

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008. 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 M. Renée Sisk
- Commissioner Steve Tyson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.

**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 Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner McCabe moved to approve minutes of January 7, 2008 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*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 McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

***EHTAP***

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$26,792.00	101-7026-450-33-02 Jones County	\$26,792.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,792.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,792.00</b>

**Justification:** Refund due Jones County for FY 2007 EHTAP Funds.

***DSS 7291 Mandated***

101-7291-349-32-00 Energy CIP, CP&L	\$66,771.00	101-7291-450-23-04 CIP	\$66,771.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,771.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,771.00</b>

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

*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, as

requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

*Credits*

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>TICKET#</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
ASB2 INC NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2007	2007-0090213	\$67.10
BASHAM, OWEN D INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE CARTERET COUNTY	2007-0091615	\$1,274.90
BATTEN PROPERTIES LLC-TOMMY CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0003233	\$426.10
BENEDETTO, MARGARET D CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091616	\$8,064.15
BENEDETTO, MARGARET D CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0091617	\$5,270.44
BILBREY, WILLIAM MARTIN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0091405	\$171.88
CAMPBELL, SAMUEL GLENN VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0008345	\$36.00
CARTER, CHRISTINE B DOUBE LISTED AS REAL ON SAME ACCOUNT	2007-0009018	\$242.56
CREEL, JAMES R VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2007-0091432	\$67.10
CWE-1 LLC ET AL LATE LISTING CHARGED IN ERROR	2007-0090060	\$258.06
DAVIS, ROBERT E & BETSY VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0013965	\$36.00
DENZLER, CARL E NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0091646	\$1,642.61
DOVE, GRACE B VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0015448	\$72.00
DOVE, GRACE N B & JOHNSON, DOR VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0015459	\$36.00
EZZELL & POWERS DEVELOPMENT CO DOUBLE BILLED ON ACCT #61008	2007-0090450	\$705.94
FLEMING, DON & EILEEN G DOUBLE LISTED ON ACCT #70751	2007-0091254	\$70.15
GRAHAM, STEVEN NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0091647	\$2,757.81
HUTCHINS, TRAVIS K & SHEKERA R ½ MILITARY LES-07 TRAVIS "FL" ECC 4/3/2010	2007-0027909	\$21.41

IPOCK, CHARLES M NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2007	2007-0090574	\$47.09
IPOCK, J A JR CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0028172	\$141.65
IPOCK, JOSELYN CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0028222	\$94.42
IPOCK, ROBERT A JR INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE LENOIR CO	2007-0091652	\$125.11
JOHNSON, TERRY L DID NOT OWN 1-1-2007	2007-0091653	\$7,039.28
JONES, STEPHEN B NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN COUNTY 01/01/2007	2007-0091475	\$1,032.95
LARK, DAVID NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN COUNTY 01/01/2007	2007-0091656	\$340.84
LOKAY, RAY NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN COUNTY 01/01/2007	2007-0091658	\$797.35
MCLUNG, JIMMY NOT TAXABLE IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2007-0091492	\$155.60
MCMILLAN MICHAEL VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2007-0091496	\$46.17
MOORE, ALBERT L DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0038851	\$14.76
MORRIS, DANNIE K JR RECYCLE FEE CHARGED TWICE	2007-0039492	\$36.72
NORVILLE, CHERYL ANN DOUBLE BILLED ON SAME ACCT	2007-0041699	\$513.82
PRICE, DOUGLAS NOT TAXABLE IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2007-0091512	\$468.09
SOUTHERN COLONY LAND LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0051199	\$881.55
SUTTON, LEE VALUE ADJUSTED PER BILL OF SALE	2007-0091536	\$469.70
SWANCHARA, DANIEL DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0091537	\$130.83
WARD, JEFFREY RHODES LISTED IN CARTERET COUNTY	2007-0090044	\$264.06
WHITFIELD, ROSANA VACANT PROPERTY	2007-0059316	\$36.00
	37 – CREDIT MEMO(S)	\$33,856.20



**PRIMARY AGENT**

**Agent's Name**  
Mr. Don Baumgardner  
**Organization**  
Craven County  
**Official Position**  
Planning Director  
**Mailing Address**

2828 Neuse Boulevard  
City, State, Zip  
New Bern, NC 28562  
**Daytime Telephone**  
(252) 636-6618  
**Facsimile Number**  
(252) 636-5190  
Pager or Cellular Number

**SECONDARY AGENT**

**Agent's Name**  
Mr. Harold Blizzard  
**Organization**  
Craven County  
**Official Position**  
County Manager

**Mailing Address**

406 Craven Street  
City, State, Zip  
New Bern, NC 28560  
**Daytime Telephone**  
(252) 636-6600  
**Facsimile Number**  
(252) 636-6638  
Pager or Cellular Number

**BE IT RESOLVED BY** the governing body of the Organization (a public entity duly organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina) that the above-named Primary and Secondary Agents are hereby authorized to execute and file applications for federal and/or state assistance on behalf of the Organization for the purpose of obtaining certain state and federal financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act, (Public Law 93-288 as amended) or as otherwise available.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above-named agents are authorized to represent and act for the Organization in all dealings with the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for all matters pertaining to such disaster assistance required by the grant agreements and the assurances printed on the reverse side hereof.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** the above-named agents are authorized to act severally.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of January, 2008 .

*Report on Surplus Auction Results*

The Board was requested to receive the following results of the surplus auction of items that were sold on GovDeals, as follows:

11/21/07	1998 Ford F-150	\$3,050
12/11/07	2006 Ford Ranger (wrecked)	\$625
12/18/07	1995 Chevy Corsica	\$910
01/02/08	2000 Ford F-150	\$2,225

Commissioner Allen moved to receive the results of the surplus auction, as requested. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

*West Craven Park Tennis Court Bid Award*

The Parks and Recreation Department received the following informal bids for the tennis courts at West Craven Park and recommended the bid award to Advantage Sports Surfaces in the amount of \$145,000.

Advantage Sports Surfaces	Morehead City	\$145,000
Calico Racquet Courts	Morehead City	\$151,500
NRSM, Inc.	Myrtle Beach	incomplete quote

Commissioner Allen moved to award the bid for tennis courts at West Craven Park to Advantage Sports Surfaces for \$145,000. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF WIRELESS CONTRACTS**

As directed by the Board in December, Dennis Holton, Director of Information Technology, provided the results of informal quotes on three wireless project components, as follows:

- 1) wireless to schools
- 2) wireless redundancy
- 3) wireless to Cove City and Vanceboro Libraries

The following quotes were received:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Schools</b>	<b>Redundancy</b>	<b>Libraries</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gately Communications	\$862,860.00	\$210,270.00	\$67,150.00	\$1,140,280.00
Wind Channel	\$197,077.10	\$84,477.00	\$10,358.50	\$292,616.10

Commissioner Allen moved to award the contract to Wind Channel in the amount of \$292,616.00. Commissioner Morris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. During discussion, the Board was advised that the \$10,358.50 for the libraries will need to be paid by the County; however, it is not necessary to allocate the funds at this time in order to award the contract. Dennis Holton and Wayne Beasley will oversee the project.

**UPDATE ON PROPOSED COASTAL STORMWATER RULE CHANGES**

Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented an update on proposed Coastal Stormwater Rule changes. He advised the Board that the Environmental Management Commission has approved changes to the Coastal Stormwater Rules. Several courses of action were discussed, as follows:

- Work with other 20 coastal counties to oppose the rules as proposed.
- Contact the Local Home Builders Association to make them aware of the Coastal Stormwater Rules changes and enlist their support to oppose the rules.
- At the direction of the Board of Commissioners, develop a Stormwater Ordinance that would achieve the same objectives as the rules proposed by the State, but achieve those goals in such a manner that would not cause undue hardship upon our citizenry. This would require the County to take on the total program and financial responsibility for stormwater permit issuance. This would also require the County to adopt a stormwater ordinance by August 1, 2008.

Mr. Baumgardner did not recommend development of a County stormwater ordinance at this time. The Board reached consensus to direct the County Manager to schedule a conference with the Carteret County Manager to work on a collective approach, and to draft a letter opposing the rules to the legislative delegation and the other 19 counties in the region.

**APPOINTMENTS – CLEAN SWEEP COMMITTEE**

The Board considered a request for three appointments by the Clean Sweep Committee. Commissioner Sisk nominated Jamie Johnson, Pat Sager and Tim Tabak for appointment as recommended. There were no additional nominees, and Mr. Johnson, Ms. Sager and Mr. Tabak were appointed by acclamation.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, advised the Board that a gift of real property has been made to Craven County in the form of a bequest by Hughrena MacDonald. The parcel consists of 52 acres on Brices Creek, with extensive waterfront footage on the Trent River and Brices Creek. A condition of the conveyance is that the parcel be maintained as a public park for perpetuity, and that it be conveyed to Tryon Palace, or the U.S. Government for inclusion with the Croatan National Forest in the event the County does not accept the gift. The consensus of the Board was that the parcel could be accepted without making a decision concerning its development and future use at this time.

## COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

### *Rescue Squad Driveways*

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, reported that rescue squads are eligible for NCDOT funding assistance for paving driveways at rescue facilities. The Board was advised that representatives of Twp. 7 rescue squad have been informed.

### *ABC Board Building Fund*

Mr. Blizzard advised the Board that the ABC Board has found an alternative to expansion space which no longer necessitates the special authorization to establish a separate fund for the development of a new warehouse facility, which was granted by the Board of Commissioners in 2006. The ABC Board has agreed to forward \$400,000 accumulated to date in this fund to the County. Commissioner Sisk moved to rescind the temporary authority granted to the ABC Board for maintaining a separate fund for the specific purpose of developing a warehouse facility. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. It was noted that any future needs of the ABC Board which may require such authorization may be considered when they arise.

### *Highway 70 Resolution*

Mr. Blizzard presented a resolution requesting that NCDOT conduct a feasibility study of the Highway 70 Corridor from New Bern to Havelock, which was previously approved by the Down East RPO. Commissioner Allen moved that the Board adopt an amended resolution, which follows, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

### Craven County Commissioners

### Craven County, North Carolina

## RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE HIGHWAY 70 CORRIDOR BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW BERN AND THE CITY OF HAVELOCK

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is in the process of implementing safety and congestion improvements along the Highway 70 Corridor from I-40 east to Morehead City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway 70 Corridor from I-40 east to Morehead City has continued to limit the economic growth potential of eastern North Carolina due to the inherent safety and mobility constraints caused by the significant number of traffic lights, the proliferation of driveways with direct access onto Highway 70, and the overall travel time delays of the corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, NCDOT has installed safety improvements along the section of Highway 70 Corridor between the City of New Bern and the City of Havelock which has limited access and circulation for local traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, a feasibility study of the Highway 70 Corridor between the City of New Bern and the City of Havelock will provide valuable information that will assist in

making present and future decisions regarding safety, access, and connectivity of local, tourist, and commercial traffic; and

**THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED** that the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports the selection of a feasibility study for the Highway 70 Corridor from the City of New Bern to the City of Havelock by the North Carolina Department of Transportation which will include evaluating the feasibility of a bypass versus retrofitting existing US 70, location of future interchanges, access and connectivity as well as an assessment of probable construction and right-of-way cost.

Adopted this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2008.

*St. Luke's Agreement*

Mr. Blizzard presented a lease agreement which would allow the New Bern Police Department to utilize the St. Luke's building on Mondays for approximately one half hour for canine training. The agreement was unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner McCabe and a second by Commissioner Morris.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Sisk* informed the Board that the Teen Court state competition will occur here on April 18. She has requested that Channel 10 provide coverage, which they will do for free. She inquired about the ability of the Tax Department to identify parcels by street address as well as parcel ID number on bills.

*Commissioner Morris* requested that the County consider transferring its title to foreclosed property on Swift Creek, jointly owned with the City of Vanceboro, so that it can be maintained by the City.

*Commissioner McCabe* announced that the Cherry Branch Fire Department has received a rating of seven (7), putting homeowners in a better position to be insured. He stated that the date for a February ribbon cutting will be announced.

*Commissioner Jones* reported witnessing recyclable material blowing out of a GDS truck #708 going down the road leaving the landfill. He asked that staff look into having inmates regularly scheduled for pick-up along Landfill Road. He also announced Commissioner McCabe's receipt of an achievement award by the AME Zion District.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

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Jason R. Jones, Chairman  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board