

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, AUGUST 6, 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 McCabe and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Jones moved to approve minutes of July 2, 2007 regular session, July 12, 2007 reconvened and July 23, 2007 special session, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Sheriff

| REVENUES | AMOUNT | EXPENDITURES | AMOUNT |
|--|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| 101-2016-367-55-00 City of New Bern | \$2,175.00 | 101-2016-410-73-21 C/O Less <\$5,000 | \$2,900.00 |
| 101-2016-366-14-0 Fr Fd 114 | \$725.00 | | |
| TOTAL | \$2,900.00 | TOTAL | \$2,900.00 |

Justification: Budget Governor's Crime Commission grant being passed through the City of New Bern to purchase 2 desktop computers.

DSS 7291

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| 101-7291-349-32-00 Energy CIP, CP&L | \$(65,496.00) | 101-7291-450-39-03 CIP | \$(65,496.00) |
| TOTAL | \$(65,496.00) | TOTAL | \$(65,496.00) |

Justification: First funding authorization received for Crisis Intervention Program, funds allocated are less than original state estimates. There is no County match, funds are 100% federal.

DSS 7295 Senior Program

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| 101-7295-399-01-00 | \$6,473.00 | 101-7295-450-32-29 | \$4,250.00 |
| Fund Balance | | Donations – Meals | |
| | | 101-7295-450-32-31 | \$2,223.00 |
| | | Donations – Senior | |
| TOTAL | \$6,473.00 | TOTAL | \$6,473.00 |

Justification: Roll forward unspent funds donated to the Senior Program and Meals Program in fiscal year 2006-2007.

DSS 7295 Senior Program

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| 101-7295-369-06-00 | \$600.00 | 101-7295-450-39-31 | \$600.00 |
| Fans | | Crisis Funds | |
| TOTAL | \$600.00 | TOTAL | \$600.00 |

Justification: Funds received from the City of New Bern to be used for the purchase of fans for seniors.

Fire Departments

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|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 242-0000-399-00-00 | \$115.00 | 242-2900-410-11-04 | \$115.00 |
| Fund Balance – Tri Community | | Worker’s Comp | |
| 244-0000-399-00-00 | \$265.00 | 244-2901-410-11-04 | \$265.00 |
| Fund Balance – Twp. #3 | | Worker’s Comp | |
| 247-0000-399-00-00 | \$75.00 | 247-2900-410-11-04 | \$75.00 |
| Fund Balance – Twp. 7 | | Worker’s Comp | |
| 248-0000-399-00-00 | \$385.00 | 248-2900-410-11-04 | \$385.00 |
| Fund Balance – West New Bern | | Worker’s Comp | |
| TOTAL | \$840.00 | TOTAL | \$840.00 |

Justification: To cover shortage in Fire Department Worker’s Compensation Line Item for VFIS invoice dated 7/5/2007 in the amount of \$47,600.00.

Request for Approval of Justice Department Grant Application

The Craven County Sheriff’s Department has requested approval of a grant in the amount of \$16,397 from the Bureau of Justice and the money would be used for purchasing in car computers so the deputies can run driving histories, license tags and warrants. Approval to accept this grant would include adoption of a budget amendment to budget this revenue. Commissioner Morris moved for approval of the grant in the amount of \$16,397 from the Bureau of Justice, as requested, and for adoption of the following budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Sheriff

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| 101-2021-377-04-00 | \$16,397.00 | 101-2021-410-73-21 | \$16,397.00 |
| Justice Dept. Grant | | C/O for Mobile Data Terminals | |
| TOTAL | \$16,397.00 | TOTAL | \$16,397.00 |

Justification: Budget Justice Dept. Grant for Mobile Data Terminals. No match required.

Tax Releases

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

Credits

| TAXPAYER NAME | TICKET# | AMOUNT |
|---|--------------|------------|
| ANDREWS, HENRY DID NOT OWN 01/01/06 | 2006-0001241 | \$13.37 |
| CURRAN, FRANK J & SANDRA R NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN COUNTY 01/01/2006 | 2006-0012713 | \$318.88 |
| DODD, MICHELLE G DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006 | 2006-0014800 | \$103.41 |
| LIVERMAN, ROLAND DID NOT OWN 01/01/06 | 2006-0032976 | \$45.09 |
| LOCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006 | 2006-0033050 | \$71.46 |
| LOCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005 | 2005-0032584 | \$77.47 |
| LOCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004 | 2004-0031518 | \$76.90 |
| LOCAL MORTGATE CORPORATION DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003 | 2003-0031023 | \$82.42 |
| LOCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION DID NOT OWN 01/01/2002 | 2002-0030801 | \$90.90 |
| LOCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION DID NOT OWN 01/01/2001 | 2001-0030433 | \$64.63 |
| LOCAL MORTGATE CORPORATION DID NOT OWN 01/01/2000 | 2000-0030128 | \$64.62 |
| LOCAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION DID NOT OWN 01/01/1999 | 1999-0029287 | \$67.48 |
| MCCOY, WOODLEY FRANKLIN & LUCY DOUBLE LISTED ON #72885 | 2007-0090127 | \$166.15 |
| PHILLIPS, CYNTHIA RUTH NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN COUNTY 01/01/2006 | 2006-0091765 | \$25.62 |
| 14 – CREDIT MEMO (S) | | \$1,268.40 |

FY 06 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Project

The Craven County Planning Board requested that the Board of Commissioners designate Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, to approve and execute the PDM elevation construction contract following review and approval of the low responsible bid by the staff of Holland Consulting Planners. Commissioner Morris moved to designate Don Baumgardner to approve and execute the PDM elevation construction contract, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Repeal Sign Moratorium

Commissioner Morris moved to acknowledge officially that the on-premise sign moratorium expired upon adoption of the off-premise sign ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Contract for Consultant Services (Hazard Mitigation Plan Update)

The Board was requested to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract for consultant services for the Hazard Mitigation Update Plan. The contract covers the cost of professional services associated with implementation and update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by FEMA and the State of North Carolina. Commissioner Morris moved to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract for consultant services with Holland Consulting Planners for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Subdivisions for Approval

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

Cardinal Estates – Final: The property, owned by Norman L. Morris and surveyed by Terry K. Wheeler, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1450 (Nelson Road). The subdivision contains 4 lots on 5.5 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

Paradise Land Section 1 – Reapproval for Final: The property, owned by Gourdier Land Company, Inc. and Mr. and Mrs. J. James Gourdier and surveyed by Bjerkeset Land Surveying, is located with in Twp. 5 off of SR 1820 (Godfrey's Blvd.) The subdivision contains 7 lots on 4.3 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

Holiday Schedule

Craven County Human Resources Director, Joan Harrell, submitted the following proposed 2008 Holiday Schedule for Craven County employees. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the 2008 Holiday Schedule, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**2008
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, December 31, 2007 (Floating)
Tuesday, January 1, 2008

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, January 21, 2008

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 21, 2008

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26, 2008

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, July 4, 2008

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 1, 2008

VETERANS' DAY

Monday, November 10, 2008 (Floating)

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 27, 2008

Friday, November 28, 2008

CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

Thursday, December 25, 2008

Friday, December 26, 2008

Lease Agreement for Harlowe Debris Site

The Board was requested to authorize the Chairman to sign a lease agreement for approximately 5 acres of cleared land owned by Rudolph Taylor located near the intersection of Highway 101 and Blades Road in the Harlowe section of Craven County for use as a debris collection site after a hurricane, disaster or an emergency in the event it is needed. FEMA would reimburse expenses connected with this site if an emergency should occur. Commissioner Morris moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease agreement for the Harlowe debris site, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Disposal of Surplus Property Report

The following is a list of items sold on GovDeals on July 22, 2007. The Board was requested to enter into the minutes the results of the sale. Commissioner Morris moved to enter into the minutes the following list of items sold on GovDeals, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**Craven County, NC
Date range: 7/22/07 - 7/22/07**

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| William Boulia | 6 6 | 153 | 1991 Chevy Corsica | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$485.00 | 13 | 7/22/07 5:10 PM | 1 Each |
| William Boulia | 5 1 | Lot 16 | Metal cabinets and metal shelf | Office Equipment | \$10.00 | \$40.00 | 7 | 7/22/07 5:00 PM | 1 Lot |
| William Boulia | 4 9 | Lot 10 | Map Filing Cabinet on wheels | Office Equipment | \$25.00 | \$30.00 | 2 | 7/22/07 5:00 PM | 1 Lot |
| William Boulia | 4 8 | Lot 5B | Dehumidifiers | Heating, Air Co | \$25.00 | \$80.00 | 14 | 7/22/07 5:00 PM | 1 Lot |
| William Boulia | 4 7 | Lot 5A | Dehumidifiers | Heating, Air Co | \$25.00 | \$110.00 | 11 | 7/22/07 5:00 PM | 1 Lot |
| William Boulia | 4 4 | Lot 15 | Storage Trunks | Office Equipment | \$5.00 | \$31.00 | 4 | 7/22/07 5:00 PM | 1 Lot |
| William Boulia | 6 2 | 188 | 1995 Ford F-150 | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$1,051.00 | 35 | 7/22/07 4:50 PM | 1 Each |
| Wesley Hatcher | 5 9 | 221 | 2005 Ford Crown Vic | Automobiles | \$50.00 | \$585.00 | 15 | 7/22/07 4:35 PM | 1 Each |
| Wayne Lewis | 5 4 | 84 | 2003 Ford Crown Vic | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$3,651.00 | 62 | 7/22/07 4:10 PM | 1 Each |
| Wayne Lewis | 5 2 | 36 | 1999 Ford Crown Victoria | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$1,875.00 | 14 | 7/22/07 4:05 PM | 1 Each |
| Wayne Lewis | 5 3 | 78 | 2002 Ford Crown Victoria | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$2,800.00 | 28 | 7/22/07 4:00 PM | 1 Each |

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| Wayne Lewis | 56 | 89 | 2003 Ford Crown Vic | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$3,400.00 | 44 | 7/22/07 4:20 PM | 1 Each | |
| Wayne Lewis | 58 | 176 | 1999 Ford Crown Victoria | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$1,575.00 | 24 | 7/22/07 4:30 PM | 1 Each | |
| Wayne Lewis | 63 | W4 | 1999 Ford F-150 | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$2,650.00 | 66 | 7/22/07 4:55 PM | 1 Each | |
| Wayne Lewis | 64 | W8 | 2000 Ford F-150 | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$2,476.00 | 43 | 7/22/07 5:00 PM | 1 Each | |
| Ralph Hunter | 65 | 96 | 1995 Nissan Pathfinder | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$2,526.00 | 55 | 7/22/07 5:05 PM | 1 Each | |
| Mike Baker | 45 | Lot 4 | K-9 Mobile dog cages and fiberglass dog house | Animals and Liv | \$50.00 | \$260.00 | 19 | 7/22/07 5:00 PM | 1 Lot | |
| Michael Makon | 57 | 126 | 2001 Ford Crown Vic | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$1,246.00 | 25 | 7/22/07 4:25 PM | 1 Each | |
| Matt Fairfield | 50 | Lot 13 | Desks, tables, credenza, lazy susan | Office Equipmen | \$10.00 | \$71.00 | 5 | 7/22/07 5:00 PM | 1 Lot | |
| Joyce Mitchell | 61 | 58 | 1994 Ford F-150 | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$812.00 | 20 | 7/22/07 4:45 PM | 1 Each | |
| Doug McDowell | 46 | Lot 3 | Misc garage equipment | Parts and Equip | \$20.00 | \$257.00 | 26 | 7/22/07 5:00 PM | 1 Lot | |
| Debby Hussey | 42 | 21731 | Richo Aficio AP45000 Bin Printer | Office Equipmen | \$100.00 | \$162.00 | 4 | 7/22/07 5:00 PM | 1 Each | |
| Alex Friedman | 55 | 86 | 2003 Ford Crown Vic | Automobiles | \$100.00 | \$3,575.00 | 40 | 7/22/07 4:15 PM | 1 Each | |
| Ahmed Chergui | 60 | 248 | 2006 Ford Crown Vic | Automobiles | \$50.00 | \$1,045.00 | 32 | 7/22/07 4:40 PM | 1 Each | |
| | | | | | \$1,670.00 | \$30,793.00 | | | | |

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Bill Harper spoke to the Board concerning the citizens’ right to protect themselves and expressed the opinion that a concealed weapons ban in County buildings would not deter criminals or those with criminal intent.

Michael Speciale spoke to the Board concerning second amendment rights and requested that the Board not consider an ordinance to ban concealed weapons in County buildings.

Charlie Simmons spoke in opposition to the jail site being located on Clarks Road and asked that the County look elsewhere for a site.

Sandra Simmons spoke expressing the displeasure of the people in the Clarks community with the jail site, stating that the people do not want to relocate and asking that the location be reconsidered.

Helen Adams had requested to appear before the Board but was not present.

Jack Huddle came to request that a section of Gethsemane Road be abandoned and was advised of the process, including the payment of required advertising costs by the petitioner. He stated that he understands the ads must run for a specific period of time and that he is willing to pay for it. The Board by motion of Commissioner Morris and a second by Commissioner Sisk, set a public hearing for September 4, 2007.

EMERGENCY SERVICES MATTERS

Harlowe Fire Department Equipment Acquisition

Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, presented a request of the Harlowe Fire Department, in compliance with their contract, to accept the Department’s intent to purchase a new fire truck to support the new sub station on Ferry Road. He advised the Board that no additional funds are being sought by the Department.

Dover Fire Department Equipment Acquisition

On behalf of the Dover Fire Department Chief, Mr. Kite requested that the Board accept the Department’s intent to purchase a new fire truck, with no additional funds being necessary. The Department requested is an alteration of a request made earlier in the year for personal protective equipment, which the Board approved on February 14, 2007. The Department requested that the Board approve redirection of the funds in the amount of \$18,250.00 toward the purchase of the truck. Commissioner Jones moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

CRAVEN COUNTY PROPERTY INVENTORY REPORT

Appalachian State University Intern, Megan Piner, presented a report providing an inventory of properties owned by Craven County and an assessment of their condition and use. She state that currently 173 properties are owned by County, with 22 being jointly owned with the City of New Bern; 40 are a result of tax foreclosures and the assessment indicated that many are marketable. She stated that the report will allow the County to better identify properties which have been obtained by foreclosure and are suitable for sale or those acquired in the flood buyout program that can be leased and maintained without cost to the County.

PRESENTATION ON FIBER OPTIC PROJECT

Information Technology Director, Dennis Holton, provided an update on the status of the fiber optic project and indicated that three (3) bidders responded. Responses received were as follows:

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| Matrix Design Group | \$4,597,813 |
| Bering Sea Ecotech, Inc. | \$3,831,694.13 |
| Corning Cable Systems, LLC | \$1,492,552 |

He recommended that the bid be awarded to Corning Cable Systems, LLC in the amount of \$1,492,552. He also explained that there were four (4) schools that would not be able to be included in the project for this price based on the distance required for laying fiber. He stated that the bid amount submitted by Corning Cable would not reach West Craven High School, James W. Smith Elementary School, Vanceboro Farm Life School and Bridgeton Elementary School. He advised the Board that alternatives are being evaluated to provide enhanced communication to these four institutions. During the ensuing discussion, Commissioner Sisk inquired if wireless would be available for the four schools not included in the project and Commissioner Jones stressed the importance that these schools receive equal facilities and services. Commissioner Morris recommended that the Board consider the agreement with Corning that was presented and continue to address the options for the other four schools. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried, with the intent that the four other schools, including West Craven High School, James W. Smith Elementary School, Vanceboro Farm Life School and Bridgeton Elementary School, would be provided with enhanced communications as quickly as possible. Staff was directed to research the cost of fiber to the remaining four schools and return to the Board.

At 8:20 p.m. the Board was declared in recess and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

SHERIFF'S REPORT ON WEAPONS BAN

As requested, the Sheriff appeared before the Board to discuss consideration of a concealed weapons ban in County buildings. Sheriff Monette provided some background, stating that the North Carolina General Assembly, through the North Carolina General Statutes, has already established that all concealed carry is illegal except by permit. He stated that there are 1,417 licensed carries in Craven County, with 60% of those being retired military or law enforcement personnel. He stated the opinion that an ordinance banning concealed weapons in County buildings would not inhibit those who are already violating the state law by carrying unpermitted weapons. He said that limiting access to the facility is the only deterrent. He stated that posting of the General Statutes could be an option that is considered by the Board. He confirmed that he has already begun to develop training for staff at the Human Service Building in response to incidents involving weapons.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, requested a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (4) relative to industrial expansion and consultation with the County Attorney relative to litigation, respectively. At 8:50 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to go into closed session, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried. At 9:45 p.m. the Board returned to regular session. Before reporting on the closed session, Mr. Sugg advised the Board that, in review, it appeared that the September 4, 2007 date which was set for the public hearing on the closure of a portion of Gethsemane Road would not allow ample time for the required advertising and asked that the public hearing be re-set for October 1. Commissioner Jones moved to reschedule the public hearing for October 1, 2007 seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried. Mr. Sugg called upon Arey Grady to report on the closed session matter relative to industrial development and Mr. Grady stated that only discussion had taken place regarding industrial development, no action had been taken. Mr. Sugg reported on a lawsuit of the County involving active duty housing developments at Cherry Point, which was discussed in closed session. The lawsuit involved the question of the County's collecting taxes on new houses being built by the private builder. He reported a judgment that was handed down against the County and recommended that the matter not be pursued in the higher courts. Mr. Grady requested that the Board set a public hearing on the industrial development matters on August 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Morris moved to set the public hearing, as requested, at 9:00 a.m. on August 20, 2007, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, reported on Medicaid Relief Legislation and the projected impact on Craven County. He stated that the projected net gains for the current fiscal year amount to one half million dollars and for 2009, \$1.5 million; 2010, \$1.4 million; for a total of \$3.4 million over the next three years. He stated; however, that these numbers are not exact.

County Attorney

Following the County Manager's report, Attorney Sugg presented the following resolution calling for the sale of lot 79 Tobago in Fairfield Harbour at public auction, stating that the bids would begin at \$4,000. Commissioner Jones moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION

WHEREAS, Craven County ("County"), a body politic and corporate, is the owner of a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 79 Tobago, located in Fairfield Harbour,

Number Two (2) Township, Craven County, North Carolina, which is described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that said property is no longer needed for County purposes and should be sold at public auction; and

WHEREAS, County authorizes the sale of the parcel of land containing one lot, more or less, as further described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and as further described in Commissioner's Deed dated September 31, 2003 and recorded October 16, 2003 in Book 2104 at Page 724, Craven County Registry; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-270, the Craven County Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered to offer for sale the parcel of land at public auction; and

WHEREAS, said offer or bid must be accepted by County at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Commissioners to become final; and

WHEREAS, the highest bidder must deposit ten percent (10%) of the bid with County, which deposit shall be held by County to ensure that said highest bidder will complete the purchase of the property if accepted by County; and

WHEREAS, County shall publish a notice of the sale of said property in the *Sun Journal* at least one (1) time not less than thirty (30) days before the sale, which notice shall contain the description of the property to be sold and said terms of the sale as referenced in this authorizing resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Attorney is authorized to sell the parcel of land described herein containing one lot, more or less, with the highest bidder depositing ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with County to be held in escrow to ensure completion of the purchase of the property if said bid is accepted by County.

Adopted this 6th day of August, 2007.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Tyson reminded the Board of a trip on the river on Friday with the River Keeper.

Commissioner Morris invited Commissioners to a groundbreaking on August 7 for the new fire station in Vanceboro.

Commissioner Sisk inquired if there are any emergency facilities available for animals as the hurricane season gets underway. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, responded that Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, is currently working on such arrangements.

Commissioner McCabe commented again on his efforts to have the Adams Creek Road Bridge elevated and to realize improvements to Highway 101 and Pine Cliff Road.

Commissioner Allen reported on the NACo election that took place at the annual conference in July. He introduced discussion of the NACo prescription drug program, indicating that he and Commissioner Morris attended a workshop on the program at the Annual NACo Conference. He moved that the County participate in the prescription drug program. During discussion, the Chairman stated that he would prefer that staff look into the details of the program again and share the information with the new Commissioners who joined the Board since the last discussion concerning the program, allowing them to make an informed decision. Commissioners Jones and McCabe indicated a desire to know more about the program. During the discussion, Commissioner Allen withdrew his motion. He continued his comments stating that the article that appeared in the *Sun Journal* concerning the Havelock Library hours was inaccurate, inasmuch as the Board has appropriated 25% more to the Havelock Library

budget since the previous fiscal year and 50% more over the last several years. He stated that the librarian has indicated that she will correct her published comments.

Commissioner Jones asked that staff be directed to provide information on the prescription drug program and commented on the fact that there is no emergency shelter in the western part of the County. He asked if West Craven Middle School would be a potential site. Mr. Blizzard responded that the sites are chosen and certified by the Red Cross based on a number of factors, including elevation and the amount of glass in the building. He assured Commissioner Jones that some sites will be evaluated in the western part of the County.

Mr. Blizzard asked that Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, provide a brief update on the status of the bond sale for the current year’s borrowing. Mr. Hemphill stated that the final closing will be held on August 22. He also presented the following budget amendment concerning the Havelock Campus of Craven Community College, which was adopted by motion of Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Jones and a unanimous roll call vote.

Community College

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| 371-0000-399-00-00 | \$2,000,000.00 | 371-0571-400-98-53 | \$2,000,000.00 |
| Fund Balance | | To Comm College | |
| 101-8600-366-07-00 | \$2,000,000.00 | 101-8600-480-37-06 | \$2,000,000.00 |
| From Reserve | | Capital | |

Justification: Budget funds in reserve to be transferred to the General Fund – Community College – Capital Outlay – Project actual cash will be transferred on an as need basis.

At 10:35 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to Board