

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, AUGUST 4, 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 McCabe moved to approve minutes of the July 7, 2008 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ALLIED HEALTH INSTITUTE NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2006	2006-0000756	\$8.30
ANGLIN, JOHN H RELEASE 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0001337	\$.13
APPLEGATE, SHEM ASHER RELEASE 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0001389	\$1.05
ARTHUR FARMS CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2008-0090099	\$237.70
ARTHUR FARMS CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2008-0090097	\$147.58
ARTHUR FARMS CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2008-0090098	\$116.05
BIRCHETT, MARC CARLTON RELEASE 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0004615	\$.26
JACOBSON, LINDA J RELEASE 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0028651	\$4.75

L C MASONRY AND CONSTRUCTION L2007-0032060 NOT IN BUSINESS 01/01/2007		\$24.28
LITTLETON, BEN G RELEASE 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0033869	\$.19
LUCY, SEAN RELEASE 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091489	\$6.05
MILLS, NOAH L CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2008-0090112	\$163.99
MILLS, NOAH L CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2008-0090111	\$57.52
MORRIS, JIMMIE L & JANICE M CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2008-0090113	\$241.77
RATHBUN, WILLIAM J RELEASE 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0045527	\$2.29
SEBALD, SEAN RELEASE 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091518	\$1.00
SUTTON, RODNEY M & MARIETTA D CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2008-0090119	\$486.16
TYNDALL MARINE RELEASE 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091548	\$4.28
	18 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$1,503.35
<i>Refunds</i>		
ALBERS, GROVER REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0000444	\$.14
ALLEN, SHIRLEY JANE REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0000753	\$.37
ALTMAN, MATTHEW REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0000857	\$3.12
ANDERSON, BERT REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0001032	\$.37
ANSTEAD, CLIFFORD ALLEN JR REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0001359	\$1.92
AUTH, DONALD JOHN REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0001913	\$.76
BENTON, CHARLES FRANKLIN & LIN REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0004273	\$.16
BENTON, RAYMOND & ELLEN AGNES REFUND 1 MO SSD ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0004293	\$23.10
BENTON, RAYMOND & ELLEN AGNES REFUND 1MO SSD ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0004293	\$4.03

BENTON, RAYMOND E REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0004298	\$1.47
BESSEY, RAYMOND E REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0004418	\$.26
BURKE, JAMES GRAHAM JR & NANCY REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0007746	\$.21
CALDWELL, ROBERT REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0008170	\$1.13
CARTER, CLYDE EDWIN REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0009025	\$.42
DAIL, HENRY REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0013262	\$4.62
DECKER, GREGORY REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0014354	\$.23
DENEST, DAVID M REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0014540	\$.22
ERICKSON, CHRIS REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0017221	\$.81
ERIKSSON, LEIF F & SHIRLEY REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0017239	\$.30
EWANCHEW, JOSEPH EUGENE REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091252	\$.91
FESAK, MATTHEW REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0017985	\$.94
GARY, JOHN REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0020301	\$.11
GODFREY, STEVE REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0021624	\$.07
GOODELL, MARTHA C REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0021780	\$1.62
GRAY, CHRISTIE PAMELA REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0022115	\$1.70
GRVAU, SALLY REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091259	\$1.06
HANNON, JOHN D REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0023589	\$.81
HASSELL, LEWIS REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091265	\$.14
HINES, LARRY REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0026424	\$.57

HOLMES, ELAINE R REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0026836	\$.46
HOOD, JOHN C III REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0027015	\$.05
HUGHES, ROBERT G & MARILYN J REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0027627	\$.94
HUNTER, JEANETTE E; LANE, JACQU REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0027820	\$3.86
JENSO, JOHN F & MILDRED M REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0029104	\$.15
KELLUM, DALTON REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0030740	\$1.18
KLEIN, KENNETH REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0031490	\$2.46
LEATHER, JEFF REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0032892	\$.12
LEWIS, CECIL O REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0033255	\$.23
LINDSEY, BRIAN EDWARD & TAMMY REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0033717	\$.78
LISTER, MARSHALL BRENT & MARY REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0033814	\$.74
MAGGIO, ROBERT P & KELLY C REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091280	\$.12
MCCLURE, JAMES REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0036257	\$.48
MCCORMICK, GAIL REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0036305	\$.21
MICHEL, TAD & PAMELA BROWN REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0037782	\$.15
MONROE, GRAHAM A & VIRGINIA G REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091286	\$.23
MORRISON, BRUCE AUSTIN REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0039768	\$.05
MOULTON, ROBERT R & DAVIES, PA REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091287	\$1.50
NEWMAN, EDWIN REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0041085	\$1.31
NICHOLSON, ROBERT M REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0041182	\$.20
PARKER, ALBERT W REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0042585	\$.61

POTTER, TIMOTHY G REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0044377	\$.65
PURCELL, DAVID REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0044991	\$.13
QUIDLEY, ELTON REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0045173	\$.22
RANDALL, RICHARD D REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0045448	\$.39
RICE, RICHARD N & DEBBY G REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0046147	\$.15
RICHARDS, EDDIE W REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0046206	\$.12
SCHROCK, RANDY REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0048745	\$.25
SCHULZ, FREDERICK PETER & GERA REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0048791	\$.14
SIMONS, CHRISTOPHER M REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0049937	\$.09
SMITHEY, CHRIS EDWARD REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0050963	\$.24
SPONG, DAVID L & SYLVIA REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0051446	\$.24
STAFFORD, JOHN REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0051577	\$.03
THORNTON, ROBERT F REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091303	\$.36
WADE, J B REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091551	\$.75
WALTER, ROBERT C REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0091553	\$.54
WHITFORD, EDDIE REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0059364	\$.09
WILBERT, JOHN F & DEBRA M REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0059776	\$.19
WILLIAMS, GEORGE S REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0060085	\$ 1.51
WILLIS, LARRY H & SYLVIA T LISTED AS REAL ON ACCT .3612 IN 2007	2007-0060522	\$ 87.09
WOODARD, FRED A JR REFUND 1 MO SSD-ANNEXED INTO TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2007-0061198	\$.11
70 – REFUND (S)		\$ 160.69

Budget Amendments

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

Sheriff

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$5,000.00	101-2001-410-25-00 Travel	\$5,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,000.00	TOTAL	\$5,000.00

Justification: NC Sheriff’s Association Training conference to be held in New Bern.

Health/Jail Initiative Program

101-6709-348-67-00 NC Div of Public Health	\$96,000.00	101-6709-440-32-40 Other Supplies	\$5,000.00
		101-6709-440-40-0 Contract Services	\$91,000.00
TOTAL	\$96,000.00	TOTAL	\$96,000.00

Justification: State funding in the amount of \$96,000 has been made available for FY 08-09 in order to reduce the prevalence of HIV/syphilis/STD’s in the Craven County Jail Community of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. The objective is to provide HIV/AIDs/STD testing, counseling and prevention case management.

DSS 7291 Mandated

101-7291-349-32-00 Energy CIP, CP&L	\$(83,972.00)	101-7291-450-39-03 CIP	\$(83,972.00)
TOTAL	\$(83,972.00)	TOTAL	\$(83,972.00)

Justification: First funding authorization received for Crisis Intervention Program, funds allocated are less than original State estimates. There is no County match, funds are 100% federal.

Library

101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance	\$2,500.00	101-8150-460-96-60 Havelock Library-C/O	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$2,500.00	TOTAL	\$2,500.00

Justification: Appropriate ½ of cost of new drop box for library in Havelock.

Request to Set Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit

The Planning Board requested that a public hearing be set for August 18, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. to hear comments regarding the parcel located at 610 Airport Road, owned by Michael Hawkins and used as a private recreational club/gym/spa. Commissioner Sampson moved to set a public hearing for August 18, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Subdivision for Approval

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivision for the Board's approval. Commissioner Sampson moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

William O. Gaskins, Jr. Division for Heather Riggs – Final: The property, owned by William O. Gaskins, Jr., and surveyed by Robert H. Davis, is located within Twp. 2 off of SR 1433 (Antioch Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on .607 acres and is proposed to be served by First Craven Water District and an individual existing septic system.

Health Fee Adjustment

Craven County Health Director, Wanda Sandel , submitted a recommendation from the Board of Health for a health fee adjustment relative to Medicaid changes. It was recommended that a fee of \$5.00 per package be charged for birth control pills, in response to Medicaid's "unbundling" the cost from Family Planning services. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the recommended fee adjustment, as recommended, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS*CARTS*

At 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing to receive public comment on the CARTS Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant application, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. CARTS Director, Phyllis Toler, encouraged members of the public to speak on the 2008-2009 grant application and thanked citizens in attendance who filled out data forms that were provided. There were no speakers from the public and at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried. Ms. Toler explained that the grant amount of \$224,971 would be utilized to provide transportation services. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the Rural Operating Assistance Program application, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Conditional Use Permit – 234 Kale Road

At 7:07 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing to receive public input on a request for a conditional use permit for 234 Kale Road. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. There were no speakers from the public and at 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the request for the conditional use permit at 234 Kale Road, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

Conditional Use Permit – 701 Hwy 70 East

At 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Morris moved to go into public hearing to receive public input on a request for a conditional use permit at 701 Hwy 70 East. There were no speakers and at 7:11 p.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the request for the conditional use permit at 701 Hwy 70 East, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

FY 08 CDBG

Chip Bartlett with Holland Consulting Planners explained the proposed application for the FY 08 CDBG program. At 7:14 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into

public hearing, as advertised, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. The following members of the public spoke:

1. *Myrtle Downing of 402 Brooks Drive* posed questions concerning the properties that were indicated as rehabilitations and those indicated as relocations in the grant application. Mr. Bartlett responded that the proposed relocations would be on-site relocations.
2. *Francis Foy of 618 Brown Drive* asked if there is any help available to citizens for building improvements for elderly low income.
3. *Arielle Lee of 305 John Street* asked what solutions are available for road improvements if the grant is not approved.
4. *Evelyn Johnson of 613 Williams Street, James City* expressed the needs of her mother for housing improvements

Planning Director, Don Baumgarnder, asked those who had expressed concerns to follow up with him after the meeting to provide their contact information. Mr. Bartlett emphasized that the target area activity includes housing, upgrading of step pumps and street improvements. At 7:29 p.m. there being no additional citizens who wished to speak, Commissioner McCabe moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. Commissioner Morris moved to grant authority to the Planning Director to execute and submit the application, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Mr. Alfred Barfield, P.O. Box 984 in New Bern and President of the local chapter of NAACP, expressed concerns about the minority balance in Commissioners' Districts three and five. Commissioner Sampson requested that the County Manager be instructed to research the current balances in the Commissioners' districts and the Manager was so directed by consensus of the Board

Tom Glasgow of 105 Lookout Lane, New Bern, requested that the Board review and possibly revise the noise ordinance, specifically Article VI, Section 9.8 and 9.9 (1)(a). He suggested that narrower restrictions and heavier penalties for repeat offenders be imposed. County Attorney, Jim Hicks, indicated that the ordinance allows noise to be deemed unreasonable outside the specified hours of 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. By consensus of the Board, staff was directed to take a look at the ordinance and make recommendations to the Board.

Charlie Simmons asked to address the Board, but was not present.

HIGHWAY 17 ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Marc Finlayson, Executive Director of the Highway 17 Association, provided an update. He anticipated that the entire route through Jones County will be on the map within five to ten years. Commissioner Morris asked about the existing businesses on Highway 17 if it becomes a fully controlled access highway; however, Mr. Finlayson stated that although that would be ideal, realistically it would not likely be the result. He stated that the roadway would circumvent any businesses or properties for which rights-of-way could not be acquired.

TRYON PALACE REQUEST

Bob Mattocks, Chair of the Tryon Palace Commission, presented an update on the funds raised for the North Carolina History Education Center, stating that nearly \$7 million was raised among the Tryon Palace Commission members, personally. He advised that construction on the center is scheduled to begin at the end of this month and the exhibit construction award is projected to be made in November of 2008, with the building being completed by October 2009, and an anticipated opening in April of 2010. He stated that

money designated for exhibit construction is in commitments to be paid over time. In order to award the bids the State requires demonstration that the money is available to pay the bills when they begin to be submitted. The State has committed \$43 million, the City has committed \$1.5 million at \$250,000 a year through 2010, with a possible bond issue for the balance and the County has committed an additional \$1 million that has not yet been released. It was stated that the commitment of the City is in cash, not in-kind services. Commissioner McCabe moved to release the \$1 million that was pledged by the County and approve a budget amendment to move the funds from the reserve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Non-Departmental

371-0000-399-01-00	\$1,000,000.00	371-0571-400-97-01	\$1,000,000.00
Fund Balance		To Genl Fd	
101-0560-366-07-00	\$1,000,000.00	101-0560-480-96-18	\$1,000,000.00
From Reserve		Tryon Palace	
JOURNAL ENTRY			
371-0571-400-97-01	\$1,000,000.00	371-0000-101-00-00	\$1,000,000.00
To Genl Fd		Cash	
101-0000-101-00-00	\$1,000,000.00	101-0560-366-07-00	\$1,000,000.00
Cash		From Reserve	
TOTAL	\$4,000,000.00	TOTAL	\$4,000,000.00

Justification: Budget reserve funds (transferred to reserve in the prior year) to cover commitment to Tryon Palace for History Education Center.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Keith McCoy, President of the Cove City Fire Department, made a request for \$28,966 in grant match for Cove City for a grant in the amount of \$58,000. Greg Milligan of the Fort Barnwell Fire Department advised the Board that \$9,838 in Department of Insurance grant funds had been secured; however, he stated that the Fort Barnwell Department has budgeted for the match and is not seeking funds from the County to match the grant. He indicated that next year the department will seek \$30,000 grant for apparatus replacement and will request \$30,000 to match it from the County. He stated that the application would be made in December, with an expectation that the grant would be awarded in May; however, payment would be made in the next fiscal year when the equipment is delivered. The consensus of the Board was to allow the department to go forward with the application, but it was emphasized that it would not be possible to commit the match funds for the next fiscal year at this time. Chief White of the Dover Fire Department stated that the department has received a \$23,832 grant for communication equipment and turn out gear, requiring \$11,916 in matching funds. He stated that the department has budgeted adequately to cover the match. Commissioner Allen moved to appropriate \$40,882 from fund balance to match the grants of Cove City and Dover, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Transfer/Twp #3 VFD

101-0000-399-01-00	\$40,882.00	101-0567-410-97-83	\$40,882.00
Fund Balance		VFD Transfers	
244-0000-366-01-00	\$40,882.00	244-2901-410-96-99	\$28,966.00
From General Fd		Grant Match Cove City	
		244-2902-410-96-99	\$11,916.00
		Dover	

Justification: Request by Cove City for grant match.

HIGHWAY 70A UPDATE

At the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Board asked Planning Department staff to work with the City of New Bern to determine which connection point the City of New Bern Board of Aldermen would support for an alternate Highway 70 route. Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, reported that the City had responded that the First Street option for reconnection to Hwy 70 would be the preferred option, with the redesignation being as follows:

- Beginning at the intersection of US 70 and (SR 1005) Old Hwy 70 in Jones County, following (SR 1005) Old Hwy 70 into Craven County through the Towns of Dover and Cove City to its intersection with NC 55, follow NC 55 East into the City of New Bern until NC 55 East intersects with First Street. Follow First Street to its intersection with US 70.

Mr. Baumgardner explained that a resolution of support would need to be passed by Jones County, the Towns of Dover, Cove City and the City of New Bern, supporting the redesignation at the appropriate time. The appropriate process was outlined by Mr. Baumgardner, including the next step of preparation and mailing out of official address change petitions to all property owners along (SR 1005) Old Hwy 70. The petition would ask the property owners if they approve of an address change (from SR 1005) Old Hwy 70 to US Hwy 70A or any other designation approved by NCDOT. Commissioner Sisk moved to direct staff to prepare and mail out the petitions with a sixty day response time indicated. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Board considered the expiring terms of Rachel Parnell and Dora Freeman. Commissioner McCabe nominated Kathy Womack. Commissioner Morris nominated Rachel Parnell. There being no additional nominees, Commissioner McCabe moved to close nominations and Ms. Womack and Ms. Parnell were appointed by acclamation.

EMS Advisory Council

The Board received a proposed slate from the EMS Advisory Council for positions that were changed. Commissioner Morris nominated the entire slate as presented by the Assistant Emergency Services Director. Commissioner Morris moved to close nominations and accept the appointees by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, reported that two requests had been received to purchase a tract owned by the County on Old US 70 in the Tuscarora area. He stated that the tract is 100 feet by 300 feet with a tax value of \$5,900. He stated that the highest current bid for the property is \$6,500, and that the next step would be for the Board to authorize publishing its intent to accept the bid. Commissioner Tyson moved to authorize the County Attorney to publish a resolution of intent to accept the bid in the amount of \$6,500, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Mr. Hicks introduced Aaron Arnett, the new attorney with his firm, Sumrell Sugg Carmichael Hicks & Hart. He advised the Board that Mr. Arnett is being trained for the firm's work with governmental entities.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, addressed the Board to propose August 15 at 3:00 p.m. as the time for dedicating the new monument for fallen war heroes. The Board's consensus was to move forward with the date and time proposed.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Morris congratulated the West Craven eight and nine year old little league team for its recent victory. He announced that the detours on Hwy 43 will be completed by the end of the week; however, there will be another bridge under repair near the county line in the near future.

Commissioner Tyson spoke concerning drainage issues in Twp. 7. He stated that there is a ditch on the Creekside Park property which will not adequately accommodate all of the run-off from a DOT project. He suggested that the County needs to be talking about addressing drainage problems through zoning, considering the rapid development within the County.

Commissioner Jones inquired of the Planning Director where the Planning Board stands with the development of a zoning ordinance. Mr. Baumgardner responded that the ordinance is near completion; however, the Planning Board is currently working on several trouble spots before presenting the proposed ordinance to the Board.

Commissioner Allen reported on an economic diversity summit which he attended sponsored by the City of Havelock. He announced that the County Attorney has been recently elected as second Vice President of the State County Attorney's Association.

Commissioner Sampson commented on gas prices and suggested that an investigation by the Attorney General may be in order due to the variance in prices regionally. He commented on the necessity to conserve water and on the NACo Conference recently held in Kansas City. Information was shared concerning the re-entry program.

Commissioner McCabe announced that money has been approved for the maintenance of Pine Cliff Road. He reminded the Board that he had previously asked for an additional \$5,000 for the Havelock Library, which was not granted. He stated that the drop box at the library is in bad condition and needs to be replaced at a cost of \$5,000. He asked that the Board approve \$2,500 toward this cost. Commissioner Sisk commented that the Havelock Library budget request had been fully funded at budget time and stated that she would vote against this request. Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the \$2,500 toward the drop box replacement from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Allen. The motion carried in a roll call vote with five (5) "Ayes", there being two (2) "Nays" from Commissioners Morris and Sisk.

Commissioner Jones reported on his recent meeting with Craven County department heads and commented on the good job they are doing. He thanked Craven County employees for their service. He stated that at the NACo Conference recently held in Kansas City there had been much discussion concerning the economy and the challenges that county governments will face in the next several years. He recommended that the Board begin looking at cost saving measures for the County and asked that the Board schedule a work session to discuss the matter. The consensus of the Board was to schedule a work session on August 18 following the regular session. Commissioner Jones commended Commissioner Sampson and the other members of the Craven Regional Medical Authority Board on their appointment of the new president.

At 9:10 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Chairman Jason R. Jones
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board

