

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, OCTOBER 1, 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 Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of September 17, 2007 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe 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 Allen moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ARNOLD, JAMES PAUL CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0001523	\$416.01
BARRY, DANIEL ANDREW CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0003013	\$59.60
BENTON, WILLIAM C & FELISA L INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 6F	2007-0004304	\$42.23
BERRY, CATHOLINE SCE REBILLED	2007-0091041	\$12.00
CAROLINA SOUTH BUILDERS INC EXEMPT PROPERTY	2007-0008831	\$14.64
CAROLIINA SOUTH BUILDERS INC EXEMPT PROPERTY	2007-0008833	\$12.38
CARTER, DORCAS ELIZABETH VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0009036	\$36.00
CARTER, WALTER D & FRANCES VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0009155	\$72.00

CARTER, WALTER D & FRANCES S VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0009162	\$36.00
CASTRANOVA, GUY J & JUDITH M CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0009299	\$288.65
CLEMENT & JOHNSON INC DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0010723	\$43.12
COVENANT PARTNERS OF NEW BERN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0090356	\$140.14
DAWSON, ALICE & NOBLES, SADIE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0014076	\$62.93
DON MATTHEWS LLC NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/07	2007-0090404	\$67.10
DYNCORP IET DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0090419	\$134.20
ERA EQUITY REALTY NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2007	2007-0090444	\$67.11
HALLUMS, GINDER S & BENSON J CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091050	\$39.31
HARBORSIDE 17 PARTNERS LLC ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091051	\$581.65
HARBORSIDE 17 PARTNERS LLC ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091052	\$43.61
HARBORSIDE 17 PARTNERS LLC ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091053	\$20.11
HARBORSIDE 17 PARTNERS LLC ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091054	\$16.99
HARBORSIDE 17 PARTNERS LLC ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091055	\$1,179.85
HART, OLIN J IV & SONJA S MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 07 LES-NY ECC-02/26/2012	2007-0024703	\$87.77
HENDRIX, HERBERT C & SARA J CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0025690	\$918.06
HENDRIX, HERBERT C & SARA J CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0025691	\$225.44
HENRIES, HERMAN L INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE NORTH HAMPTON CO	2007-0025719	\$49.47
HOWELL, DAVID LEE & MARION SMI INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 7G	2007-0027355	\$154.48
HUDDLE, TERESA G DOUBLE BILLED ON SAME ACCOUNT	2007-0091058	\$1,296.07
KING, ROBERT III & PENELOPE F REBILLED ON SUPPLEMENT	2007-0031265	\$50.00

LADCON INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0090632	\$482.07
LAUGHINGHOUSE, GINGER S CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091061	\$816.82
LEE, DAVID R JR VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2007-0032948	\$18.95
LEOHMANN, JEAN' CLAUDE VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2007-0090641	\$140.27
LOVELACE, WILLIAM & ASHLIN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN COUNTY 01/01/07	2007-0034226	\$641.31
MONK, TRACY K CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0090783	\$130.77
MORRIS, JASON A ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091065	\$544.34
MORRIS, JASON A & JOYCE W ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091066	\$69.34
PEGRAM, SHELIA DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0090753	\$61.97
PERRY, GARY W DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0043395	\$78.10
PETTY, FRANK RAY DID NOT OWN 01/01/07	2007-0043557	\$43.51
PETTY, FRANK RAY DID NOT OWN 01/01/06	2006-0042160	\$43.12
PUCKETT, SCOTT C & ROBIN L CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0090787	\$1,939.91
PURIFOY, K LEE SR SCE REBILLED	2007-0091069	\$12.00
RITTER, MARC ALAN NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2007	2007-0090819	\$181.50
STERLING NATIONAL BANK DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #71703	2007-0051996	\$542.34
SUTTON, ANN MICHELLE REASON CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0090041	\$1,112.15
SUTTON, FRANCES & PENNINGER, L CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0052845	\$55.27
TYNDALL, DENNIS & JEANNE E CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0090956	\$106.27
UNKNOWN OWNER CORRECTING BILLING ERROR	2007-0090959	\$44.79

VAUGHN, STANLEY KENT & DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0056337	\$53.86
VUICH, GREGORY M DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0054038	\$16.23
VUICH, GREGORY M DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0091410	\$15.43
VUICH, GREGORY M DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0056635	\$13.62
WETHERINGTON, LONNIE III NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2007	2007-0091078	\$32.98
WETHERINGTON, LONNIE III NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2007	2007-0058399	\$288.19
	55 – CREDIT MEMO(S)	\$13,652.03

Refunds

CARTER, WALTER D & FRANCES S VACANT PROPERTY	2006-0008963	\$32.00
CARTER, WALTER D & FRANCES S VACANT PROPERTY	2004-0008474	\$32.00
CARTER, WALTER D & FRANCES S VACANT PROPERTY	2005-0008855	\$32.00
GUIST, ROBERT A LATE PENALTY CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0091049	\$199.77
PHILLIPS, MARC B & MELODY J CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0043705	\$190.32
PURCELL, WILLIAM H INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 7G	2007-0044993	\$213.32
ROACH, ERIC MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 07 LES-FL ECC-08/27/07	2007-0046752	\$17.45
ROZO, HENRY F & CANDY C VALUE ADJUSTED PER ABOS BOOK	2007-0047721	\$31.19
	8 – REFUND(S)	\$748.05

Subdivision for Approval

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

Falcon Bridge (PUD) – Final: The property, owned by Jerry Pounds Construction and engineered by Robert Chiles, is located within Twp. 7 off US Hwy. 70. The subdivision contains 148 lots on 27.53 acres of land and is proposed to be served by community water and sewer.

Budget Amendments

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

Pass Through

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$102.00	101-0564-450-91-01 DJJDP Comm Child	\$102.00
TOTAL	\$102.00	TOTAL	\$102.00

Justification: Budget fund balance to cover refund to State – under spent Committee for Children funds by \$101.95

Cooperative-SHIP

101-4207-349-55-00 State Ship	\$(3,100.00)	101-4207-420-24-00 Meeting Exp	\$(1,600.00)
		101-4207-420-32-40 Office Supplies	\$(1,500.00)
TOTAL	\$(3,100.00)	TOTAL	\$(3,100.00)

Justification: State budget is actually \$5,000 which has been received.

5010 Bio-Terrorism – Health

101-5010-357-86-00 Course Seminar	\$600.00	101-5010-440-24-00 Meeting Expense	\$600.00
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JOURNAL ENTRY

101-5010-440-24-00	\$600.00	101-5010-357-86-00	\$600.00
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FOOD-POD 9-6-07 Rec# 23505
Coded incorrectly

TOTAL	\$600.00	TOTAL	\$600.00
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Justification: When budget was originally submitted, it was unknown that we would receive \$600 for POD exercise.

Health/Home Health/Hospice

101-6500-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$50,550	101-6500-440-73-21 Capital \$500-\$4,999	\$45,000
		101-6500-440-40-0 Contractual Services	\$14,100
101-6502-371-02-00 Hospice Medicare	\$50,550	101-6500-440-40-00 Contractual Services	\$42,000
TOTAL	\$101,100	TOTAL	\$101,100

Justification: Barnnestorm Software Upgrade Package.

Health/Minority HIV/STD

101-6708-348-67-00	\$30,000	101-6708-440-20-00	\$500
State Grant		Postage	
		101-6708-440-22-0	\$500
		Telephone	
		101-6708-440-24-0	\$1,500
		Meeting Expenses	
		101-6708-440-25-0	\$6,000
		Travel Training	
		101-6708-440-32-01	\$1,000
		Office Supplies	
		101-6708-440-32-08	\$1,500
		Medical Supplies	
		101-6708-440-32-40	\$16,500
		Other Supplies	
		101-6708-440-73-21	\$2,500
		Capital \$500-\$4,999	
TOTAL	\$30,000	TOTAL	\$30,000

Justification: \$30,000 grant has been awarded for the Office of Minority Health to be used in the Minority HIV/STD program. Meeting expenses includes food for educational sessions. Travel and training expenses includes mileage for Dr. Barnwell, outreach workers, volunteers, and the HIV/STD Health Educator and expenses for the HIV/STD Health Educator to attend educational seminars, including the national HIV conference in Atlanta, GA. Medical Supplies for AIDS testing expenses. Other supplies includes brochures, educational materials and other teaching aids. Capital includes cost of laptop computer for use in the field, software, and docking station.

DSS 7221 Adult Servc

101-7221-349-22-0	\$162.00
Servc Staff & O’Head	
101-00-399-01-0	\$(162.00)
Fund Balance	

Justification: Funding authorizations received for revenue for Adult Home Specialist fund and Adult Care Home Case Management were higher than the original state estimates.

Reserve/Social Services

371-0000-399-00-00	\$220,000.00	371-0571-400-97-01	\$220,000.00
Fund Balance		To Genl Fd	
101-7201-366-07-00	\$220,000.00	101-7201-450-73-02	\$220,000.00
From Reserve		Other Imp	
TOTAL	\$440,000.00	TOTAL	\$440,000.00

Justification: Budget \$200,000 carpet and \$20,000 tile from capital reserve to be transferred to Social Services to cover replacement of carpet and tile. Funds will be transferred as needed.

Highway 43 Connector Resolution

The Board was requested by the City of New Bern to adopt the following Resolution Regarding Traffic Flow Along the Highway 70 Corridor. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the following resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners has been advised that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (“DOT”) proposes that the only intersection in the NC Highway 43 Connector project (“Project”) is to be constructed as a “left-over” or “Super Street” design; and,

WHEREAS, the location of the Project is consistent with the City’s thoroughfare plan and, additionally, is being constructed pursuant to the determination by the Governor and the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation to provide access as an economic incentive to the BSH factories and warehouse sites; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Bern and Craven County have requested of DOT a full-movement intersection with signalization at the Project intersection, which intersection would be consistent with the New Bern thoroughfare plan, the extension of Elizabeth Avenue, the need to divert local traffic from Glenburnie Road, to reduce increasing traffic and pedestrian safety concerns for H J McDonald Middle School, the necessity to provide access to existing extensive development to the west of Glenburnie Road, and to facilitate anticipated development on both sides of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Weyerhaeuser, the City of New Bern, Craven County and local legislators have expressed serious concerns and opposition to the proposed “Super Street” intersection design at this location and believes that DOT planners have not adequately taken into consideration the impact on “local users” of the proposed Project with respect to traffic volume, source of users nor the needs of the public to be affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and requested by the Craven County Board of Commissioners that the North Carolina Department of Transportation construct the subject Project intersection as a full-movement intersection with signalization.

Adopted this 1st day of October, 2007.

Ratification of Fonville Family Proclamation

The Board was requested to ratify the following proclamation, which the Chairman signed for the Fonville Family, on the occasion of their family reunion. Commissioner Allen moved to ratify the following proclamation for the record, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**PROCLAMATION
FAMILY OF STEPHEN FONVILLE
REUNION DAY**

WHEREAS, Stephen Fonville was born circa 1820 and lived his life in the Jasper Community of Craven County; and

WHEREAS, his marriage to his first wife, Carolina, resulted in two children, and after her death his subsequent marriage to Francis produced eleven offspring; and

WHEREAS, eight generations of Mr. Fonville’s descendents will gather for a family reunion in Jasper on September 29, 2007, including three surviving descendents from the third generation; and

WHEREAS, this family has been one of the threads which has created the rich tapestry of Craven County’s heritage for nearly 200 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY PROCLAIMS: Saturday, September 29, 2007 a day for honoring the elders of the Stephen Fonville family and for celebrating their legacy.

Adopted this 1st day of October, 2007.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD CLOSING: GETHSEMANE CHURCH ROAD

At 7:02 p.m. Commission Sisk moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, concerning the Board’s intent to close a portion of Gethsemane Church Road. Commissioner Morris seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, announced that all legal requirements relative to the road closure have been followed. The following members of the public spoke:

Scott Ketner, 340 Gethsemane Church Road, stated that he has no problem with the road closing. He inquired if the state would maintain the road up to the point of closure and received an affirmative response.

Lamb Farrow, property owner in the vicinity, asked at what point the road is proposed to be closed. Commissioner Jones responded that it has been flagged and that there are no individuals living beyond the flag.

Charlie Simmons asked what plans the adjacent owners have for the property relative to construction or development once the road is closed. Petitioner Jack Huddle indicated that there are no building plans.

At 7:05 p.m., there being no additional speakers, Commissioner Allen moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, read the order into the record, as follows:

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

ORDER OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY SAID BOARD ON THE 4th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF N.C. GEN. STAT. § 153A-241 CLOSING A PORTION OF GETHSEMANE CHURCH ROAD AS SHOWN ON A MAP ENTITLED “PROPOSED WATER AND SEPTIC LOCATION”

THIS CAUSE coming on to be heard and being heard by the Craven County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) on the 4th day of September, 2007, upon the Petition

of Gerald L. Midkiff and Jack P. Huddle (“Petitioners”), pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-241, for the closing of a portion of Gethsemane Church Road shown on a map or plat captioned “Proposed Water and Septic Location,” and it appearing to the Board that:

1. On the 6th day of August, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., Petitioners filed a Petition with the Board seeking the closing of a portion of Gethsemane Church Road shown on a map or plat captioned “Proposed Water and Septic Location.”

2. Petitioners are the owners of the property adjacent to both sides of that portion of Gethsemane Church Road to be closed which is located between Tax Parcel I.D. No. 9-046-12000 and Tax Parcel I.D. No. 9-046-004 as shown by the Craven County Tax Department map for 2007 and as described in deeds recorded in Book 2592, Page 26, Craven County Registry, and Book 2288, Page 75, said portion of said road being an area approximately 1,952 feet long.

3. That portion of Gethsemane Church Road to be closed has been accepted previously by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (“DOT”) for maintenance and is presently under the control and supervision of the DOT.

4. The Board accepted the Petition to close that portion of said road on behalf of the general public on August 6, 2007.

5. Said portion of Gethsemane Church Road to be closed does not lie within the limits of any municipality.

6. On the 4th day of September, under and pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-241, the Board adopted a Resolution declaring its intent to close that portion of Gethsemane Church Road described herein.

7. Pursuant to the adoption of the aforementioned Resolution and the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-241, a public hearing was called to consider the matter of the closing of the described portion of Gethsemane Church Road, the Resolution was published once a week for three (3) successive weeks before the hearing, and a copy of the Resolution was not sent by Certified Mail as there were no other owners shown on the County tax records of property owners adjoining the portion of the road to be closed. Petitioners are the owners of the property on each side of that portion of Gethsemane Church Road to be closed. The Resolution of the closing and public hearing notice was permanently posted in at least two (2) places along the portion of the road to be closed.

8. The Board accepted the closing dedication of said road on behalf of the general public on the 1st day of October, 2007.

9. A public hearing was held on the question of the closing of the described portion of Gethsemane Church Road on the 1st day of October, 2007, at which hearing the Board heard all interested parties who appeared with respect to whether such closing would be detrimental to the public interest or to any individual property rights.

10. The Board is satisfied that the closing of the portion of Gethsemane Church Road is not contrary to the public interest and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of the road or in the subdivision in which it is located will be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his or her property.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED pursuant to a written Resolution of the Board adopted on the 4th day of September, 2007, and recorded in the minutes of the Craven County Board of Commissioners, and pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-241 declaring Craven County’s intent to close that portion of Gethsemane Church Road shown on that certain map captioned “Proposed Water and Septic Location,” which portion of Gethsemane Church Road is situated between Tax Parcel I.D. No. 9-046-12000 and Tax Parcel I.D. No. 9-046-004 as shown on the Craven County Tax Department map for 2007 and is a combined area of approximately 1,952 feet long, which parcels of land are owned by Petitioner Gerald L. Midkiff and Petitioner Jack P. Huddle to be permanently closed and removed from public use being that portion of Gethsemane Church Road referred to herein.

Any person aggrieved by the closing of said portion of Gethsemane Church Road described herein may appeal the Board’s Order to the appropriate Division of the General Court of Justice within thirty (30) days after the adoption date of this Order.

This the 1st day of October, 2007.

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the foregoing order, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

The Chairman paused to acknowledge the presence of Leadership Craven members.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Sandra Toler petitioned concerning the access closures being implemented on Highway 70 East, stating that her business cannot be accessed by an access road from either direction and the closures have caused extreme hardship for the business.

Charlie Simmons and Sandra Simmons spoke in opposition to the location of the jail of the Judicial Center

Lamb Farrow had asked to petition the Board but did not speak.

SCHOOLS' PURCHASE OF LAND

David Clifton, Finance Officer and Assistant Superintendent, requested approval of a price to purchase land adjacent to Grover C. Fields Middle School, using the school's fund balance. During discussion to clarify the exact location of the parcel, Commissioner Allen moved to defer consideration until a member of the Board requests that it be placed back on the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion carried with five (5) "Ayes", there being two (2) "Nays" from Commissioners Jones and Sampson. The Board requested copies of the map of the land in question and Mr. Clifton committed to providing them. Commissioner Tyson asked that Board members schedule a time to visit the site.

APPOINTMENTS

Jury Commission

The Board was advised that the term of George Griffin is due to expire. Commissioner Allen nominated Mr. Griffin for reappointment. There being no additional nominees, he was reappointed by acclamation.

Havelock Board of Adjustment

The Board was advised of the impending expiration of Alvin West's term as an extraterritorial jurisdiction member. Commissioner McCabe nominated Mr. West for reappointment. There being no additional nominees, Mr. West was reappointed by acclamation.

Industrial Facilities Pollution Control Financing Authority

The terms of Norman Lee, Robert Lewis and Gary Essex were due to expire. Commissioner Allen advised the Board that Mr. Lee is now deceased. He nominated Mr. Lewis and Mr. Essex for reappointment and there being no additional nominees at this time, Mr. Essex and Mr. Lewis were reappointed by acclamation, leaving one (1) vacancy for later consideration.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, reported on the sale of Lot 79 Tobago at auction. He stated that on September 26 the sale bought \$4,000. Liabilities include \$1,956 County cost for the County's foreclosure attorney, advertisement and water service fee, in addition to \$4,261.79 in property owner assessments and amenities fees. The total of liabilities was greater than the sale price of the property and Mr. Sugg indicated that he had negotiated with the Property Owners Association and the amenities association to reduce the fees owed. The balance of the \$4,000 derived from the sale (\$2,044) was agreed to be distributed pro rata to the POA at 43.86% (\$896) and amenities fee at 56.14% (\$1,148). He recommended that the Board move forward with the sale. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the sale as outlined, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Request Not to be Reappointed

Mr. Sugg asked that he not be considered for reappointment as County Attorney when the Board reorganizes in December of 2007. He stated that he has enjoyed working with the County but he is planning to scale back in his practice. He indicated that he would be available for consultation or to assist the new County Attorney once that person is appointed.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Tyson commended Commissioner Jones for the fire department event that was held in his district on September 29.

Commissioner Morris distributed a draft resolution concerning the Super 70 Highway Corridor and asked for its adoption. Commissioner Sisk indicated that the language in the draft resolution reflects activity that is not yet happening, specifically the closure of some roads along the corridor. She stated that she would not be able to support the resolution without clarification. The resolution was refined, as follows, and adopted by motion of Commissioner Morris and a second by Commissioner Tyson unanimously.

**RESOLUTION
REGARDING TRAFFIC FLOW
ALONG THE HIGHWAY 70 CORRIDOR**

WHEREAS, the Super 70 Corridor Committee has drafted a *preliminary* plan, which has been circulated locally; and

WHEREAS, the final map will be subject to approval by the local governing boards after ample opportunity for public input; and

WHEREAS, public hearings have not yet been conducted and a final plan has not yet been created for consideration by local governing bodies for approval; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the traffic flow shown in the *preliminary* draft plan is currently being implemented as removal of access entries and median closures; and

WHEREAS, some of the heaviest used state roads along this corridor are shown to be closed; and

WHEREAS, the premature plan implementation has created excessive traffic back-ups and hardships for residents and the current design will require residents to travel extreme distances and will potentially pose access problems for the new General Aviation Terminal under construction at Craven Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, these concerns would have been addressed during the required public input process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation discontinue the closing of median crossings and access onto Highway 70 in Craven County until local authorities have an opportunity for input and approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to Craven County's legislative delegation as well as the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Adopted this 1st day of October, 2007.

Commissioner Sisk reported on her attendance at the Teen Court swearing in and her attendance at the legislative meeting at Creekside School.

Commissioner McCabe asked that the Board be prepared to discuss Senate Bill 1513 at the next meeting, which allows counties to participate in the funding of roads projects.

Commissioner Jones reported on a community meeting held in his district at Fort Barnwell and stated that the main topic was the Department of Transportation and road improvements. He wished his grandfather, former Commissioner Sidney French, a happy 80th birthday.

Commissioner Sampson presented a draft resolution in support of Senate Bill 1368 and moved that it be adopted, seconded by Commissioner McCabe. During discussion, concern was expressed about the amount of compensation that was proposed in the Senate Bill to persons who had been sterilized during the State's Eugenic Sterilization Program from 1929 to 1974. The motion failed, there being three (3) "Ayes" from Commissioner Sampson, Jones and McCabe and four (4) "Nays" from Commissioners Allen, Morris, Sisk and Tyson.

Commissioner Sampson commented on the rising gas prices and water conservation issues, and encouraged citizens to obtain flu shots in the coming months.

At 8:50 p.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