

**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, SEPTEMBER 17, 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
- 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 Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of September 4, 2007 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Jones requested that the budget amendment and ordinance update relative to the Judicial Center project be removed from the consent agenda.

**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 Sisk moved for their approval, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Credits*

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>TICKET #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
ADAMS BROTHERS LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0000125	\$106.28
BANKS, SHEILA CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0002562	\$119.66
BISHOP, JOSEPH HOWARD & ANNIE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0004655	\$253.88
BOWMASTER, GUY N II & VALERIE INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 6 F	2007-0005551	\$123.79
BRYANT, MARGARET JONES & HENRY CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0007283	\$64.23
CHURCH-UNDENOMINATIONAL PENT EXEMPT PER GS 105-278.3	2007-0010165	\$135.43
CLARK, DANIEL T & MARIAN J CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010563	70.99

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COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010931	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-20010932	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010933	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010934	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010935	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010936	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010937	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010938	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010939	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010940	\$43.68
COASTAL MAREKTING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010941	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010942	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010943	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010944	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010945	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010946	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010947	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010948	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010949	\$43.68
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COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010951	\$43.68

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COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010953	\$43.68
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COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010960	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010961	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010962	\$43.68
COASTAL MAREKTING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010963	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010964	\$43.68
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COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010967	\$43.68
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COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010969	\$43.68
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0010970	\$43.68
COOMBS, MICHAEL J & KRISTEN H CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0011687	\$100.65

COURTYARDS OF NEW BERN LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0012051	\$720.00
D & E CONTRACTING COMPANY INC NOT IN BUSINESS IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/07	2007-0013208	\$126.76
DAUGHETY, WALTER ELLIS & HAWK DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0013633	\$213.57
DEDCO INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0014363	\$118.95
DEDCO INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0014364	\$118.95
DEDCO INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0014366	\$118.95
EAST COAST KICKS INC NOT OPERATING A BUSINESS 01/01/07	2007-0016277	\$232.67
FINCH, JAMES D & FINC, NATHAN CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0018147	\$471.58
FULLINWIDER, SIMON NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0019786	\$122.01
GIACOBBE, SANDY & WALDEANE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0021056	\$887.65
GRIFFIN, JAMES SR & DOROTHY CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0022506	\$132.85
HAMILTON, ROLAND NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0023480	\$74.64
HARGETT, MARY M CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0024030	\$130.05
HARRIS, THOMAS E INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE JONES CO	2007-0024577	\$41.13
HAWKS, CALVIN A EXEMPT PROPERTY	2007-0025183	\$175.72
HEINE, DENNIS GEORGE DID NOW OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0025564	\$89.51
HUFFAKER, RICHARD L & LYNETTE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0027550	\$125.18
IPOCK, JULIE J CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0028231	\$47.86
JOHNSON, PHILLIP EARL INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE CASWELL CO.	2007-0029543	\$5.61
JOLLY, ALFRED THURSTON DOUBLE LISTED ON SAME ACCT AS REAL AND PERSONAL	2007-0029638	\$176.53
JONES, JOSEPH H & CAROLYN ANNE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0029969	\$176.52

KELLY, SALLY C DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0030796	\$593.16
KIBLER, DEVIN & NINA MILIT ½ VAL DEVIN 06 LES-FL ECC-12/24/09	2007-0030996	\$60.87
KIT-CORP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0031412	\$62.89
KIT-CORP CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0031411	\$62.89
LADCON INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0032145	\$1,247.06
LADCON INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0032142	\$1,033.75
LESAK, WILLIAM P CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0033167	\$404.43
LODGE-COLUMBUS CLUB OF NEW BE EXEMPT PER GS 105-275(19)	2007-0034017	\$3,689.89
LODGE-NEW BERN #1292 LOYAL ORD EXEMPT PER GS 105-275-19	2007-0034023	\$116.76
LODGE-NEW BERN #1292 LOYAL ORD EXEMPT PER GS 105-275.19	2007-0034024	\$1,422.61
MARTINEZ, JOSE CELIS DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0035644	\$64.18
MCANDREW, JAMES L SR & KATHLEE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0036070	\$377.84
MILLS, ROGER L & SYLVIA J CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0038238	\$3,674.00
MITCHELL, RICHARD H & JANET CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0038505	\$62.89
MIZELLE, CHRISTOPHER BRENT LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0038543	\$24.56
MONTER, CORNELIO HERNANDEZ DOUBLE BILLED WITH ACCT #22638	2007-0038792	\$109.30
MORRIS JASON A ANNEXED INTO CITY OF BRIDGETON	2007-0039568	\$23.33
MORRIS, JASON A & JOYCE W ANNEXED INTO CITY OF BRIDGETON	2007-0039569	\$2.92
MURRELL, JONATHAN DAVID & FATI CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0040252	\$48.51
NEDD, ANNE L GASKINS DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0040512	\$577.46

PARKER, DOROTHY BLOUNT VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0042623	\$36.00
PEARSON, RICHARD DID NOT OWN 01/01/07	2007-0043115	\$1,988.01
PURIFOY, DAVID LEE JR INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE PAMLICO CO.	2007-0045019	\$55.75
RAM OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA EXEMPT PROPERTY	2007-0045390	\$12.81
RAM OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA EXEMPT PROPERTY	2007-0045389	\$19.95
SAMAD, AHMAD A & WYLENE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0048160	\$114.95
SCHEPER & ASSOCIATES INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0048616	\$46.12
SOUSA, ALVIN A CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0051153	\$76.44
SPARROW, LORETTA J VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0051281	\$36.00
TAYLOR, FRANK & TAYLOR, DONALD DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0053485	\$961.79
TAYLOR, FRANK & TAYLOR, DONALD DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0053486	\$400.10
TAYLOR, FRANK & TAYLOR, DONALD DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0053487	\$55.02
TAYLOR, LEONARD P JR & HARDY VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0053601	\$36.00
TUCKER CREEK TOWN LLC DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0055456	\$1,321.36
TWINE, ANN DOUBLE BILLED WITH ACCT #65722	2007-0055655	\$47.00
TYNDALL, DENNIS & JEANNE E CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0055708	\$117.53
VANZANT, JAMES C & GENIA A DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0056302	\$14.21
WALKER, ANDREW N INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE RANDOLPH CO	2007-0056843	\$60.35
WARD, CORDELIA A CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0057198	\$115.14
WENTWORTH CONSTRUCTION & CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0058057	\$668.67
WENTWORTH CONSTRUCTION & CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0058056	\$1,038.64

WHEELER, MICHAEL J MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 07 LES-WA ECC-06/10/2012	2005-0090982	\$9.73
WHEELER, MICHAEL J MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 07 LES-WA ECC-06/10/2010	2006-0057008	\$18.08
WHEELER, MICHAEL J MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 07 LES-WA ECC-06/10/2012	2007-0058749	\$15.85
WILSON, LARRY LEE INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 6 F	2007-0060722	\$18.03
YENNIE, STEVEN A & SHELIA CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0061738	\$39.67
ZELLERS, B WILLIAM & KATHLEEN BILLED AS BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL FOR 2007	2007-0062008	\$53.75
116 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$28,065.05
<i>Refunds</i>		
D & E CONTRACTING COMPANY INC NOT IN BUSINESS IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/06	2006-0090292	\$139.44
HARBORSIDE 17 PARTNERS LLC ANNEXED INTO CITY OF BRIDGETON	2007-0023669	\$24.46
HARBORSIDE 17 PARTNERS LLC ANNEXED INTO CITY OF BRIDGETON	2007-0023673	\$1.83
HARBORSIDE 17 PARTNERS LLC ANNEXED INTO CITY OF BRIDGETON	2007-0023668	\$.84
HARBORSIDE 17 PARTNERS LLC ANNEXED INTO CITY OF BRIDGETON	2007-0023667	\$.71
HARBORSIDE 17 PARTNERS LLC ANNEXED INTO CITY OF BRIDGETON	2007-0023666	\$49.63
MARTINEZ, JOSE CELIS DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0091221	\$66.39
ROBERTS, JUNE M CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0046930	\$12.20
TAYLOR, LEONARD P JR & HARDY VACANT PROPERTY	2006-0051965	\$32.00
TAYLOR, LEONARD P JR & HARDY VACANT PROPERTY	2005-0051198	\$32.00
TAYLOR, LEONARD P JR & HARDY VACANT PROPERTY	2004-0049730	\$32.00
TAYLOR, LEONARD P JR & HARDY VACANT PROPERTY	2003-0049186	\$32.00
WETHERINGTON, WILLIAM HENRY INCORRECT SITUS-S/B/ MONTGOMERY CO	2007-0058453	\$5.49

WHITMORE, ROBERT BURTON III & 2007-0090106 \$605.93  
 DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007

14 – REFUND (S) \$1,034.92

*Budget Amendments and Ordinance Updates*

Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, submitted the following budget amendments. Commissioner Sisk moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Pass Through*

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0564-348-97-00 ASAP 166	\$26,645.00	101-0564-450-91-97 ASAP 166	\$26,645.00
101-0564-348-77-00 ASAP 167	\$3,763.00	101-0564-450-91-77 ASAP 167	\$3,763.00
TOTAL	\$30,408.00	TOTAL	\$30,408.00

**Justification:** Budget carryover grants from Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety for the Mighty-Tau-After School Arts Program.

*EMS*

101-2301-377-14-00 US DOT	\$4,900.00	101-2301-410-40-31 LEPC	\$4,900.00
TOTAL	\$4,900.00	TOTAL	\$4,900.00

**Justification:** Budget \$4,900 from US DOT, passed through NC Crimes Control to Craven County for a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant.

*Non Departmental*

101-0560-380-00-00 Bond Proceeds	\$1,000,000.00	101-0560-480-96-18 Tryon Palace	\$1,000,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,000,000.00	TOTAL	\$1,000,000.00

**Justification:** Budget loan proceeds to cover commitment to Tryon Palace for construction purposes.

*Sheriff Mobile Terminals*

101-2021-377-04-00 BJA	\$4.00	101-2021-410-73-21 C/O	\$4.00
TOTAL	\$4.00	TOTAL	\$4.00

**Justification:** Grant award for Mobile Data Terminals came in at \$16,401 versus \$16,397 that was approved in August 07 by the Board.

*Health/Family Planning*

101-6400-349-12-00 State Rev-Family Plan	\$12,377.00	101-6400-440-32-05 Prescription Drugs	\$6,188.00
		101-6400-440-32-08 Medical Supplies	\$6,189.00

TOTAL	\$12,377.00	TOTAL	\$12,377.00
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**Justification:** \$12,377 additional state money has been made available to provide services to Family Planning TANF patients.

***Health/Hospice HCCBG Grant***

101-6504-348-58-00	\$(2,000.00)	101-6504-440-40-20	\$(2,223.00)
HCCBG State Grant		Therapists	
101-6500-371-02-0	\$(223.00)		
Home Health Medicare			
TOTAL	\$(2,223.00)	TOTAL	\$(2,223.00)

**Justification:** When budget was originally submitted, it was unknown that the HCCBG (Home & Community Care Block Grant) would only be \$22,000 this year instead of the \$24,000 that was budgeted. Revenue and expenditure lines have been adjusted to reflect the reduction in funding.

***DSS 7231 TANF***

101-0000-399-01-00	\$197.00	101-7231-450-33-02	\$197.00
Fund Balance		Refund	
TOTAL	\$197.00	TOTAL	\$197.00

**Justification:** Refund State Work First funds from Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

***DSS 7291 Mandated***

101-7291-349-32-00	\$54,374.00	101-7291-450-23-04	\$54,374.00
Energy CIP, CP&L		CIP	
TOTAL	\$54,374.00	TOTAL	\$54,374.00

**Justification:** Third allocation has been received for the Crisis Intervention Program. There is no County match, funds are 100% federal.

***Recreation***

101-0000-399-01-00	\$3,277.00	101-8050-460-73-02	\$3,277.00
Fund Balance		Other Imp	
TOTAL	\$3,277.00	TOTAL	\$3,277.00

**Justification:** Budget donations fund balance to cover FY 2008 costs.

***Community College***

371-0000-399-01-00	\$165,000.00	371-0571-400-98-53	\$165,000.00
Fund Balance		Trans to Genl Fd	
101-8600-366-07-00	\$165,000.00	101-8600-480-40-13	\$165,000.00
From Revenue		Technology	
JOURNAL ENTRY			
371-0571-400-98-53	\$165,000.00	371-0000-101-00-00	\$165,000.00
To Genl Fd		Cash	
101-0000-101-00-00	\$165,000.00	101-8600-366-07-00	\$165,000.00
Cash		From Reserve Fd 371	



TOTAL	\$660,000.00	TOTAL	\$660,000.00
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**Justification:** Budget \$165,000 from Reserve fund balance to cover the cost of the Fiber Network at the Community College.

*Resolution Authorizing Sale of Property at 703 Bern Street*

The City of New Bern requested that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of the County’s 21% interest in a lot located at 703 Bern Street. Commissioner Sisk moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ITS  
INTEREST IN PROPERTY AT 703 BERN STREET**

WHEREAS, Craven County and the City of New Bern have received an offer to purchase a parcel of property owned by the County and City located at 703 Bern Street, which was acquired through the City’s tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina, said property being more particularly described herein; and

WHEREAS, Craven County owns a twenty-one percent (21%) interest in the subject property, and the City owns a seventy-nine percent (79%) interest in the property based upon the taxes and expenses due each taxing unit at the time of foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sell the County’s interest in the property pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §153A-176; and

WHEREAS, the offer to purchase was advertised as required by said statute; and

WHEREAS, the offer to purchase was in the sum of \$7,500.00 by Alicia J. Rowe of 4723 Truffle Lane, Owings Mills, Maryland; that no increased bids were received, and the Board of Commissioners deemed it advisable and in the best interest of the County to sell its interest in the subject property to the successful bidder for twenty-one percent (21%) of the bid amount of \$7,500.00, and to convey its interest in said property by warranty deed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CRAVEN COUNTY THAT:

1. The bid of Alicia J. Rowe in the sum of \$7,500.00 for said parcel bearing the postal enumeration for the City of New Bern of 703 Bern Street, and being more particularly described herein, be and the same is hereby accepted as to the County’s interest in said property, and the Chairman and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute a warranty deed for the County’s interest in said property to the purchaser.
2. A copy of said warranty deed is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and the original deed shall be delivered to said purchaser once the same has been executed on behalf of the County and City, upon payment of the balance due on the purchase price.
3. That the subject property is more particularly described as follows:

In the City of New Bern on the west side of Bern Street, beginning at a point 250 feet North 3° 30’ East from the northwest corner of the intersection of Bern and Queen Streets, running thence North 3° 30’ East 40.4 feet; thence North 86° 00’ West 212.0 feet to an iron; thence South 3° 30’ West 40.4 feet to an iron; thence South 86° 00’ East 212.0 feet to the point of beginning. Being known as 703 Bern Street according to the present postal enumeration for the City of New Bern. The calls given herein are magnetic for 1949, at which time a survey and map of the property were made by R. R. Eagle, C.E. Being the same land as

described as First Tract in deed from Roland Gibbs to Lucille Rountree Gibbs recorded in Book 584, Page 322, Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County, the said Lucille Rountree Gibbs now being Lucille Rountree Jackson.

Done this 17th day of September, 2007.

*Sickle Cell Month Proclamation*

The Board was requested to adopt a proclamation in honor of “Sickle Cell Awareness Month” in September. Commissioner Sisk moved to adopt the following proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**PROCLAMATION  
OF  
SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH  
IN CRAVEN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder that causes pain, infection disability, economic strain and even death among African Americans and other groups; and

**WHEREAS**, about one of every 294 African American North Carolinians is born with sickle cell disease and one out of every 10 has sickle cell trait, meaning that he or she carries the gene for this condition. No cure for this disease exists, though treatment is available to help those with sickle cell lead more productive and rewarding lives; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1973, the North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program has provided quality services throughout the State. Provision of services is a collaborative effort between regional educators/counselors, community-based programs, major medical centers, local health departments and the State Laboratory of Public Health. Services include screening of all newborns at birth, general screening by request for the public at local health departments, education, genetic counseling, service coordination, medical reimbursement and social support for affected persons; and

**WHEREAS**, support for research on the treatment and management of this disorder is vital to improving the health and quality of life of persons with sickle cell disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Craven County Board of Commissioners proclaims September 2007 as “**SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and urges our citizens to recognize and support this observance.

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2007.

*Health Department Request for Rate Change*

The Health Department requested that fee adjustments be made in order to maintain the requirement that charges be equal to or higher than the Medicaid rate to assure full payment by DMA. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the following fee adjustments, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

<u>Procedure Code/Description</u>	<u>Medicaid Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
<b><u>Child Health</u></b>		
87400/Influenzae A & B (for each)	\$16.01	\$17.00
87420/Resouratirt /syncytial Virus (RSV)	\$16.01	\$17.00
<b><u>Adult Health</u></b>		
80076/Hepatic Function Panel (Is being sent out to Labcorp)	No local reimbursement	

***Budget Amendment and Ordinance Update – Jail Project***

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the following budget amendment and ordinance update for the jail project, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and carried with six (6) “Ayes”, there being one (1) “Nay” by Commissioner Jones in a roll call vote.

REVENUE	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
368-0000-366-07-00 County	\$(2,000,000.00)	368-2008-410-15-02 Legal	\$(50,000.00)
368-0000-380-00-00 Loan Proceeds	\$27,496,000.00	368-2018-410-75-02 Engineering	\$159,400.00
368-0000-329-00-00 Interest	\$777,000.00	368-2018-410-75-12 Prelim Bush Hog	\$(20,000.00)
		368-2018-410-76-02 Off Site Pkg 1	\$(5,500.00)
		368-2018-410-76-45 Off Site Pkg 2	\$(200.00)
		368-2018-410-59 Contingency	\$(2,951,866)
		368-2008-410-76-70 Admin	\$690,771.00
		368-2008-410-40-13 Pack 5 Technology	\$350,000.00
		368-2008-410-73-01 C/O Tech Equip/Furn	\$1,600,000.00
		368-2008-410-40-12 General Contractor	\$25,370,395
		368-2008-410-40-48 Moving Costs	\$50,000.00
		368-2008-410-76-61 Sewer	\$350,000.00
		368-2008-410-76-50 Road Work	\$450,000.00
		368-2008-410-15-43 Testing	\$150,000.00
		368-2008-410-40-46 Landscaping	\$130,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,273,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,273,000.0</b>

**Justification:** Set up jail budget to reflect new estimated revenues and expenses. Contract for General Construction has been awarded.

**ORDINANCE:**

This ordinance is hereby amended in the following amounts for expenditures for the Jail-Law Enforcement Center.

Expenditures:	
Construction Manager Pre Design	\$ 99,115.00
Testing-Terracon	\$ 150,000.00
Construction Manager During Construction	\$ 390,561.00
Travel	\$ 7,500.00
General Construction	\$25,370,395.00
Package #5 Technology	\$ 350,000.00
Landscaping	\$ 130,000.00
Moving Costs	\$ 50,000.00
C/O Equip	\$ 1,600,000.00
Land Acquisition	\$ 719,447.00
Architect	\$ 1,247,304.00
Engineering	\$ 300,000.00

Design Development	\$ 53,000.00
Preliminary Expenses-Bush Hog	\$ 2,500.00
Off Site Site Work-Pkg 1	\$ 84,478.00
On Site Site Work-Pkg 2	\$ 721,000.00
Road Work	\$ 450,000.00
Contingency	\$ 1,126,732.00
Off Site Utilities	\$ 389,968.00
Administration	\$ 731,000.00
 TOTAL	 \$33,973,000.00

The following revenues are hereby amended for the Jail-Law Enforcement Center:

Revenues:	
From County Reserve	\$ 2,500,000.00
Loan Proceeds	\$30,696,000.00
Interest	\$ 777,000.00
 TOTAL	 \$33,973,000.00

**NEW BERN CRAVEN COUNTY RESCUE REQUESTS**

*Request for Substitution of Equipment*

Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, presented on behalf of the New Bern Craven Rescue a request that items, as follow, be substituted for purchase in the place of defibrillators that were approved in the last matching grant budget round. Mr. Kite explained that the defibrillators were not available because of the manufacturer’s suspension of production. Commissioner Allen moved to allow the Rescue Squad to substitute the funds for the following itemized equipment, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

- Res Q Jack vehicle stabilization equipment
- Satellite Telephone
- Backboards
- Spider straps
- Portable radios
- Pagers
- Mega Movers (used to move large and regular size patients in tight places)

*Grant Match Request*

The Board was advised that the NC Department of Insurance Fire and Rescue Services is offering a matching grant for \$25,000 again this year. The Rescue Squads must apply between October and December. The desired defibrillators will be available for this round of grant funds. The Board was requested to approve a match of up to \$25,000 for a new application, which will be used for the purchase of defibrillators. Commissioner Jones moved to approve the grant application, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

**FIBER OPTIC UPDATE**

As a follow-up to the Board’s direction at its meeting on August 6, 2007, Information Technology Director, Dennis Holton, presented the results of his research on Phase III options and attendant costs for providing high speed access to J W Smith Elementary School, West Craven High School, Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School and Bridgeton Elementary School, as follows:

- A. Fiber to all schools
  - James W. Smith \$258,317
  - West Craven High School \$306,951

	Vanceboro Farm Life	\$355,171
	Bridgeton Elementary	\$544,616
	Total	\$1,465,055
B.	Fiber to 3 schools and wireless to Bridgeton Elementary	
	James W. Smith	\$258,317
	West Craven High	\$306,951
	Vanceboro Farm Life	\$355,171
	Bridgeton Elementary	\$125,000
	Total	\$1,045,439
C.	Wireless to 4 schools (rough estimates received, not formal quotes)	
	West Craven Middle	\$75,000
	James W. Smith	\$50,000
	West Craven High	\$50,000
	Vanceboro Farm Life	\$50,000
	Bridgeton Elementary	\$50,000
	Total	\$275,000 (rough estimate)

Mr. Holton indicated that Mr. Randy Choplin, President of WindChannel Communications, would come forward to explain the details of the wireless option. Commissioner Tyson asked that he be provided a list of municipal wireless installations that had been made by WindChannel Communications. Mr. Holton thanked the City of New Bern and the City of Havelock for their cooperation in allowing their fiber optic resources that are already in place to be utilized by the joint County and Schools Fiber Optic Project. He stated if a wireless option is chosen that it would be put out for informal bids. Mr. Choplin had not arrived; therefore, the discussion was tabled as the Board proceeded through the agenda.

**APPOINTMENTS**

*Cove City Library Board*

The Board received a nomination from Commissioner Jones that Tharesa Hodges replace Paul Avery on the Cove City Library Board due to Mr. Avery’s frequent absences. There were no additional nominees and Ms. Hodges was appointed by acclamation.

*Map Review Officers*

The following resolution was presented by the Tax Mapping Office for updating appointment of Tax Review Officers and was adopted by motion of Commissioner Sisk, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
 CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS-  
 DESIGNATION OF MAP REVIEW OFFICERS  
 PURSUANT TO N.C. Gen. Stat. 47-30.2**

**WHEREAS**, N.C. Gen. Stat. 47-30.2 requires the Board of Commissioners of each county to adopt a resolution designating one or more persons experienced in mapping or land records management as a review officer to review each map and plat required to be submitted for review before the map or plat is presented to the Register of Deeds for recording; and

**WHEREAS**, this said resolution designating the map review officers shall be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County and indexed on the Grantor Index in the name of each review officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Craven County Board of Commissioners that Louis J. Valenti, Tina M. Daughety, Theresa C. Looney and Robin E. Becker be and are hereby designated as Map Review Officers of Craven County with all the duties and responsibilities provided in Chapter 47 of the General Status of North Carolina; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution replaces all previously designated Review Officers.

Done this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

*Upcoming Appointments – October*

The Board was advised of terms due to expire in October on the following Boards: Jury Commission, Havelock Board of Adjustment ETJ and Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, at the Board's direction, prepared an opinion concerning the appeal for a tax refund by Mr. Zachary Taylor. Mr. Sugg rendered the opinion that the taxes paid by Mr. Taylor on the parcels of land were properly due and no further remedy was available to Mr. Taylor; however, Mr. Taylor was allowed to address the Board. He expressed the opinion that some factors had not been considered. He stated that he had been told by a Tax Department employee that he would have until January of 2007 to file for use-value on the parcel in question. It was the consensus of the Board that the County Attorney's advice should be followed and Commissioner Allen moved to deny the appeal, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

**FIBER OPTIC PROJECT DISCUSSION RESUMES**

With the arrival of Mr. Choplin of WindChannel Communications, the explanation of the options for high speed access to the four remaining schools was continued. There was discussion concerning distances and speed factors relative to wireless communications in comparison to fiber. Mr. Blizzard stated that one option that had not been outlined for the Board would be to provide fiber to the West Craven High School and wireless to the other schools that were listed, estimated at \$432,000. He reminded the Board that there is a balance of \$450,000 in the project funding. He asked the Board to allow staff to put together some definite proposals if any of the proposed combinations of service are acceptable. Commissioner Jones indicated that he would like to see outlying libraries and fire departments factored in for wireless service. It was the consensus of the Board that staff should seek definite proposals.

At 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Allen asked to be excused. Commissioner Sisk moved to excuse Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

At 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Morris moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) and (6) concerning pending litigation and personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 10:15 a.m. the Board returned to regular session. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, announced that there had been no action taken in regard to the personnel matter and in regard to the pending litigation, the Board had been updated on litigation relative to the Convention Center.

**SCHOOLS PROJECT ORDINANCE**

Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, presented the following ordinance for the schools' project. He stated that the bids came in \$329,654 less than anticipated, leaving this amount uncommitted. He advised the Board that the Board of Education has indicated a need to make repairs at the maintenance building next to the bus garage, and asked that the Board consider applying the uncommitted funds toward that project. Commissioner

Jones asked if the \$329,654 could be applied to the extension of wireless project to libraries. Mr. Hemphill explained that there is enough of a balance remaining in the fiber optic project to accomplish the wireless connections to the proposed schools; however, the funds could not be used for libraries inasmuch as they are designated for use by the schools, and will be repaid from the schools' debt service fund. It was the consensus of the Board to defer allocation of these funds and to reserve the \$329,654 balance until some pricing can be forthcoming from the schools relative to the repairs at the maintenance building and until decisions are made concerning how the Fiber Optic's Project is to proceed. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the following budget amendment and ordinance updates, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**Schools Projects**

386-000-380-00-00	\$9,550,392.00	386-8506-480-40-12	\$1,224,444.00
Loan Proceeds		General Const	
Grover C. Fields		386-8506-480-40-16	\$190,500.00
		Plumbing	
		386-8506-480-40-14	\$211,477.00
		HVAC	
		386-8506-480-40-15	\$218,000.00
		Electrical	
		386-8506-480-75-01	\$110,665.00
		Architect	
		386-8506-480-76-70	\$18,444.00
		Admin	
		386-8506-480-76-59	\$55,333.00
		Contingency	
JT Barber		386-8507-480-40-12	\$2,650,768.00
		General Const.	
		386-8507-480-75-01	\$159,046.00
		Architect	
		386-8507-480-76-70	\$26,508.00
		Admin	
		386-8507-480-76-59	\$79,523.00
		Contingency	
Bus Garage		386-8523-480-40-12	\$2,777,300.00
		General	
		386-8523-480-75-01	\$166,638.00
		Architect	
		386-8523-480-76-70	\$27,773.00
		Admin	
		386-8523-480-76-59	\$83,319.00
		Contingency	
		386-8500-480-73-08	\$471,000.00
		Telephone	
		386-8500-480-73-05	\$750,000.00
		Land	
		386-8500-480-76-59	\$329,654.00
		Contingency	
TOTAL	\$9,550,392	TOTAL	\$9,550,392.00

**Justification:** Set up budget for new schools projects with proceeds from loan.

**ORDINANCE:**

This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amounts for expenditures for the Schools Projects.

Expenditures:

Grover C. Fields	\$ 2,028,863.00
J.T. Barber	\$ 2,915,845.00
Bus Garage	\$ 3,055,030.00
Intercoms/Phones	\$ 471,000.00
Land-Future High School	\$ 750,000.00
Contingency	\$ 329,654.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,550,392.00</b>

The following revenues are hereby estimated for the Schools Projects.

Revenues:

Loan Proceeds	\$ 9,550,392.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,550,392.00</b>

This ordinance is hereby approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

***Fiber Optic***

384-8500-380-00-00	\$967,552.00	384-8500-480-40-00	\$292,552.00
Bond Proceeds		Cont Ser	
		384-8500-480-76-70	\$100,000.00
		Admin Eng permits	
		384-8500-480-76-59	\$125,000.00
		Contingency	
		384-8500-480-40-13	\$450,000.00
		Wireless-Technology	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$967,552.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$967,552.00</b>

**Justification:** Budget loan proceeds to cover cost of fiber optic project.

**ORDINANCE:**

This ordinance is hereby amended in the following amounts for expenditures for the Fiber Optic Project.

Expenditures:

Contractual Service	\$1,492,552.00
Administration, permits, Engineering	\$ 100,000.00
Contingency	\$ 125,000.00
Contractual Service Technology	\$ 450,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,167,552.00</b>

The following revenues are hereby estimated for the Fiber Optic Project.

Revenues:

Loan Proceeds	\$1,167,552.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,167,552.00</b>

This ordinance is hereby amended this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

During discussion, Commissioner Morris indicated a desire to receive information concerning the Board of Education's intentions relative to the use of the old Bridgeton Elementary School, inasmuch as there are funds that have been set aside for repairs to the roof. At present the building appears to be unused.

### COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

*Commissioner Morris* indicated dissatisfaction with the input that the Board has had with the Super 70 Corridor Committee. He stated that the design that the committee has developed does not appear to accommodate the needs of local traffic and that he would not support it as it is now presented.

*Commissioner Tyson* also indicated that he would not be able to support the current design because closing Williams Road would not be a viable option. He asked that this information be relayed by the Board's representative to the Super 70 Corridor Committee.

*Commissioner Sisk* responded that the current design is not permanent. There are many aspects that can be changed. She invited her colleagues on the Board to attend the committee's meeting at 2:00 p.m. on September 20 in Goldsboro and recommended they attend. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, also stated that there would be ample opportunity for the public to have input prior to adoption of a design, which the Board would be required to approve.

*Commissioner Jones* reported on a community meeting which he held in his district with Sheriff Jerry Monette. As a result of that meeting he identified a need to put pressure on the Judges to direct Magistrates to place harsher bonds for recidivist drug arrests. He announced an upcoming community meeting with Representative Alice Underhill and invited Commissioners to attend the Cove City Firemen's Day on September 29. Commissioner Jones also asked that the location on Gethsamene Church Road being closed could be marked with flags. Mr. Sugg stated that he would ask the property owners who have petitioned for closure of the road to place the flags at the point where the road is proposed to be closed.

*Commissioner Sampson* referenced information concerning Senate Bill 1368 that was distributed to the Board and asked that a resolution be prepared to be considered on the next agenda. He made a statement concerning escalating gas prices and the problem of drugs in the community. He also reported on the success of the Duffest Community Festival that was held on September 15.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn to go into session as the Water Board, seconded by Commissioner Jones 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