

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN  
RECONVENED ITS RECESSED SESSION OF MAY 27, 2008 ON MAY 28, 2008  
AT 9:25 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH  
CAROLINA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO CONDUCT A  
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**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

Following an invocation by Commissioner Allen, County Manager, Harold Blizzard, asked Convention and Visitors Center Director, Sandy Chamberlin, to provide an update on the upcoming Annual NCACC Conference being held in New Bern in August. Mr. Blizzard indicated that \$20,000-\$30,000 is likely to be needed from the County and/or County solicited sponsors for the portions of the conference for which the host county is usually responsible. The Board directed staff to proceed as it is expected that the host County provide a certain level of support for the conference.

The Chairman stated that the Board may not be prepared at this time to go through the Fire Department budgets and recommended that another work session be scheduled if necessary.

The Board considered an invitation to make a nomination to the Coastal Resources Commission. Commissioner Tyson stated that he would try to have a name to submit before the deadline.

Responses were presented to several questions that had been generated at the May 27<sup>th</sup> budget work session, as follows:

- The Board was advised that the recycling and convenience center box hauling contracts will expire on June 30, 2011.
- The Solid Waste contract will expire June 30, 2009.
- The term of the Convention Center debt is twenty years from 1998-2018.
- \$20,000 was needed for Elections for part-time salaries

Mr. Blizzard presented a request for the Board's approval of a sick leave advance for Sandy Chamberlin. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

**BUDGET REVIEW**

The Board proceeded to review the proposed FY 2008-2009 budget beginning with the Social Services budget and proceeding through Vanceboro Community Center request amongst Special Appropriations.

Commissioner Morris stated that he had received much input from the public advocating for the County's acceptance of the Coastal Land Trust offer for acquisition of property on Broad Creek, and asked for the Board's input on this matter.

At 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Jason R. Jones  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board