

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 16, 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 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 Sisk and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2008 regular session and May 27 and 28, 2008 reconvened sessions, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried, with corrections cited by Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Sampson.

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 Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Transfer Out/Reserve

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$350,000.00	101-0567-400-98-16 To Fund 371 Reserve	\$350,000.00
JOURNAL ENTRY			
101-0567-400-98-16 To Fd 371 Reserve	\$350,000.00	101-0000-101-00-00 Cash	\$350,000.00
371-0000-101-00-00 Cash	\$350,000.00	371-0000-366-01-00 Fr General Fd	\$350,000.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	TOTAL	\$0.00

Justification: Budget amendment – Budget fund balance in the amount of \$350,000 to be transferred to Reserve Fd 371 (Advance in Capital Reserve for FY 2009 not included in FY 2009 budget). Journal Entry – Transfer funds from General Fund 101 to Reserve Fd 371.

General

101-6502-371-02-00 Hospice – Medicare	\$5,200.00	101-6500-440-32-17 Med Supplies – Ancillary	\$5,200.00
TOTAL	\$5,200.00	TOTAL	\$5,200.00

Justification: When budget was originally submitted, it was unknown that the Hospice patient load would be significantly higher this year than last. This has resulted in higher than anticipated medical supplies cost as well as higher Medicare revenues. The estimated Medicare revenue well exceeds the budgeted revenue by \$100,000+. Requested adjustment for expenditure line in order to cover projected shortage by the end of the fiscal year.

CARTS – Multiple

101-7002-368-13-00	\$12,500.00	101-7001-450-31-01	\$12,500.00
Rural General Public		Veh Exp	
101-7026-348-26-00	\$12,500.00	101-7026-450-39-25	\$12,500.00
Rural General Public		Craven	
101-7026-348-34-00	\$(4,500.00)	101-7026-450-39-50	\$(4,500.00)
Jones RGP		Jones	
101-7026-348-43-00	\$(8,000.00)	101-7026-450-39-51	\$(8,000.00)
Pamlico		Pamlico	
101-7026-348-43-00	\$15,359.00	101-7026-450-39-51	\$15,359.00
Pamlico		Pamlico	
TOTAL	\$27,859.00	TOTAL	\$27,859.00

Justification: Rural General Public funds are being under utilized by Jones (\$4,500) and Pamlico (\$8,000). They are being transferred to Craven. Pamlico County also had unbudgeted funds available.

DSS 7291 Mandated

101-7291-349-10-00	\$9,500.00	101-7291-450-39-26	\$9,500.00
Day Care Combined		Child Day Care	
TOTAL	\$9,500.00	TOTAL	\$9,500.00

Justification: Additional funds allocated by Division of Child Development for Regular Day Care Subsidy. There is no County match.

Schools

101-0000-303-00-00	\$3,000.00	101-8500-480-37-12	\$3,000.00
Late List Penalty		Penalties	
TOTAL	\$3,000.00	TOTAL	\$3,000.00

Justification: Late listing penalties are exceeding amount budgeted; \$500 left in account and two more months to post.

DSS/Transfer Out/Schools Debt Service

101-7291-450-39-03	\$528,107.00	101-0567-400-97-07	\$528,107.00
Medicaid		Medicaid/ADM	
JOURNAL ENTRY			
101-0567-400-97-07	\$528,107.00	101-0000-101-00-00	\$528,107.00
Medicaid ADM		Cash	
275-0000-101-00-00	\$528,107.00	275-0000-366-54-00	\$528,107.00
Cash		Medicaid/ADM	

Justification: Transfer funds from DSS Medicaid to Transfer Out to Schools Debt Service – Medicaid Hold Harmless ADM.

Journal Entry – Transfer from General Transfer Out to Schools Debt Service

DSS 7295 Senior

101-7295-336-39-0	\$35.00	101-7295-450-39-37	\$35.00
General Donations		Health Promotion	
TOTAL	\$35.00	TOTAL	\$35.00

Justification: Contributions received for Yoga under Health Promotion Grant must be expended as part on the Health Promotion Program.

Schools Debt Service

275-0000-348-68-00	\$90,957.00	275-8500-492-80-11	\$90,957.00
Lottery Proceeds		Debt Service	
TOTAL	\$90,957.00	TOTAL	\$90,957.00

Justification: Budget lottery proceeds to cover close out of First Citizens debt.

Convention Center

101-8201-357-70-00	\$14,000.00	101-8201-430-98-16	\$18,000.00
Catering Commission		Cty Reserve FD 371	
101-8201-335-00-0	\$1,500.00		
Miscellaneous			
101-8201-357-81-0	\$1,000.00		
Equipment Rental			
101-8201-357-83-0	\$1,500.00		
Utility Services			
TOTAL	\$18,000.00	TOTAL	\$18,000.00

Advance from General Fund to West Craven Park Project

The Board was requested to advance funds up to \$50,000 to the Northwest Craven Park Project, pending receipt of Parks and Recreation Grant funds from the state. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the advance, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

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 Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ARMOND, WILLIE EVA NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN COUNTY 01/01/2007	2007-0001447	\$12.69
BALLARD, BRENDA DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0002422	\$68.82
CASHWELL, THOMAS J & MARY C INCORRECT SITUS-LISTED IN WAKE CO	2008-0090035	\$48.88
DANIELS, GENE C DOUBLE LISTED WITH ACCT #57044	2007-0013459	\$58.84

GARRIS, RAYMOUND EUGENE & ARLE NOT LOCATED IN CRAVEN CO 01/01/2007	2007-0020243	\$25.84
GODETTE, WALTER LEE HRS CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2007-0021602	\$158.10
LANGLEY, CHRIS DID NOT OWN 01/01/07	2007-0091655	\$383.87
SINCLAIR, RUSSELL T & LEE ANN MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 07 LES-TX ECC-08/21/07	2007-0050006	\$53.10
SMITH, WILLIAM M MILITARY-HIS NAME ONLY 08 LES-TX ECC-12/31/07	2007-0091297	\$140.79
WEST, ARANI B SCE RECEIVED ON ACCT #24008	2007-0058137	\$148.69
WILLIAMS, ERNESTINE B PROPERTY VACANT	2007-0090175	\$36.86
	11 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$1,136.48

Refunds

WHITAKER, HERMAN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0054081	\$23.82
WHITAKER, HERMAN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2004	2004-0054647	\$22.75
WHITAKER, HERMAN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2005	2005-0056112	\$23.80
WHITAKER, HERMAN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2006	2006-0057043	\$22.17
WHITAKER, HERMAN DID NOT OWN 01/01/2007	2007-0058786	\$21.48
	5 – REFUND (S)	\$114.02

J. T. Barber School Proclamation

The Board received a request at its reconvened session on May 27 from the West Street/J.T. Barber Alumni Association for adoption of the following proclamation, recognizing the school’s acceptance onto the National Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the following proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**PROCLAMATION
FOR THE INDUCTION
OF J. T. BARBER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
INTO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

WHEREAS, J. T. Barber School first opened its doors to area students as a middle school in 1952, and shortly thereafter evolved into a high school; and

WHEREAS, J. T. Barber has seen several transformations, first into a high school, then back into a middle school , and most recently into an elementary school; and

WHEREAS, J. T. Barber School has, at every stage of its evolution, been exemplary in its preparation of students of any age, always upholding the highest standards reflecting the values of Professor John Thomas Barber, for whom the school was named; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished legacy of this world-class institution has earned it a place in history, and a very special place in the hearts of those who passed through its halls, wherever they may be; and

WHEREAS, J. T. Barber Elementary School was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Board of Commissioners congratulates the West Street/J. T. Barber Alumni Association on this accomplishment.

FURTHER, the Board of Commissioners recognizes the important role this esteemed institution has played over the years in shaping generations of our young citizens, and guiding their contributions to our community, the State of North Carolina, the nation and the world.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2008.

Subdivisions for Approval

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, presented the following subdivisions for the Board's approval. Commissioner Allen moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Paradise Acres – Final: The property, owned by Lewis & Associates and surveyed by Robert Davis, is located within Twp. 2 off of SR 1435 (Cool Springs Road). The subdivision contains 19 lots on 10.858 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

River Trace Section IV, Phase V & Section V – Final: The property, owned by A. Properties, LLC, and engineered by Avolis Engineering, is located within Twp. 7 off Acorn Drive. The subdivision contains 29 lots on 19.86 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

Creekwood Phase VI – Final: The property, owned by Trent River Builders and surveyed by Atlantic Survey & Design, is located within Twp 7 off of Oakley Drive. The subdivision contains 8 lots on 2.42 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and City of New Bern sewer.

Request to Set Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit

The Planning Department requested that a public hearing be set for July 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments regarding the parcel located at 115 Justine Drive, Lot 8 Bernwood Commercial Phase IV. The property, owned by Gary Garera, is vacant but proposed as a commercial building for rent. Commissioner Allen moved to set a public hearing for July 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments regarding the parcel located at 115 Justine Drive, Lot 8 Bernwood Commercial Phase IV, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2008-2009 BUDGET

At 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, to receive public comment on the FY 2008-2009 budget. Commissioner Sampson seconded the motion. The following citizens spoke:

Mary Ann Harper spoke in support of funding for Promise Place. She provided an update on the agency and spoke with the Board concerning its accomplishments. In addition, she thanked the Board for its support of the agency in the past.

Theresa Lee of Neuse River Community Development Corporation, thanked the Board for their past support and partnership, particularly in the donation of the house at the airport property. She reported that the house is complete in its new location and available for sale. She invited the Board to come by and see it. She also indicated her support for funding of the non-profit community as a whole, which helps to sustain a good quality of life for Craven County citizens.

Joyce Maney, spoke in support of appropriation to the Vanceboro Christian Help Center and thanked the Board for its past support.

At 8:40 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McCabe. There being no additional citizens who wished to speak, the motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Chairman presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, and the Finance Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. This award is the highest recognition given for governmental financial accounting and reporting and is conferred by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION FOR CRAVEN COUNTY'S NEW YORK GIANTS TEAM MEMBERS

The following resolution was adopted for presentation to Mr. Guy Whimper, Jr. by motion of Commissioner Sampson, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION CONTRATULATING CRAVEN COUNTY'S SONS GUY WHIMPER, JR. ANTHONY WRIGHT

WHEREAS, Guy Whimper, Jr. graduated from Havelock High School in 2001, where he was an All-Conference performer as a defensive end; and

WHEREAS, he proceeded to East Carolina University to major in Communications, while continuing to perform on the football field, and was drafted in 2005 by the New York Giants; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Wright, a graduate of West Craven High School, went on to the University of South Carolina where he performed as a starting quarterback; and

WHEREAS, he subsequently played with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Dallas Cowboys, Baltimore Ravens, and Cincinnati Bengals, eventually being signed by the New York Giants in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Guy Whimper, Jr. and Anthony Wright were members of the 2007 New York Giants Super Bowl XLII Championship Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whimper and Mr. Wright have turned their thoughts to the homefront, and how they may be able to "give back" to their respective communities in Craven County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Board of Commissioners congratulates Mr. Whimper and Mr. Wright, and, on behalf of Craven County citizens, expresses pride in their accomplishments.

FURTHER, the Craven County Board of Commissioners extends wishes for continued success.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2008.

Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the resolution for presentation also to Mr. Anthony Wright, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. Members of Mr. Whimper's and Mr. Wright's families were present to accept the resolution.

TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT FEES

Health Director, Wanda Sandelé, stated that new fees that are being imposed for temporary food establishments were neither recommended nor approved by the Craven County Board of Health. She stated that the fees are imposed by the state and that the local Board of Health and Board of Commissioners have no authority to take any action relative to those fees. She explained that the fees are not applicable to food vendors who operate no more than once a month and explained that two days of the same event constitutes one occasion. She also explained that the new fees would apply to school concession stands. In response to concerns of the Board that the new fees would increase the workload in her department, Ms. Sandelé stated that it would not produce any strain on the workload because the permitting is already occurring; however, it is being done for free.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTION OF LAND USE PLAN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT GRANT CONTRACT

Chad Strawn presented the following resolution for the Board's approval:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTION OF A LAND USE PLAN (LUP) PLANNING & MANAGEMENT GRANT CONTRACT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE *Board of Commissioners* of *Craven County*, North Carolina.

A regular meeting of the *Board of Commissioners* of *Craven County* was held in the *Commissioners Meeting Room*, the regular meeting place, on *June 16, 2008*. There were _____ *Commissioners* present.

The *Board of Commissioners* was advised that a proposed contract between the *County* and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for the provision of Planning & Management grant funds was presented for the project known as the *Craven County CAMA Core Land Use Plan* and discussed; that, under the terms of the said contract, the *County* will pay a total of **\$13,283** as its local share of the total project costs (\$6,642 cash match; \$6,641 in-kind match).

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE *Board of Commissioners* of *Craven County*:

- 1) That the contract between *Craven County* and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources be and the same is hereby approved.
- 2) That the *Chairman* and the Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign and execute the said contract for and on behalf of *Craven County* and forward the same to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 3) That upon final execution, a copy of said contract be filed with the minutes. Upon motion of *Chairman*, seconded by *Commissioner* _____, said resolution was passed unanimously.

I, (*Name*), Clerk of *Craven County*, North Carolina do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of the *Board of Commissioners* at a meeting held on *June 16, 2008* as related to the contract between *Craven County* and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, relative to the Planning & Management Land Use Plan project for *Craven County*, North Carolina.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the said *Craven County*, North Carolina this the 16th day of June, 2008

Commissioner Allen moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS – JULY

The Board was advised of upcoming appointments on:

- Eastern Carolina Council of Governments (James Jackson)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (Charles Fisher, John Williams)
- Fire Tax Commissioner (William Laughinghouse)
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Alvin Burney, Cindy Carol, Sarah Loest, Pete Monte, Jan Parker, Sandra Phelps)
- River Bend Planning board (Tom Zak)

CONSIDERATION OF FY 2008-2009 BUDGET ORDINANCE

The Budget Ordinance for FY 2008-2009 was brought forward for the Board’s consideration. Commissioner Tyson expressed appreciation to staff for hard work in preparing the budget in a tough budget year. He expressed concern about next year’s budget and recommended that staff start looking at conservation measures for the upcoming year, especially in the area of gas consumption. Commissioner Allen recommended acting upon the budget ordinance and handling any proposed changes by budget amendment. Commissioner Jones stated that Township Three Fire Department did not want to deplete all of its fund balance and did not wish to request an increase in the fire tax for next year. As a result, they requested that the Board approve raising the fire tax by a whole cent this year. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the budget ordinance, as follows, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

SECTION I

The following amounts are appropriated for expenditure in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Commissioners	\$ 448,677
Special Appropriations	\$ 478,477
Administration	\$ 621,000
Human Resources	\$ 408,654
Information Technology	\$ 1,002,129
GIS Mapping	\$ 317,191
Finance	\$ 766,642
Non Departmental	\$ 1,373,500
Pass Through	\$ 261,574
Contributions to Other Funds	\$ 145,589
Elections	\$ 245,336
Tax Assessor	\$ 926,890
Tax Collector	\$ 510,902
Register of Deeds	\$ 1,047,510
Public Buildings	\$ 4,489,179

Court Facilities	\$ 605,946
Maintenance	\$ 433,913
Central Maintenance Garage	\$ 313,472
Sheriff	\$ 5,070,840
Jail	\$ 3,008,372
Communications	\$ 496,814
Fire Marshall/ Emergency Management	\$ 334,478
Inspections	\$ 524,835
Medical Examiner	\$ 69,000
Rescue Squads	\$ 1,370,845
Solid Waste	\$ 3,947,871
Planning	\$ 524,938
Soil Conservation	\$ 117,386

SECTION I (continued)

Cooperative Extension	\$ 345,705
Economic Development	\$ 624,177
Health	\$ 9,873,977
Mental Health	\$ 272,827
Transportation – CARTS	\$ 1,229,069
Elderly Handicap	\$ 99,895
General Public Transportation	\$ 154,330
CARTS – WORK FIRST	\$ 16,394
Veterans Services	\$ 132,154
Social Services	\$ 22,704,479
Recreation	\$ 1,167,699
Libraries	\$ 1,208,255
Convention Center	\$ 1,163,803
Craven County Schools	
Current Expense	\$ 17,004,838
Current Expense – Technology	\$ 50,000
Current Expense - Teacher Supplement	\$ 260,000
Current Expense - Late List Penalty	\$ 70,000
Current Expense - Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 60,000
Capital Outlay	\$ 900,000
Transfer to Debt Service Fund	\$ 3,927,000
Craven Community College	
Current Expense	\$ 3,255,130
Capital Outlay	\$ 75,000
Debt Service Principal	\$ 100,000
Debt Service Interest	\$ 60,800

TOTAL **\$ 94,617,492**

SECTION II

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Current Year's Property Taxes	\$	36,835,979
Prior Year's Property Taxes		220,000
Vehicle Property Taxes		5,091,152
Prior Year's Vehicle Property Taxes		400,000
Late Listing Penalty		70,000
Annual Fee (Solid Waste/Recycling)		1,482,216
In Lieu of Taxes		160,500
Penalty and Interest		267,275
Interest - Investments		1,002,000
Miscellaneous Revenue		185,080
Donations/Contributions		84,290
Beer & Wine State		165,000
One Cent Sales Tax		6,515,000
One Half Cent Sales Tax – Article 40		4,379,000

SECTION II (Continued)

One Half Cent Sales Tax – Article 42		4,366,000
One Half Cent Sales Tax –Article 44		2,025,000
Alcoholic Beverage Control		273,000
Grants – Other		65,000
State Revenues		1,368,415
State Grants		13,989,245
Court Fees		330,000
Sheriff Fees		130,000
First Party Payment for Services		83,100
Third Party Payment for Services		334,434
Fees for Services		6,023,340
Transfers In From Other Funds		1,713,179
Inter-Departmental		445,420

Inter-Governmental	750,318
Medicaid	2,378,430
Medicare	1,590,500
Medicaid Maximization	528,242
Federal Revenue	309,263
Fund Balance Appropriated	1,057,114
Total	\$94,617,492

SECTION III

The following amount is appropriated to the Seized Property – Sheriff’s Department Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Expense:

Miscellaneous	\$21,100
Total	\$21,100

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Seized Property – Sheriff’s Department Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Substance Abuse Tax – State	\$ 21,100
Total	\$ 21,100

SECTION IV

The following amount is appropriated for the Emergency Telephone System for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Emergency Telephone System Expense	\$ 411,436
Total	\$ 411,436

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Emergency Telephone System during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Street Signs	\$ 4,000
Telephone Subscriber Charges	407,436



Total **\$ 411,436**

SECTION V

The following amounts are appropriated for the Rhems Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Workers Compensation	\$ 2,090
Insurance	1,043
Payment to District	197,496
Total	\$200,629

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Rhems Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$131,452
(Rate of .0425; Valuation of \$ 315,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	54,687
Sales Tax Hold Harmless	6,490
Fund Balance Appropriated	8,000
Total	\$200,629

SECTION VI

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 1 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,900
Insurance	1,043
Payment to District	188,200
Payment to Little Swift Creek Fire Department	6,726
Total	\$ 199,869

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 1 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	134,285
(Rate of .0263; Valuation of 520,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	51,476
Sales Tax Hold Harmless	6,108

Fund Balance Appropriated	8,000
Total	\$199,869

SECTION VII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Tri-Community Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Workers Compensation	\$ 5,115
Insurance	1,043
Payment to District	260,201
Payment from Sandy Point	8,588
Total	\$ 274,947

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Tri-Community Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 175,269
(Rate of .0350; Valuation of \$510,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	70,701
Sales Tax Hold Harmless	8,389
Sandy Point Appropriation	8,588
Fund Balance Appropriated	12,000
Total	\$274,947

SECTION VIII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Little Swift Creek Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,200
Insurance	1,043
Payment to District	110,578
From Twp #1 Vanceboro	6,726
Total	\$ 121,547

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Little Swift Creek Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 74,153
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(Rate of .0590; Valuation of \$128,000,000.00)

Sales Tax	31,345
Sales Tax Hold Harmless	3,719
From Township #1 Vanceboro	6,726
Fund Balance Appropriated	5,604
Total	\$ 121,547

SECTION IX

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 3 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Workers Compensation - Cove City	\$ 1,965
Insurance - Cove City	803
Payment to Cove City	57,514
Cove City Payment from Township #9	3,000
Payment to Dover	44,356
Workers Compensation - Fort Barnwell	2,200
Insurance - Fort Barnwell	829
Payment to Fort Barnwell	60,799
Total	\$ 171,466

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 3 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 114,263
(Rate of .0781; Valuation of \$149,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	42,607
Sales Tax Hold Harmless	5,056
Payment from Township #9 to Cove City	3,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	6,540
Total	\$71,466

SECTION X

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 5 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Workers Compensation	\$	1,650
Insurance		1,042
Payment to District		238,219
Total		\$ 240,911

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 5 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	164,370
(Rate of .0620; Valuation of \$270,000,000.00)		
Sales Tax		68,422
Sales Tax Hold Harmless		8,119
Total		\$ 240,911

SECTION XI

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 6 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009

Workers Compensation	\$	2,300
Insurance		1,042
Capital Reserve		2,685
Payment to District		250,000
Total		\$256,027

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 6 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	170,851
(Rate of .0600; Valuation of \$290,000,000.00)		
Sales Tax		76,141
Sales Tax Hold Harmless		9,035
Total		\$256,027

SECTION XII

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 7 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,575
Insurance	1,042
Capital Reserve	2,910
Payment to District	321,796
Total	\$ 329,323

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 7 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 219,160
(Rate of .024; Valuation of \$930,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	98,477
Sales Tax –Hold Harmless	11,686
Total	\$ 329,323

SECTION XIII

The following amounts are appropriated for the West of New Bern Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Workers Compensation	\$ 4,125
Insurance	1,043
Payment to District	371,500
Total	\$ 376,668

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the West of New Bern Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 258,976
(Rate of .0422; Valuation of \$625,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	93,048
Sales Tax-Hold Harmless	11,041
Fund Balance Appropriated	13,603
Total	\$ 376,668

SECTION XIV

The following amounts are appropriated for the Township No. 9 Fire Department Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Workers Compensation	\$ 3,200
Insurance	1,043
Payment to District	179,435
Payment to Cove City	3,000
Total	\$ 186,678

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Township No. 9 Fire Department Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 116,916
(Rate of .0713; Valuation of \$167,000,000.00)	
Sales Tax	49,762
Sales Tax – Hold Harmless	5,905
Fund Balance Appropriated	14,095
Total	\$ 186,678

SECTION XV

The following amounts are appropriated for the Sandy Point Service District for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Transfer to Tri Community	8,588
Total	\$ 8,588

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Sandy Point Service District during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

District Ad Valorem Taxes	5,846
(Rate of .05670; Valuation of \$10,500,000.00)	
Sales Tax	2,451
Sales Tax – Hold Harmless	291
Total	\$ 8,588

SECTION XVI

The following amount is appropriated for the Schools Debt Service for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Debt Service Expenses	\$6,374,163
Total	\$6,374,163

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Schools Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Interest	\$ 200,000
Sales Tax	3,927,000
State ADM	900,000
Lottery Proceeds	1,000,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	347,163
Total	\$ 6,374,163

SECTION XVII

The following amount is appropriated for the County Reserve Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Transfer to General County Projects	\$369,000
Total	\$369,000

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the County Reserve Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending July 1, 2009.

Reserve Fund Balance Appropriated	\$369,000
Total	\$369,000

SECTION XVIII

The following amount is appropriated for the Craven County Water Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Water Operations Expense	\$ 3,733,700
Total	\$ 3,733,700

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Craven County Water Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Penalty and Interest	\$ 83,500
Interest on Investments	225,000
Fees	309,000
Water Sales	3,100,000

Rents	16,200
Total	\$ 3,733,700

SECTION XIX

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Number Six Township Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Debt Service	\$ 94,816
Total	\$ 94,816

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Number Six Township Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Transfers in from Water Operating Fund	\$ 94,816
Total	\$ 94,816

SECTION XX

The following amount is appropriated for expenditures in the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Debt Service	\$ 146,657
Total	\$ 146,657

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Northwest Craven Water and Sewer – Debt Service Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Transfers in From Water Operating Fund	\$ 146,657
Total	\$ 146,657

SECTION XXI

The following amount is appropriated to the Health Benefits Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Health Benefits	\$ 3,835,668
Workers Compensation	\$ 480,000

Auto Physical Damage	\$ 50,000
Total	\$ 4,365,668

It is estimated the following revenues will be available in the Health Benefits Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Health Benefits:

Interest	\$ 50,000
Employer Contribution – Health	3,283,380
Employee Contribution - Health	171,532
Employer Contribution - Dental	241,536
Employee Contribution - Dental	89,220
Workers Compensation Fees	480,000
Regular vehicle Expense	50,000
Total	\$ 4,365,668

The above revenues reflect the following rates, which are changed for Health Coverage:

Health – Employee	\$ 435
Child Only	175
Family	424
Dental – Employee	32
Child Only	35
Family	45

SECTION XXII

The following amount is appropriated to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) - Juvenile Restitution Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

JJDP - Juvenile Restitution Expense	\$ 49,000
Total	\$ 49,000

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Program (JJDP) - Juvenile Restitution Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

JJDP- Juvenile Restitution	\$ 49,000
Total	\$ 49,000

SECTION XXIII

The following amount is appropriated for the Occupancy Tax Trust Fund for its operation during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.



Transfer to General Fund	\$ 798,644
City of Havelock	97,000
Administration Fees	40
Total	\$ 895,684

It is estimated the following revenue will be available in the Occupancy Tax Trust Fund during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Revenue:

Tourism Development Authority Occupancy Tax	\$ 895,684
Total	\$ 895,684

SECTION XXIV

There is levied a tax rate of \$.61 per \$100.00 valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2008, for the purpose of raising revenues listed as current year's property tax in Section II of this Ordinance.

The rate of tax is based on an estimated valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$7,000,000,000.00 and an estimated collection rate of 98.19% real property and motor vehicles.

SECTION XXV

The Budget Officer is authorized to make line item transfers within each department.

The Budget Officer is authorized to transfer between departments within the same fund amounts not to exceed \$20,000.00.

The Budget Officer is authorized to loan dollars between funds for the purpose of maintaining a constant cash flow, provided that such funds are repaid in the scope of this Fiscal Year.

The Budget Officer is authorized to freeze any new/vacant positions until such time as the necessity and imperativeness can be ascertained and assuredness of available fiscal funding can be better determined.

The Budget Officer is further authorized to decide the time any capital improvements or capital outlay items in the budget may be processed.

SECTION XXVI

Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out the duties of that office.

This Ordinance is hereby adopted this 16TH day of June, 2008.

Following adoption of the budget ordinance several appropriations were requested to be presented as amendments to the newly adopted budget. Commissioner McCabe moved that an additional \$10,000 be appropriated for the Havelock Library, seconded by Commissioner Allen. During discussion, Commissioner Sisk indicated that the library had been given all that was requested and inquired about the proposed use of the additional \$10,000. Commissioner Morris expressed the same concern and stated that the City of Havelock is intending to decrease its appropriation to the library by \$10,000.

Commissioner Allen indicated that the library needs additional staff. Commissioner Sampson stated that the New Bern Library also needs more funds and that he would not feel comfortable voting on an increase in funds to the Havelock Library without increasing the appropriation to the New Bern Library. Commissioner Jones stated that all monies that had been requested had been appropriated to the Havelock Library, whereas the Board did not fully fund requests for the other libraries. He stated that he would not be able to vote for the motion without feeling the other libraries would be cheated. The motion failed, there being two (2) "Ayes" from Commissioners Allen and McCabe and five (5) "Nays" from Commissioners Jones, Morris, Sampson, Sisk and Tyson.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, advised the Board that a small parcel on Sutton's Alley in New Bern, which is jointly owned by the City and the County, has a tax value of \$1,950. He stated that the City has received an offer for sale of the parcel at \$2,300. Commissioner Allen moved to transfer the County's interest in the parcel to the City so that it can be disposed of, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Morris appealed for remembrance of two men who were killed in Jones County responding to an accident. He congratulated graduating seniors of Craven County. He further noted two legislative issues, as follows:

- the present use value bill being considered would have a negative impact on the tax base
- the land transfer tax, which was approved by the General Assembly in last year's session, is in jeopardy and he urged Commissioners and citizens to talk to their legislators to try to stop the removal of the option.

Commissioner Sisk stated that she received a letter from a citizen who had lost a loved one in Iraq and who is looking for others in similar circumstances to form a support group. She appealed to any citizens who are interested to contact her directly concerning this.

Commissioner Sampson congratulated Craven County graduates and urged that the positive things that young people do are highlighted. He commented on the constantly escalating gas prices and stressed the co-dependence among people in the community.

Commissioner Allen reported on his attendance at the Havelock High School graduation; which was conducted in a very orderly manner.

Commissioner McCabe commented on his attendance at the funeral for a Pamlico Firefighter who died in the line of duty. He stated that his district is witnessing improvements, especially with the roads.

Commissioner Jones reported on Assembly Day at the North Carolina General Assembly and read the resolution recognizing 1908 Craven County Commissioner C.E. Foy, as follows:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2172

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF C.E. FOY, CRAVEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ON THE ASSOCIATION'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY AND RECOGNIZING ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF COUNTY UNITY

WHEREAS, Craven County Commissioner C.E. Foy convened a group of

County Commissioners in New Bern in 1908 to discuss County issues of common interest, leading to an informal agreement to form the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, C.E. Foy was elected president of the unofficial association at its first session, held at the Atlantic Hotel in Morehead City on August 19, 1908; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly passed an act on March 8, 1909, to establish the association on behalf of counties, naming C.E. Foy as the association's president; and

WHEREAS, C.E. Foy's leadership fostered the present-day North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, an advocacy and service organization made up of all 100 North Carolina counties; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and talents of individual County Commissioners like C.E. Foy, along with County staff, have led the Association's success in advocacy, County-centered services, and educational programs; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly recognizes and honors the memory of C.E. Foy and the founders of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for their vision, commends the counties of North Carolina for 100 years of unity, extends congratulations on the Association's centennial anniversary, and looks forward to a second century of service by the Association on behalf of the counties of North Carolina.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

He announced the upcoming recognition of deceased Craven County native Ervin T. Rouse, musician and composer, on June 28 and expressed sympathy to the family of former Commissioner Harold Talton on his passing. Commissioner Jones also stated that he has received calls concerning heat exposure for animals and urged citizens to remember proper treatment of pets and livestock during the extremely hot and dry periods.

At 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

Chairman Jason R. Jones
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board