

**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, JUNE 2, 2008. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.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 the minutes of May 19, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

*Budget Amendments*

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

*Sheriff*

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-0000-399-01-00	\$69,200.00	101-2001-410-10-02	\$7,150.00
Fund Balance		Salaries	
		101-2001-410-11-01	\$2,200.00
		Fica	
		101-2001-410-11-02	\$4,400.00
		Retirement	
		101-2001-410-11-03	\$3,100.00
		Work Comp	
		101-2001-410-11-04	\$2,200.00
		Leo 5%	
		101-201-410-11-09	\$150.00
		Disability	
		101-2001-410-31-01	\$50,000.00
		Veh Exp	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$69,200.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$69,200.00</b>

**Justification:** Employee attrition and gas prices.

*DSS 7295 Senior*

101-7295-349-63-00	\$(341.00)	101-7295-450-32-01	\$(300.00)
General Purpose		Office Supplies	
101-0000-399-01-00	\$(113.00)	101-7295-450-73-02	\$(154.00)

TOTAL	\$(454.00)	TOTAL	\$(454.00)
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**Justification:** Funding allocated was less than originally anticipated, 25% match.

*DSS 7295 Senior*

101-7295-336-39-00	\$315.00	101-7295-450-39-37	\$315.00
General Donations		Health Promotion	
TOTAL	\$315.00	TOTAL	\$315.00

**Justification:** Contributions received for Yoga under health promotion grant must be expended as part of the Health Promotion Program.

*Road Addition Request*

The Planning Board requested that the Board of Commissioners adopt a standard SR-2 Road Addition Resolution adding Grantham Place and Neeley Lane located within Grantham Place Subdivision in Twp. 7 to the state maintenance system. Commissioner Sisk moved to adopt the standard SR-2 Road Addition Resolution, as requested, 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 Sisk moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Spikes Subdivision Phase II – 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 1 lot on 1.368 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an individual septic system.

Wrenrick J. Thomas and Novella Thomas Division – Final: The property, owned by Deloris H. Maximo and surveyed by Kendall Gaskins, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1449 (Pitch Kettle Landing Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 0.50 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an individual septic system.

Joy B. Sutton Division – Final: The property, owned by Joy B. Sutton and surveyed by Kendall Gaskins, is located within Twp. 2 off of SR 1614 (Sand Hill Road). The subdivision contains 2 lots on 0.92 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

*Resolution Recognizing Military Family of the Quarter*

The Board was requested to adopt the following resolution recognizing the family of Gunnery Sergeant Abraham F. Negron as Military Family of the Quarter. Commissioner Sisk moved to adopt the following resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION  
 RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY OF  
 GUNNERY SERGEANT ABRAHAM F. NEGRON  
 AS MILITARY FAMILY OF THE QUARTER**

**WHEREAS,** Gunnery Sergeant Abraham F. Negron serves as the Squadron Administrative Chief for an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Squadron at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, responsible for all of the unit’s administrative information requirements, along with the training, mentoring and development of the Marines in his work section; and

**WHEREAS**, during a recent deployment to Iraq, Gy Sgt Negon's section led the way in a number of achievements, as well as being active in self improvement activities, such as off duty education and advancement in the Marine Corp Martial Arts Program, well beyond the required minimums; and

**WHEREAS**, his wife, Mrs. Negron, is a devoted wife and dedicated mother to their three beautiful children; two daughters and one son, who are all active in a variety of recreational activities epitomizing their "team" work and leadership in their community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Craven County Board of Commissioners recognizes the family of Gunnery Sergeant Abraham F. Negron for their diligent efforts, attention to detail and devotion to duty with the United States Marine Corps and their civilian communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Craven County Board of Commissioners congratulates them on being selected Military Family of the Quarter.

Adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2008.

*Disposition of Interest in Jointly Held Property*

The Board considered a request by the City of New Bern that the County transfer its interest in jointly held property located at 513 Third Avenue to the City of New Bern. The property was acquired by the City and the County as a result of a tax foreclosure, and needs to be demolished. The City indicated acceptance of total responsibility for demolishing it. Commissioner Sisk moved to transfer the County's interest at 513 Third Avenue to the City of New Bern, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 7:00 P.M. – PROPOSED FY 2008-2009 CRAVEN COUNTY BUDGET**

Prior to the opening of the public hearing, which was advertised for 7:00 p.m. on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to hear public comment on the proposed FY 2008-2009 budget for the County, the Chairman apologized for the error that appeared in print concerning the time of the Commissioners' meeting. He stated that he would ask the Board for a second public hearing, which is not required, on June 16<sup>th</sup> to ensure that all citizens who wish to make comment have an opportunity to do so.

At 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. The following citizens spoke:

*Jimmy Sanders, Mayor of Havelock*, addressed the Board concerning his perception of funding imbalances between New Bern and Havelock, particularly in areas of funding for the senior citizens center, EMS, the library and recreation services. He asked that the Board of Commissioners consider meeting with the Havelock Commissioners, jointly, to discuss matters of disagreement.

*Niki Ingianni, 210 New Street*, indicated that she had not been aware that non-profit organizations could apply for County funding and she presented an appeal on behalf of Little Red Book Mobile, requesting \$1,000.

*Carol Hardy, American Red Cross, 6202 Cardinal Drive*, appealed to the Board for funding for Red Cross for transportation and lodging costs for disaster relief and emergency response efforts.

*Bobbi Hewlett, 33 Eastern Shore Townhouses, Bridgeton, spoke on behalf of Religious Community Services and appealed to the Board to fund this organization.*

At 7:20 p.m., there being no additional speakers, Commissioner Allen moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sisk moved to set a second public hearing, as requested by the Chairman, for 8:30 a.m. on June 16, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

#### **PETITION OF CITIZEN – CHARLIE SIMMONS**

Mr. Charlie Simmons requested to address the Board, but did not appear.

#### **NEUSE HARBOUR REQUEST**

Ms. Johnnie Bunting of 215 Drake Landing(?) requested on behalf of Neuse Harbour residents that the Board assist in getting Phase II roads within the subdivision dedicated to the state by advancing the necessary funding, to be repaid by property owners. She reminded the Board that a similar request was made and approved five years ago for Phase I and the process went well. Fifty-eight (58) petitions are needed out of seventy seven property owners. She indicated that she currently has sixty-three (63) signatures on a petition. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, indicated that the assessment resolution that was adopted for Phase I in Neuse Harbour had worked well and the improvements that were made to the road enhanced the property value. He suggested that six percent (6%) interest rate on a three year term for repayment, would be acceptable. Commissioner Sisk moved to adopt the following preliminary assessment resolution with a six percent interest rate, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sisk moved to set a public hearing on the assessment for 7:00 p.m. on July 7, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

#### **PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION**

#### **CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS-IMPROVEMENTS TO SUBDIVISION ROADS**

#### **NEUSE HARBOR PHASE TWO SUBDIVISION**

**WHEREAS**, Craven County is authorized pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-185(4) to make special assessments against benefited property within the County for all or part of the cost of “Constructing, reconstructing, paving, widening, installing curbs and gutters, and otherwise building and improving streets, as provided in G.S. §153A-205”; and,

**WHEREAS**, Craven County is authorized pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-205(b) to finance the local share of the cost of improvements made under the supervision of the Department of Transportation to subdivision and residential streets located in the County and outside a municipality, in order to bring those streets up to the standards of the Secondary Roads Council so that those streets may become a part of the State-maintained system; and in doing so shall levy and collect, pursuant to the procedures of Article 9 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes, special assessments against benefited property to recoup that portion of the costs financed by the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the local share is that share required by the policies of the Secondary Roads Council, and may be paid by Craven County from funds not otherwise limited as to use by law; and,

**WHEREAS**, Craven County has received a petition to finance the entire portion of costs of improvements to certain subdivision streets within the Neuse Harbour Phase Two Subdivision; and,

**WHEREAS**, Craven County has determined that said petition is made in full conformity with N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-205, including but not limited to being signed by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the owners of property to be assessed, who also represent at least seventy-five (75%) of all the lineal feet of frontage of the lands abutting on the streets or portions thereof to be improved; and,

**WHEREAS**, the project will be described more particularly hereafter and has been verbally approved by the Department of Transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Craven County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to finance the entire costs of said proposed project by special assessment, and in doing so, desires first to adopt a preliminary assessment resolution pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-190.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Craven County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. Craven County intends to undertake that certain project to improve Neuse Harbour Boulevard, Drake Landing, Hawkes Pointe and Tremayne Drive, all in the Neuse Harbor Phase Two Subdivision, as said streets and subdivision are depicted on the maps recorded in Plat Cabinet F, Slides 82 through 86 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County, North Carolina. Specifically excluded from this resolution is Cabot Circle, due to its current inability to become a part of the State-maintained system.
2. The project will consist of construction activities to improve said streets, so that the same may be brought up to the standards of the Secondary Road Council to become a part of the State-maintained system. It is expected that construction activities will include: such items as are necessary to bring said streets up to the standards of the Secondary Road Council to become a part of the state-maintained system.
3. The proposed basis for making assessments will be by equally assessing Lots 151 through 178, and 183 through 231 in said subdivision. Specifically excluded are Lots 179 through 182, which lots abut only Cabot Circle.
4. The entire cost of the work (100%) shall be specially assessed.
5. No assessment shall be held in abeyance.
6. Special assessments herein may be paid in annual installments over a three (3) year period, bearing interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_% per annum. The first installment is due on the date when property taxes are due, and one installment is due on the same date in each successive year until the assessment is paid in full. Any portion of an assessment that is not paid within thirty (30) days after the day that notice of confirmation of the assessment role is published shall, until paid, bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_% per annum.
7. A public hearing shall be held on the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, beginning at \_\_ o'clock \_\_.M. in the Craven County Commissioner's Room, New Bern, North Carolina. At the public hearing, the Craven County Board of Commissioners shall hear all interested persons who appear with respect to any matter covered by this resolution. The Clerk to the Craven County Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to publish notice of the preliminary assessment resolution and public hearing as required in N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-191.
8. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk, Manager, Finance Officer and County Attorney are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take all steps necessary to accomplish the purposes contained within this resolution.
9. Construction shall not commence on the project until such time as the North Carolina Department of Transportation approves the project in writing.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2008.

**HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT FUNDING  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Linda LeDrew, Chair for the Craven County Aging Planning Board (CAPB), presented the funding recommendations for the Home and Community Care Block Grant on behalf of Craven Aging Planning Board, as follows:

Budget Request	HCCBG	10% Match	Grand Total	USDA
FY 2008				
Social Services				

Care Management	\$86,025	\$9,558	\$95,583	
In Home Level II	\$126,993	\$14,110	\$141,103	
In Home Level III				
Unit Rate 14.98				
Congregate	\$85,898	\$9,544	\$95,442	\$9,592.18
15987/5.97				
Home Delvd	\$143,519	\$15,947	\$159,466	\$16,272.00
31125/5.88	\$27,120			
Transportation	\$69,887	\$7,765	\$77,652	
Unit Rate 6.06				
CC Health Hospice				
In Home Level III		\$0	\$0	
Unit Rate 16.25				
Senior Companion	\$30,668	\$3,408	\$34,076	
Unit Rate 4.0849				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$542,990</b>	<b>\$60,332</b>	<b>\$603,322</b>	
.60 USDA Per Unit	Recommended	Units	USDA	
Congregate 5.97	95,442/5.97	15986.93467	9592.160804	
Home Delvd 5.88	159466/5.88	27120.06803	16272.04082	

Commissioner Sisk moved to accept the recommendations for the distribution of the Home and Community Care Block Grant funds, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

*Planning Board*

The Board received a recommendation from the Planning Board that Ms. Jessie White, whose term is about to expire, be considered for reappointment. Commissioner Sampson nominated Ms. White and there being no additional nominees, she was reappointed by acclamation following a motion by Commissioner Sampson to waive the term limit established by the Commissioner’s by-laws, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

*NACo Voting Delegate*

The Board considered an appointment for a voting delegate to the Annual NACo Conference in July. Commissioner Sampson nominated the Chairman. There being no other nominees, Commissioner Jones was appointed in this capacity by acclamation. Commissioner Allen indicated the advisability of appointing an alternate and Commissioner Sampson nominated the Vice Chairman to serve in this capacity. There were no other nominations, and Commissioner McCabe was appointed as alternate by acclamation.

**COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS**

*Commissioner Morris* congratulated West Craven Middle School History Bowl Team for their state championship and the New Bern High School Track Team.

*Commissioner Sisk* commented that there had been another accident at the River Bend intersection where there have been efforts pursued to get a traffic light installed. She stated that she has sent correspondence to DOT Division Engineer, Neil Lassiter, expressing her concerns.

*Commissioner Sampson* commented on Commissioner McCabe’s remarks at Willie Dawson’s retirement, and gas prices.

*Commissioner Jones* commended the Board of Commissioners for their efforts during deliberations on the budget for FY 2008-2009.

*Commissioner Tyson and Commissioner Allen* expressed interest in discussing a change in Craven County's revaluation schedule to consider four year intervals as opposed to the current eight year intervals for revaluation after completion of the budget process.

At 7:52 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to recess to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on June 4<sup>th</sup> in budget work session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe 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