution Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

CBA - Juvenile Restitution	\$ 46,000
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Total	\$ 46,000
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SECTION XXIV

The following amount is appropriated for the Occupancy Tax Trust Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Transfer to General Fund	795,710
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City of Havelock	97,000
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Administration Fees	50
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Total	\$ 892,760
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It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Occupancy Tax Trust Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

Revenue:

Interest



Tourism Development Authority Occupancy Tax \$ 892,760

Total \$ 892,760

SECTION XXV

There is levied a tax rate of \$.61 per \$100.00 valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2007, for the purpose of raising revenues listed as current year's property tax in Section II of this Ordinance.

The rate of tax is based on an estimated valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$6,610,000,000.00 and an estimated collection rate of 98.14% real property and motor vehicles.

SECTION XXVI

The Budget Officer is authorized to make line item transfers within each department.

The Budget Officer is authorized to transfer between departments within the same fund amounts not to exceed \$20,000.00.

The Budget Officer is authorized to loan dollars between funds for the purpose of maintaining a constant cash flow, provided that such funds are repaid in the scope of this Fiscal Year.

The Budget Officer is authorized to freeze any new/vacant positions until such time as the necessity and imperativeness can be ascertained and assuredness of available fiscal funding can be better determined.

The Budget Officer is further authorized to decide the time any capital improvements or capital outlay items in the budget may be processed.

SECTION XXVI

Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out the duties of that office.

This Ordinance is hereby adopted this 18TH day of June, 2007.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Sisk recognized Kay Benda, recently deceased, for her community service. She announced that the River Bend 4th of July Parade will be held at 10:00 a.m. and invited Commissioners to participate.

Commissioner McCabe indicated that he is still waiting to hear from the State concerning the resurfacing of NC Hwy 101 and improvements to the Adams Creek Road bridge.

Commissioner Allen announced his attendance at Havelock High School graduation and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Board of Directors meeting at Kitty Hawk.

Commissioner Jones congratulated Cove City and the Cove City Fire Department for the 50 Year Anniversary and expressed appreciation to Senator Preston for her assistance with Department of Transportation issues.

Commissioner Sampson expressed appreciation to the County's workforce and also commented on a need for continued pressure on legislators relative to increasing gas prices.

Commissioner Morris reported on his recent attendance at an ACT meeting, stating that the director of the NADEP operations had reassured those present that NADEP is not dependent upon the location of an OLF in the area. He advised the Board that District 1 citizens are strongly opposed to the concept of placing an OLF in Craven County. Commissioner Allen stated that contrary information was provided at an ACT Executive Committee meeting by a retired general who sits on that committee.

At 9:15 a.m. the Board was declared in recess and reconvened in work session at 9:30 a.m. At that time the Board received a presentation from Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, concerning the proposed sign ordinance.

SIGN ORDINANCE WORK SESSION

Mr. Baumgardner explained to the Board that the sign ordinance had been divided into two separate ordinances, one for on-premise signs and one for off-premise signs. He stated that by separating the ordinance the Board may decide to adopt one without the other, specifically the on-premise ordinance which would require a significant increase in staff time to administer. During the work session, there was considerable discussion concerning the effect of on-premise limitations on businesses such as car dealerships. This was identified as an area of concern for more scrutiny. The Board was advised that all current signs would be grandfathered but repairs and replacements would be subject to the provisions of a new ordinance. There was discussion concerning the definition of temporary signs as cited in the ordinance and concern was expressed that ninety (90) days is not an adequate time frame for some types of temporary signs. There was also discussion concerning the determination of acceptability of sign content. General consensus was noted concerning distraction of flashing signs and Mr. Baumgardner responded that flashing signs would be permitted by the ordinance for on-premise signs, but must meet certain requirements; however, they would not be permitted for off-premise signs. Commissioner Morris moved to set a public hearing, limited to receiving public comment on the off-premise sign ordinance on July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., and to defer consideration of the on-premise ordinance. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, which carried with six (6) "Ayes", there being one (1) "Nay" from Commissioner Allen, who was in favor of addressing both ordinances at this time.

At 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board