

**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, DECEMBER 17, 2007. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Jason R. Jones  
 Vice Chairman Theron McCabe  
 Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen  
 Commissioner Perry L. Morris  
 Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.  
 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  
 Jim Hicks, County Attorney

Following an invocation by Commissioner Morris and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of December 3, 2007 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Jones asked that the item on the consent agenda relative to the owner/architect agreement amendment #1 be removed from the consent agenda. The remaining items of the consent agenda were unanimously approved.

*Tax Releases and Refunds*

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following tax releases and refunds for the Board's approval. Commissioner Sampson moved for their approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Credits*

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>TICKET#</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
ALLEN, JOHN MACENTYRE & SUSHMI VALUE ADJUST PER BROKER SELLING BOAT	2007-0091387	\$184.80
ANDREWS, OWEN DUNN & DEBRA C DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0091389	\$4,309.39
BOLTE, MARK D NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0091409	\$429.56
BOROS, HOLLY H DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0091409	\$327.91
BROWN, JAMES HUGH VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2007-0091415	\$645.65
CARSON, GEORGE NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0091422	\$226.13
CEQUEL COMMUNICATIONS II LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0009542	\$530.09

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CEQUEL COMMUNICATIONS II LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0009543	\$255.77
CEQUEL COMMUNICATIONS II LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0009544	\$286.92
CEQUEL COMMUNICATIONS II LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0009545	\$123.57
CEQUEL COMMUNICATIONS II LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0009546	\$96.48
CEQUEL COMMUNICATIONS II LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0009547	\$18.14
CEQUEL COMMUNICATIONS II LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0009548	\$470.11
CEQUEL COMMUNICATIONS II LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0009549	\$1,956.74
CEQUEL COMMUNICATIONS II LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0009550	\$172.60
CEQUEL COMMUNICATIONS II LLC LATE FEE CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0009551	\$81.51
CLARK, WILLIAM C VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2007-0091575	\$330.45
DANIELS, HAROLD F NOT TAXABLE IN CRAVEN CO-FLORIDA RESIDENT	2007-0091437	\$398.57
DAWSON, FRANK NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0091581	\$1,066.89
DEICHMANN, DONALD E JR & NANCY DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0091441	\$895.63
DEIGERT, CHARLES A & DEBORAH V DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0091583	\$466.35
DIXON, STEVEN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0091447	\$347.42
DONBROWO, JOHN J & DONBROWO DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0091585	\$48.14
EVANS, RHYS VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2007-0091452	\$166.88
FUGATE, ROBERT S & NADINE R DOUBLE LISTED ON SAME ACCT.	2007-0090474	\$3,030.35
HAIGHT, COLLEEN REGINA ELIGIBLE FOR ELDERLY EXEMPTION	2007-0091263	\$119.81
HELMICK, ROGER MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 07 LES-MO ECC-10/31/07	2007-0025609	\$79.11
HENSON, RANDALL S NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0090545	\$142.16

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KORNEGAY, JANIE L CORRECTING BILLING ERROR-WILL BE REBILLED	2007-0091594	\$2,341.46
LAYNE, JACK M & LAYNE, BILLIE DOUBLE BILLED ON ACCT. SAME ACCT.	2007-0090640	\$1,504.61
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091320	\$191.55
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091321	\$190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091322	190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091323	\$190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091324	\$190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091325	\$190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091326	\$190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091327	\$190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091328	\$190.16
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091329	\$189.87
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091330	\$190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091331	\$190.16
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091332	\$189.57
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091333	\$189.57
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091334	\$189.57
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091336	\$190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091337	\$190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091338	\$190.46

MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091339	\$190.75
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091335	\$190.46
MACINNIS, GEORGIA P & PARROTT CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091340	\$191.84
MAROTTI, BILL & DORIS VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2007-0091490	\$49.35
MOZINO, ANDREW NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0091501	\$2,121.41
NEUSE PROPERTIES LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091599	\$548.27
PETRONIS, ROSALIE K SCE REMOVED IN ERROR	2007-0043535	\$439.07
PICKLEMAN, RANDALL NOT IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0091507	\$1,274.90
POVICH, PETER M & LINDA H DOUBLE LISTED WITH SAME ACCT.	2007-0090774	\$967.36
SADANAGA, KEN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0091515	\$993.08
SMITH, ROBERT VALUE ADJUSTED PER SURVEY	2007-0091296	\$153.66
SMITH, ROBERT DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0091528	\$184.80
WEBB, WILLIAM DID NOT OWN PROPERTY 01/01/2007	2007-0091558	\$1,129.39
WHITLEY & BROWN INC INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 3D	2007-0059495	\$1,160.55
WILLIAMS, JV JR & ELSIE HINE CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091614	\$883.49
3401 NEUSE LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0062150	\$764.33
	64 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$35,721.42
<b><i>Refund</i></b>		
BARONE, VINCENT J & HANNE R DOUBLE LISTED ON SAME ACCT 388525	2007-0091397	\$897.35
	1 – REFUND (S)	\$897.35

***Budget Amendments***

Craven County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, submitted the following budget amendments for the Board's approval. Commissioner Sampson moved for their

approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

***Pass Through***

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-0564-348-30-00 Senior Companion	\$974.00	101-0564-450-91-23 HCCBG	\$974.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$974.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$974.00</b>

**Justification:** Budget additional Home and Community Care Block Grant funds for Senior Companion Program costs. Agency will absorb the 10% match.

***DSS 7221/Senior 7295***

101-7295-377-26-00 HCCBG Congregate	1,500.00	101-7295-450-40-00 Contractual Services	\$6,112.00
101-00-399-00-0 Fund Balance	\$167.00		
101-7295-377-16-0 USDA Congregate	\$235.00		
101-00-399-00-0 Fund Balance	\$(235.00)		
101-7235-377-18-0 HCCBG Home Delivery	\$4,000.00		
101-00-399-00-0 Fund Balance	\$445.00		
101-7295-377-28-0 Home Delivery	\$564.00		
101-00-399-00-0 Fund Balance	\$(564.00)		
101-7221-349-27-00 In Home	\$1,500.00	101-7221-450-40-00 Contractual Services	\$1,667.00
101-00-399-00-0 Fund Balance	\$167.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,779.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,779.00</b>

**Justification:** Additional funds awarded for the Home and Community Care Block Grant from the Division of Aging.

***New Elementary School/Schools Projects***

382-0000-354-02-00 Contractor's Sale Tax	\$32,300.00	382-8500-480-97-83 To Proj Fd 386	\$413,053.00
		382-8500-480-76-59 Contingency	\$(379,320.00)
		382-8500-480-73-01 Capital Outlay	\$(1,433.00)
Reallocate budget to fund Admin Bldg and Warehouse Project (Fd 386)			
386-0000-366-10-00 Fr Cap Proj Fd 382	\$413,053.00	386-8524-480-76-01 Admin Bldg	\$289,009.00
		386-8525-480-76-01 Warehouse	\$124,044.00

Budget funds from Fd 382 New Elem  
To be used for Admin Bldg and Warehouse Roof

Journal Entry			
382-8500-480-97-83	\$413,053.00	382-0000-101-00-00	\$413,053.00
To fd 386		Cash	
386-0000-101-00-00	\$413,053.00	386-0000-366-10-00	\$413,053.00
Cash		Fr Fd 382	

Transfer funds from New Elem Sch Fd 382  
To Schools Projects Fd 386

**Justification:** Budget funds from fund 382 New Elementary School to be transferred to Schools Project Fund 386 to cover repairs to Administration Building and Warehouse.

***Jail Project***

368-2008-410-76-59	\$53,000.00	368-2008-410-75-01	\$53,000.00
Contingency		Architect	
TOTAL	\$53,000.00	TOTAL	\$53,000.00

**Justification:** Contract amendment 12-17-07

*Set Public Hearing for CTP Grant*

CARTS requested that a public hearing be set for 7:00 p.m. on January 7, 2008 in order to apply for the FY 2007-2009 Community Transportation Plan Grant (CTP). Commissioner Sampson moved to set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on January 7, 2008, as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe 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. Commissioner Sampson moved for their approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Erdman Acres – Final: The property, owned by Carson Fillingame and surveyed by Mayo and Associates, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1478 (Butler Ford Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 1.5 acres and is proposed to be served by community and an individual septic system.

Phillip D. and Linda B. Dunn Division – Final: The property, owned by Phillip and Linda Dunn and surveyed by Kendall E. Gaskins, is located within Twp. 2 off of SR 1600 (Half Moon Road). The division contains 1 lot on 3.49 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an existing septic system.

Spike Subdivision – Final: The property, owned by Elizabeth Payton and surveyed by Atlantic Survey & Design, is located within Twp. 9 off of SR 1423 (SW Craven Middle School Road). The subdivision contains 2 lots on 2.033 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

H.B. Taylor, LLC – Final: The property, owned by Harry B. Taylor and surveyed by Powell Surveying Co., is located within Twp. 5 off of SR 1705 (Taylor Road). The subdivision contains 5 lots on 2.37 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

*Road Addition Request*

The Planning staff received a request to add Wildflower Way and Cactus Court, located within Home Place Estates Subdivision II in Twp. 7, to the state maintenance system, and to adopt a standard SR-2 Road Addition Resolution. Commissioner Sampson moved to

add Wildflower Way and Cactus Court to the state maintenance system and approve a standard SR-2 Road Addition Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

### **OWNER/ARCHITECT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #1**

The Jail Construction Committee recommended that the architectural agreement for the new Judicial Center be amended to increase the architect's fee by \$53,000 due to additional architectural services to the Craven County Judicial Center. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the amended agreement for the architect's fee by \$53,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisk and carried by six (6) "Ayes", there being one (1) "Nay" from Commissioner Jones.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD NAMING AND ADDRESSING ORDINANCE**

At 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, concerning changes to the Road Naming and Addressing Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. There were no members of the public to speak on the subject and at 8:36 a.m. Commissioner Sisk made a motion to go out of public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the proposed changes to the Road Naming and Addressing Ordinance, as follows, with a second by Commissioner Morris. The motion carried unanimously.

### **REQUEST FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Assistant Superintendent of Schools, David Clifton, presented a request for use of available funds in the amount of \$765,000 for the replacement of two roofs. He explained that the funds are remaining from the Creekside School project, due to projects coming in under budget. He presented estimates for roof repairs at the administration building and at the warehouse located at the bus garage and stressed that the figures are estimates of an engineer and are not actual bids. He stated that the projects will be bid once funds are made available if the Board approves. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the request for use of the available funds for the roof repairs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

### **SMART START PRESENTATION**

Pat Purnell, Executive Director of Smart Start, presented information on the Nurse-Family Partnership Program for which the agency is intending to write a grant application. She advised the Board that no County funds would be requested from Craven County but that community support letters are being sought. Commissioner Allen moved to submit a letter endorsing and supporting the grant application of Smart Start for this program. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, inquired if the agency is still in need of office space for the program, if funded, and Ms. Purnell stated that potential space has been found for the program.

### **HIGHWAY 17 ASSOCIATION PROGRESS REPORT**

Executive Director of the Highway 17 Association, Marc Finlayson, presented a progress report indicating that the first draft of the 2009 Transportation Improvement Plan has been circulated. He further stated that 38.5 million dollars previously unfunded is now budgeted for Highway 17 projects and the Windsor by-pass is ahead of schedule, expected to open next summer. He expressed a need to advocate for preserving the equity formula currently used by the state in distributing transportation funds. He stated that changing the distribution formula to a population base would result in inequitable distribution, which would favor the larger counties and leave the rural counties out of the funding picture. He invited the Board to attend the annual meeting of the Highway 17 Association on January 29, 2008. During his report, Mr. Finlayson stated that he has understood from the Transportation Study Committee that the state will discontinue transferring highway funds to the general fund in the future.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

*Request for Zoning Consultant Fees*

The Planning Department requested that the Board authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract for consulting services with Holland Consulting Planners, Inc. and that funds be allocated in the amount of \$38,000 for assistance in the development of a Zoning Ordinance in Township 7 along the Highway 70 Corridor. Due to this being a new project, no funds were earmarked in the budget for this zoning ordinance preparation assistance. Commissioner Sampson moved to appropriate \$38,000 from fund balance to enter into a contract with Holland Consulting Planners, Inc. for the zoning initiative in Townships 6 and 7. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**Planning**

101-0000-399-01-00	\$38,000.00	101-4001-430-15-32	\$38,000.00
Fund Balance		Zoning Ordinance	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,000.00</b>

**Justification:** Budget fund balance to cover cost of Holland Consultant Planners, Inc. zoning ordinance.

*Petitioners' Verification for Local Hunting Rule*

The Planning Department presented the verification of the owners adjacent to SR 1862 who petitioned for a local hunting rule along the state maintained portion of that road. The Board voted unanimously to set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on February 4, 2008 by motion of Commissioner Allen, and a second by Commissioner Morris.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES MATTERS**

*Harlowe Fire Department GIS Map*

Emergency Services Director, Stanley Kite, presented a request on behalf of the Harlowe Fire Department to have a map approved from the County GIS Department that reflects the fire response and insurance district for the new Harlowe Fire Department Substation on Ferry Road. Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the map. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

*Township Seven EMS*

The Board received information from Mr. Kite concerning the plans of Township Seven EMS to construct a new building. Mr. Kite indicated that the initial plans were not supported by the Emergency Services Department, but the financial documentation has been restructured and presented to the Craven County Finance Officer, who is in agreement that the department is now within the limits of the cost of the project. There was no action required, but by consensus the Board agreed to receive the information as satisfying the terms of their contract with Township Seven EMS.

**DISSOLUTION OF JOINT E-911 FUND**

Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, reported on changes being made to the wired E-911 fees effective January 1, 2008, so that they will be handled as wireless fees. The funds will be distributed to the providers by the state and will reflect a rate service change from \$.83 per month per line to \$.70 per month per line. He advised the Board, however, that the legislation includes a hold harmless clause that sets the minimum amount of distribution equal to the amount received in fiscal 2007, so that Craven County will not be adversely affected. The new legislation eliminates the need for the joint fund currently held by Craven County and the City of Havelock. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the

following resolution dissolving the joint E-911 fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF CRAVEN COUNTY AND  
CITY OF HAVELOCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
DISSOLUTION OF JOINT E-911 FUND**

**WHEREAS**, Craven County and the City of Havelock have operated a joint E-911 special revenue fund for wired line fees for many years and have used this fund to pay joint expenses as well as distribute a portion of the fund to each entity based on the number of phone lines in each area (Craven County 71% and Havelock 29%);

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly passed House Bill 1755 in the 2007 Session which makes changes to the E-911 system and eliminates the need and advantages to continue to use this joint fund;

**WHEREAS**, effective January 1, 2008 the wired E-911 fees will be collected by the State and distributed to each primary public service answering point (PSAP) directly in the same manner as wireless E-911 fees are distributed;

**WHEREAS**, the legislation creates a base amount to be used as a minimum amount a PSAP will receive from the State each year;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of Craven County and the Board of Commissioners of the City of Havelock do state their intention to dissolve the joint E-911 special revenue fund maintained by Craven County;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, both Boards request the 911 Board recognize Havelock as a PSAP for the purposes of revenue distribution for wired E-911 fees by using a ratio to split the base year amount and revenue distributions. The ratio used will be calculated by the 911 Board staff based on the number of wired services provided in each location.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007

**VOLUNTARY ACRIGULTURAL DISTRICT GRANT**

Mike Carroll, Craven County Cooperative Extension Agent, presented information on efforts underway to establish an Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation program in Craven County for the protection of farmland, and to create a Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance. He stated that a grant application will be submitted to fund the ordinance. He was not seeking any action by the Board, but simply a blessing to move forward with this effort. He stated that the grant will require a match, but it will be met in kind. Commissioner Sampson moved to endorse the effort on the part of the committee that has been formed to establish this district. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, introduced discussion of the potential for a Public Defender Program extending into Craven County. He advised the Board of the benefits of such a program being present in Craven County and asked if the Board wishes to support its establishment. Commissioner Morris moved to send a letter of support for establishing this program in Craven County and to copy Craven County's Legislative Delegation. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Morris* inquired about the status of Celestial Memorial Gardens and asked that the new County Attorney, Jim Hicks, get an update from the former County Attorney.

*Commissioner Sisk* moved to have staff draft and adopt a congratulatory resolution for the New Bern High School 2007 Football Team, which won the State Championship on December 8, 2007. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried, with the adopted resolution to be entered into the record of the Board's next meeting.

*Commissioner Allen* reported on his attendance at the North Carolina Public Health Task Force meeting. He advised the Board of attention being brought to the Craven Regional Medical Center and County Administration Buildings for not being smoke free. He reported on his attendance at the NACo Board of Directors meeting, and stated that the strategic plan is now online. A NACo Committee has been formed to study NACo by-laws relative to elections. Legislative goal priorities are now being shaped. There were also statistics provided on participation in NACo's Prescription Drug Program. Commissioner Sampson responded that Craven Regional Medical Center is moving toward smoking cessation gradually and trying to assist smokers in smoking cessation.

*Commissioner McCabe* stated the opinion that Commissioners should visit New Bern High School and congratulate the members of the football team personally. On behalf of constituents he inquired about the justification for continuing to pay ad valorem taxes on land that cannot be used for building because of zoning air rights. These properties are located on Highway 101 and Cahooque Creek Road. The County Manager was asked to look into the situation.

*Commissioner Jones* commented on news that was published on December 15 concerning Havelock High School and West Craven High School having been ranked among the top ten percent in the nation academically. He also announced that Commissioner McCabe has been appointed to a task force by Governor Easley to look at population growth relative to changes in the military. He asked that the Board consider meeting with the Board of Education after the beginning of the year. There was consensus among the Board members that it would be alright to meet with the Board of Education, but that it would be essential to establish ground rules, including no set ending time for the meeting and no funding request from the Board of Education to the Board of Commissioners. It was suggested that questions from the Board of Commissioners be solicited in advance so that the Board of Education would be prepared to answer those questions. Commissioners were asked to have their questions ready by the Board's next meeting on January 7. Commissioner Jones indicated that two items that he wished to discuss were redistricting and the Baldrige Plan. Finally, Commissioner Jones distributed a list of Commissioners' appointments to boards and committees, as follows:

### **Commissioner Appointments to Boards and Committees**

#### **Commissioner Morris**

EDC  
TDA  
Vanceboro Library

#### **Commissioner Tyson**

CRSWMA  
Military Civilian  
New Bern Library

#### **Commissioner McCabe**

ECCOG  
Local Emergency Planning  
Havelock Library

#### **Commissioner Sisk**

East Carolina Behavioral Health  
Aging Planning Board  
Swiss Bear

#### **Commissioner Allen**

Health Board  
C.P.J. Transportation  
Smart Start

#### **Commissioner Sampson**

JCPC  
Eastern Carolina Workforce Dev.  
Criminal Justice Advisory

#### **Commissioner Jones**

Kellenberger  
Tryon Palace  
Cove City Library

At the end of the meeting, the Chairman presented a plaque to the outgoing Chairman, Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr., in appreciation of his service of Chairman from December, 2006 to December, 2007.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Chairman Jason R. Jones  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board