

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- 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 Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of August 20, 2007 regular session and August 24, 2007 reconvened session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Budget Amendments*

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

*Transportation*

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-0000-399-01-00	\$28,221.00	101-7024-450-33-02	\$8,636.00
Fund Balance Approp/Fund Balance		Elderly Disable Trans Asst. Program	
Current Year		101-7026-450-33-02	\$19,585.00
		Rural General Public Trans	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,221.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,221.00</b>

**Justification:** Supplemental Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) funds in Elderly Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) and Rural General Public (RGP) that were received late in the fiscal year and had to be spent on either new clients or new services.

*DSS 7231 TANF*

101-7231-349-23-00	\$1,803.00	101-7231-450-39-35	\$1,803.00
TANF Staff Overhead		TANF Dom Violence	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,803.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,803.00</b>

**Justification:** Funding authorization from the state is higher than original state estimate. There is no County match.

**Health/Comm. Care Plan**

101-5811-369-37-00	\$25,000	101-5811-440-15-27	\$25,000
CCPEC Mental Hlth Grt		Medical Consultant	
TOTAL	\$25,000	TOTAL	\$25,000

**Justification:** When budget was originally submitted, it was unknown that we would receive a grant from Community Care Plan to provide consultative services to the primary care providers in Child Health for diagnosis and treatment of children with behavioral problems. Check for \$25,000 from University Health Systems was received and deposited August 16, 2007. Funding will be used to hire a behavior professional to come to the clinic once or twice per month to see children and review cases with the nurse practitioners.

**Childhood Lead**

101-3133-399-08-00	\$3,348.00	101-3133-420-40-50	\$3,348.00
Carryover Balance		Contract Employees	
TOTAL	\$3,348.00	TOTAL	\$3,348.00

**Justification:** When budget was originally submitted, it was unknown that all miscellaneous donations would not be expended by fiscal year end. Carryover balance is a combination of unspent miscellaneous donations and last year's carryover balance.

**Tax Releases and Refunds**

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

**Credits**

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ADAMSKI, LENNIE K DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0000270	\$188.98
ADP COMMERCIAL LEASING LLC DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0000313	\$177.44
ADP COMMERCIAL LEASING LLC DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0000312	\$587.47
AUTISM FOUNDATION OF NORTH CAR EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.7	2007-0001914	\$501.07
B & B LOGGING LLC DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0002052	\$518.55
BENNETT, DAVID BRUCE INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 6 H	2007-0004165	\$14.52
BENNETT, DEBRA LYNN SCE NOT APPLIED FOR 2007 IN ERROR	2007-0004174	\$159.28
BOLES, DOYLA BILLED AS LEASEHOLD FOR 2007	2007-0005198	\$271.77

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BRINSON, EMMITT L JR INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 2 A	2007-0006259	\$101.26
BROWNELL, GREGORY DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #49036	2007-0006915	\$80.93
BRYANT, JARVIS D DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0007253	\$69.16
BURKE, JOHN P & LINDA G VALUE ADJUSTED PER BUC BOOK	2007-0007750	\$43.31
CAMP BRYAN FARMS INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0008237	\$441.25
CLEMENIC, ASHLEY S & SHELIA DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0010715	\$975.68
CMH HOMES INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010874	\$654.36
COINMACH CORPORATION LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0011133	\$1.11
COINMACH CORPORATION LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0011134	\$8.71
COINMACH CORPORATION LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0011135	\$4.16
COINMACH CORPORATION LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0011136	\$.48
COINMACH CORPORATION LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0011137	\$1.13
COOKE, DANIEL L & FELICIA D DID NOT OWN 01/01/07	2007-0011643	\$469.37
COURTNEY, CHARLES L VALUE ADJUSTED PER ABOS BOOK	2007-0012040	\$86.62
CRAVEN COUNTY EXEMPT PROPERTY	2007-0012463	\$36.00
CRAVEN REGIONAL MEDICAL AUTH VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0012488	\$108.00
CRAWFORD, BETTY KILPATRICK & CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0012503	\$95.34
DAVIS, DONALD R DOUBLE BILLED WITH ACCT #49296	2007-0013790	\$23.35
DAVIS, GARY C CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0013818	\$519.83
DOUGLAS, PATRICIA A & STAUTER CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0015407	\$320.30

ECHOSTAR SATELLITE LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0016426	\$1.99
ECHOSTAR SATELLITE LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0016427	\$2.97
ECHOSTAR SATELLITE LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0016429	\$64.51
ECHOSTAR SATELLITE LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0016430	\$8.45
ECHOSTAR SATELLITE LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0016431	\$5.72
ECHOSTAR SATELLITE LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0016432	\$135.50
ECHOSTAR SATELLITE LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0016432	\$4.59
ECHOSTAR SATELLITE LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0016433	\$101.78
ECHOSTAR SATELLITE LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0016435	\$2.02
GASKINS, JOHNNY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0020471	\$632.22
GEORGE, JAMES M JR CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0020953	\$184.38
GODETTE, LOVINDUS ELRISE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0021550	\$249.37
GOLDMAN, RICHARD J CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0021717	\$1,245.20
GOSS, BLONNIE ELMA & BRYANT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0021919	\$430.24
GUIST, ROBERT A INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 2 A	2007-0022918	\$290.42
HARBORSIDE JOINT VENTURE LLC DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0023656	\$1,299.26
HAVELOCK DEVELOPMENT CORP DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0025022	\$62.18
HEATH, ROGER G SR INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 9L	2007-0025471	\$301.46
HENRY, TERRANCE P & KAYSE FIEL MILITARY-1/2 VAL-TERRANCE 07 LES-NY ECC-NONE (CAPT)	2007-0025749	\$95.87
HOME GENESIS INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0026953	\$1,209.84
HORIZON DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/07	2007-0027105	\$41.25

HOWELL ROAD MINI STORAGE LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0027351	\$64.15
JACKSON, LONNIE C JR & REBECCA DID NOT OWN 01/02/2007	2007-0028574	\$343.58
JEWELL, PATSY JOHNSON SCE REMOVED IN ERROR	2007-0029173	\$249.17
JEWELL, ROY LESLIE MOBILE HOME OUT OF CRAVEN CO PRIOR TO 07/01/2007	2007-0029174	\$36.00
JOHNSON, LARRY EDWARD JR DID NOT OWN 01/01/07	2007-0029460	\$747.59
KUENZEL, LISA ANN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0031996	\$89.00
LEE, CONNIE B ET AL CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0032936	\$36.00
LEVINE, EDWARD IAN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0033203	\$115.05
LEWIS, JAMES PAUL NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0033347	\$288.11
MACK, ALBERT G & TERESA M & CO CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0034724	\$36.00
MACK, ALBERT G & TERESA M & CO CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0034726	\$36.00
MCCLEAF, CALVIN NO TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2007-0036202	\$620.07
MCCOY, ROMNEY L DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0036496	\$74.04
MCFARLAND, JEFFREY R MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 07 LES-PA ECC-09/01/08	2007-0036807	\$114.96
MCKINNEY, FLORENCE CLARENCE JR DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #72672	2007-0037053	\$94.32
MCNAMARA, WALTER TRUSTEE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0037217	\$127.40
MEADOWS, WANDA DID NOT OWN 01/01/07	2007-0037411	\$170.92
MIDYETTE, FREDDIE W CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0037881	\$36.00
MITCHELL, SHERRY C DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0037376	\$17.57
MITCHELL, SHERRY C DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0038516	\$11.42

MOORE, PAUL L & VIOLETTA CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0039129	\$90.32
MORGAN, GARY L NO TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2007-0039351	\$571.37
MORTON, WILLIAM R DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0039830	\$159.67
NEUSE BUILDERS OF NEW BERN INC DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0040812	\$737.44
NORMAN, DONZEL K DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #71336	2007-0041495	\$17.48
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0041628	\$36.00
P & K WATERSON FAMILY REVOCABL DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #58097	2007-0042350	\$623.66
PAKE, JIMMY S DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0042437	\$63.64
PAWNEE LEASING CORPORATION LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0043025	\$3.80
PIETRAS, TIM OWEN VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2007-0043840	\$142.87
PONCELET, JEFFREY LANE INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 7 G	2007-0044167	\$88.53
RICE, MARY RADWELL DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0046125	\$77.22
ROBINSON, GARDNER T & BETTY F DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0047022	\$17.57
ROBINSON, JOSEPH PERRY JR NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0047050	\$793.37
ROUNTREE, EARL DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0047510	\$267.16
SADLER, DONATELLA & DORIS HILL DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0048047	\$342.77
SCHOOLFIELD, SAMUEL C & ROBIN DID NOT OWN 01/01/07	2007-0048716	\$1,492.96
SMITH, RICHARD W JR & VIRGINIA CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0050802	\$248.79
SPAIN, CHARLES DEVON DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0051236	\$15.66
SPEAR, GENE AUBREY & LOIS CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0051302	\$763.73
SPIVEY, ELLEN GRACE HRS CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0051432	\$36.00

STALLINGS, ROBERT L IV CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0051657	\$230.05
STERLING NATIONAL BANK DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0051995	\$78.02
THOMAS, JOSEPH & LINDA & MORRI DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0054172	\$78.59
VERNELSON, PHILLIP MOBILE HOME OUT OF CRAVEN CO PRIOR TO 07/01/2007	2007-0056433	\$33.47
WEBBER, MICHAEL A CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0057822	\$430.52
WILLIAMS, LONNIE LEE & JANIE L CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0060227	\$532.13
WILLIAMS, SHIRLEY ANN & BRADLE MOBILE HOME OUT OF CRAVEN CO PRIOR TO 07/01/2007	2007-0060344	\$36.00
WOOD, JAMES RUDOLPH JR CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0061128	\$11.10
WRAY, CHRISTOPHER COREY INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 2 A	2007-0061421	\$168.96
ZIMMER, STEVEN ROBERT & CYNTHI DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0062049	\$25.21
100 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$24,350.06
<b><i>Refunds</i></b>		
BRYANT, MARGARET E JONES SHOULD BE BILLED AS REAL PROPERTY	2007-0007280	\$81.75
CHESNUTT, MARCUS W INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 6 F	2006-0009679	\$152.88
CHESNUTT, MARCUS W INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 6 F	2005-0009552	\$140.40
CHESNUTT, MARCUS W INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 6 F	2004-0009170	\$140.40
CHESNUTT, MARCUS W INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 6 F	2003-0009093	\$131.04
CHESNUTT, MARCUS W & BECKWITH INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 6 F	2002-0009052	\$131.04
GODETTE, LOVINDUS ELRISE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2006-0020977	\$262.36
GODETTE, LOVINDUS ELRISE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2005-0020770	\$260.87
GODETTE, LOVINDUS ELRISE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2004-0020014	\$243.33

GODETTE, LOVINDUS ELRISE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2003-0019662	\$240.60
GODETTE, LOVINDUS ELRISE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2002-0019567	\$268.30
GUIST, ROBERT A INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 2 A	2005-0021984	\$11.75
GUIST, ROBERT A INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 2 A	2006-0022247	\$10.70
GUIST, ROBERT A INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 2 A	2004-0021226	\$174.26
GUIST, ROBERT A INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 2 A	2003-0020846	\$180.38
GUIST, ROBERT A INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 2 A	2002-0020730	\$193.52
NIMROD, RICHARD V DID NOT OWN 01/01/07	2007-0041228	\$36.00
WRAY, CHRISTOPHER COREY INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 2 A	2006-0059631	\$164.91
	18 – REFUND (S)	\$2,824.49

*Requests for Release of Late Listing Penalties*

The Board received two requests for release of late listing penalties from Care-Full Creations, in the amount of \$16.04 and Ms. Melinda Baur in the amount of \$16.08. Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, recommended that the penalties not be waived, in keeping with the Board’s established stance on such requests. Commissioner Jones moved that the late listing penalties from Care-Full Creations and Ms. Melinda Baur not be waived, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Military Family of the Quarter*

The Board received a request from the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce for the adoption of a resolution recognizing Sergeant Brock H. Sinclair as Service Person of the Quarter. Commissioner Jones moved for adoption of the following resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING SERGEANT BROCK H. SINCLAIR  
AS SERVICE PERSON OF THE QUARTER**

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Brock H. Sinclair serves as a technically sound and experienced Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting NCO at MCAS Cherry Point; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Sinclair’s high level of expertise encompasses a wide range of areas to include Hazardous Material Response Management, Technical Training Instruction, Airport Firefighting, MSA Tech, Structural Firefighting, EMT Basic and is one of the three qualified as an Emergency Vehicle Operator Instructor; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Sinclair, while serving as an Assistant Section Leader, has provided exceptional direction in the development and implementation of several detailed programs and through his efforts has vastly improved the quality of existing procedures that have enhanced the fire protection levels for his department; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Sinclair graciously involves himself with this community by serving as an assistant coach for the Newport Tee Ball League, as well as being a Tiger Club Leader and a Volunteer Firefighter with the Newport Volunteer Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Sinclair’s wife, Erin, also devotes time to her community by volunteering 8-10 hours a week at the Newport Elementary School as an assistant teacher, focusing on assisting children with their reading skills.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners recognizes and commends Sergeant Brock H. Sinclair for his superior display of honor, courage and commitment to the United States Marine Corps.

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

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

*Subdivisions for Approval*

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

K.N.E.W. Rental Property – Final: The property, owned by Leroy and Sudie S. Way and surveyed by Kirby Braxton, is located within Twp. 3 off of SR 1263 (Loftin Farm Road). The subdivision contains 3 lots on approximately 2 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

Riverside Bank (Formerly Raccoon Court) Reapproval for Final: The property, owned by Paul and Theresa Hewson and surveyed by McKim & Creed, is located within Twp. 7 off of SR 1199 (Possum Trot Road). The subdivision contains 3 lots on 1.6 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

Neuse River West Phase II – Final: The property, owned by Josh Taylor and surveyed by James I. Phillips, is located within Twp. 5 off of SR 1858 (Great Oak Road). The subdivision contains 3 lots on 3.24 acres and is proposed to be served by individual wells and septic systems.

*Road Closure Resolution*

The Planning Board requested that the Board adopt a resolution announcing a public hearing for partial closure of Gethsemane Church Road. After adoption of the resolution, the Planning Department will advertise the public hearing for three successive weeks and a copy of the resolution will be sent to the property owners that own property adjoining the public road. Commissioner Jones moved to adopt the following resolution announcing a public hearing for the partial closure of Gethsemane Road, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CRAVEN

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF CRAVEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLOSING  
OF A PORTION OF GETHSEMANE,  
CHURCH ROAD LOCATED IN

RESOLUTION OF THE CRAVEN  
COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS DECLARING

NUMBER 9 TOWNSHIP, CRAVEN COUNTY, AS SHOWN ON A MAP CAPTIONED "PROPOSED WATER AND SEPTIC LOCATION"

ITS INTENT TO CLOSE A PORTION OF A PUBLIC ROAD OR EASEMENT DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION

WHEREAS, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, Gerald L. Midkiff and Jack P. Huddle (hereinafter "Petitioners") filed a petition with the Craven County Board Of Commissioners ("Board") seeking the closing of a portion of Gethsemane Church Road as the same is shown on a map or plat entitled "Proposed Water and Septic Location" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, said Petitioners are the owners of property adjacent to and abutting each side of that portion of Gethsemane Church Road to be closed; and

WHEREAS, Gethsemane Church Road is bounded by U.S. Highway 70 at the western terminus because of new Highway 70 construction in 1974 and NCSR 1354 on the eastern terminus; however, no part thereof lies within the limits of any municipality; and

WHEREAS, Petitioners communicated their request to close that portion of Gethsemane Church Road to the North Carolina Department of Transportation ("NCDOT") to restrain public accessibility and misuse, and NCDOT stated all that is required is approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, prior to the closing of a portion of Gethsemane Church Road, said road must have been accepted by the Board on behalf of the general public and is so accepted; and

WHEREAS, the closing of a portion of Gethsemane Church Road is not contrary to the public interest, and no individual owning property in the vicinity or in the subdivision in which said road or street is located will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress or egress to his or her property.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Board that Craven County accepts the closing of a portion of Gethsemane Church Road on behalf of the general public, and declares its intent to close the described portion of said road, and calls for a public hearing on the question to be held in the Commissioners' Room at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., at which time all interested persons may be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that the Board shall cause notice of the public hearing to be published in the *Sun Journal* once a week for three (3) successive weeks before the hearing, and a copy of the resolution to be sent by Certified Mail to each owner on County tax records of property adjoining the portion of the public road to be closed who did not join in the request to have the road closed, and a notice of the closing and public hearing be posted in two places along the said portion of the road or street to be closed.

Done this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

**PETITIONS OF CITIZENS**

*Joyce Toler*

Ms. Toler addressed the Board to inquire concerning the status of foreclosure on Celestial Memorial Gardens Cemetery, and to request release of the tax penalties. County Attorney, Jim Sugg, responded that the statute is being followed and that there is nothing the Commissioners can do to expedite the process.

*Charlie Simmons*

Mr. Simmons spoke against the location of the Judicial Center on Clarks Road.

*Hazel Pitts*

Ms. Pitts spoke against the location of the Judicial Center.

*Shirley Selepes*

Ms. Selepes spoke on behalf of the Havelock Friends of the Library, and encouraged the Commissioners' attendance at the upcoming fundraising luncheon.

**CARTS COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

CARTS Director, Phyllis Toler, presented a five-year Community Transportation Improvement Plan (CTIP) for Craven County, which is required for the County to receive Community Transportation funds. Commissioner Allen moved for adoption of the CTIP as presented, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENT: COMMUNITY COALITION AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE**

The Board received a request from the Community Coalition Against Family Violence for appointment of Chelsea Wertman to the agency's Board of Directors. Commissioner Jones moved to accept the recommendation, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The County Attorney highlighted the Road Closing Resolution for Gethsemene Road that was adopted at the beginning of the meeting for clarification purposes.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Morris* urged parents to be mindful of children's safety with the beginning of the school year.

*Commissioner Sisk* commended the services rendered by CARTS and recommended that citizens, particularly those who are elderly or disabled, utilize the service. She also encouraged citizens to prepare for potential emergencies by assembling 72-Hour Storm Kits, and announced Colonial Capital Humane Society grants that are available to low income citizens for pet spaying and neutering.

*Commissioner McCabe* announced that he is working on improvements to roads and bridges in his district.

*Commissioner Allen* explained that during FY 2006, 2007 and 2008 – there has been a 52% increase in the County's appropriation to the Havelock Library. For 2008, County funding totaled \$160,818, including utilities and cost of the new building.

*Commissioner Jones* announced upcoming community meetings that he plans to conduct in Cove City and Ft. Barnwell.

*Commissioner Sampson* asked the Board to consider a resolution in support of SB 1368 to provide compensation to persons who were sterilized in the Eugenic Sterilization Program from 1929-1974. Commissioner McCabe moved to adopt a resolution in support of the bill. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson, but withdrawn after the discussion. Other members of the Board requested to have more information on the subject, since the legislature will not reconvene until the short session of 2008.

*Commissioner Morris* asked Assistant County Manager, Ray Moser, to provide an update on developments at the boat landings, and work accomplished to date.

At 7:52 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board