

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 18, 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 Sisk and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the minutes of August 4, 2008 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Budget Amendments

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

Pass Through

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0564-348-56-00 Rebound	\$(14,025.00)	101-0564-450-91-56 Rebound	\$(14,025.00)
TOTAL	\$(14,025.00)	TOTAL	\$(14,025.00)

Justification: Final Department of Juvenile Justice grant for Home Based Counseling and Temporary Shelter was approved for less than anticipated in the original budget.

Health/Child Health

101-5811-369-37-00 CCPEC	\$15,890.00	101-5811-440-15-27 Medical Consultant	\$15,890.00
TOTAL	\$15,890.00	TOTAL	\$15,890.00

Justification: When budget was originally submitted, it was unknown that a grant would be received from Community Care Plan to provide consultative services to the primary care providers in Child Health for diagnosis and treatment of children with behavioral problems. Funding will be used to hire a behavior professional to come to the clinic once or twice per month to see children and review cases with the nurse practitioners.

Health – WIC Client Services – State

101-6010-349-03-00	\$14,417.00	101-6010-440-25-00	\$535.00
WIC Client Services		Travel-Training	
		101-6010-440-32-01	\$500.00
		Office Supplies	
		101-6010-440-32-40	\$13,382.00
		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$14,417.00	TOTAL	\$14,417.00

Justification: Increase in state per participant increase to local agencies. The rate was increased from \$12.25 per participant to \$12.75 per participant. Base on the current base caseload, this resulted in a total of \$18,051 to the Craven County WIC Program.

Health – WIC General Admin – State

101-6011-349-07-00	\$690.00	101-6011-440-20-00	\$391.00
WIC General Admin		Postage	
		101-6011-440-23-0	\$158.00
		Utilities	
		101-6011-440-25-0	\$141.00
		Travel-Training	
TOTAL	\$690.00	TOTAL	\$690.00

Justification: Increase in state per participant increase to local agencies. The rate was increased from \$12.25 per participant to \$12.75 per participant. Based on our current base caseload, this resulted in a total of \$18,051 to the Craven County WIC Program.

Health – WIC Education – State

101-6020-349-13-00	\$2,944.00	101-6020-440-15-15	\$30.00
WIC Education		Dues & Subscriptions	
		101-6020-440-25-0	\$1,809.00
		Travel-Advertising	
		101-6020-440-27-0	\$355.00
		Advertising	
		101-6020-440-32-40	\$750.00
		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$2,944.00	TOTAL	\$2,944.00

Justification: Increase in state per participant increase to local agencies. The rate was increased from \$12.25 per participant to \$12.75 per participant. Based on the current base caseload, this resulted in a total of \$18,051 to the Craven County WIC Program.

Health/Healthy Carolinians

101-6604-399-08-00	\$3,644.00	101-6604-440-24-00	\$1,400.00
Carryover Balance		Meeting Expenses	
		101-6604-440-25-0	\$650.00
		Travel/Training	
		101-6604-440-32-01	\$144.00
		Office Supplies	
		101-6604-440-32-40	\$200.00
		Other Supplies	
		101-6604-440-40-0	\$1,250.00
		Contractual Services	
TOTAL	\$3,644.00	TOTAL	\$3,644.00

Justification: When budget was originally submitted, it was unknown that the \$10,000 Kate B. Reynold’s grant would be expended by fiscal year end. Carryover balance is a combination of unspent meeting expenses and contractual services.

DSS 7295 Senior Program

101-7295-399-01-00	\$3,988.00	101-7295-450-32-29	\$3,312.00
Fund Balance		Donations – Meals	
		101-7295-450-32-31	\$676.00
		Donations – Senior	
TOTAL	\$3,988.00	TOTAL	\$3,988.00

Justification: Roll forward unspent funds donated to the Senior Program and Meals Program in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Recreation & Parks

101-8050-336-02-00	\$3,000.00	101-8050-460-27-00	\$1,000.00
Donations		Advertising	
101-0000-399-01-00	\$327.00	101-8050-460-73-02	\$2,327.00
Carryover from FY08		Capital Outlay Other Imp.	
TOTAL	\$327.00	TOTAL	\$327.00

Justification: Amount of revenue and expenditures expected from donations and fund raising for Creekside Park. Also included is carryover from FY 08. Other improvements as needed – non specific at present.

Harlowe Twp. #6 Fire

246-0000-399-00-00	\$2,195.00	246-0000-2900-410-97-84	\$2,195.00
Fund Balance		To Harlowe	
245-0000-369-74-00	\$2,195.00	245-2900-410-96-88	\$2,195.00
From Twp. 6		From Twp. 6	
TOTAL	\$4,390.00	TOTAL	\$4,390.00

Justification: Harlowe VFD will be serving a portion of Twp #6 VFD district and will be paid monthly based on property valuations.

Fire Department – Multiple

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TRANSFER TO	AMOUNT
242-0000-399-00-00	\$165.00	242-2900-410-11-04	\$165.00
Tri Community		Worker’s Comp	
245-0000-399-00-00	\$165.00	245-2900-410-11-04	\$165.00
Harlowe		Worker’s Comp	
247-0000-399-00-00	\$330.00	247-2900-410-11-04	\$330.00
Twp. #7		Worker’s Comp	
248-0000-399-00-00	\$1,238.00	248-2900-410-11-04	\$1,238.00
West New Bern		Worker’s Comp	
TOTAL	\$1,898.00	TOTAL	\$1,898.00

Justification: To cover shortage in Fire Department Worker’s Compensation Line Item for VFIS invoice dated 8/6/08 in the amount of \$48,332.50.

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ABELL, JAMES E JR OR ABELL, YU ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090121	\$259.24
ALBERS, GROVER ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090122	\$32.07
ALLEN, SHIRLEY JANE ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090123	\$84.40
ALTMAN, MATTHEW ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090124	\$704.82
ANDERSON, BERT ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090125	\$84.28
ANGLIN, JOHN H ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090126	\$29.41
ANSTEAD, CLIFFORD ALLEN JR ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090127	\$433.89
APPLEGATE, SHEM ASHER ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090128	\$236.42
AUTH, DONALD JOHN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090129	\$172.21
BENTON, CHARLES FRANKLIN & LIN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090130	\$35.44
BENTON, RAYMOND & ELLEN AGNES ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090132	\$5,222.02
BENTON, RAYMOND & ELLEN AGNES ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090133	\$912.04
BENTON, RAYMOND E RELEASE DUE TO ANNEXATION	2008-0090134	\$611.77
BENTON, RAYMOND E ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090135	\$334.44
BESSEY, TERRY ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090136	\$59.72
BIRCHETT, MARC CARLTON ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090137	\$57.85
BOLAN, JOHN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090138	\$67.33

BOLAN, JOHN ANNEXATION-RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090139	\$.30
BOWDLE, ALEXANDER III & JUDITH ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090141	\$127.25
BURKE, JAMES GRAHAM JR & NANCY ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090142	\$44.61
CALDWELL, ROBERT ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090143	\$255.51
CARTER, CLYDE EDWIN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090144	\$95.08
CRAVEN COUNTY VACANT PROPERTY	2008-0012831	\$36.00
DAIL, HENRY ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090147	\$1,044.20
DAIL, WESLEY B ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090149	\$175.73
DAIL, WESLEY B ANNEXATION – RELEASE 1 MONTH SSD	2008-0090148	\$.78
DECKER, GREGORY ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090150	\$51.44
DELANG, JOHN M & BETTY L INCORRECT SITUS – SHOULD BE 6-H	2008-0090152	\$252.68
DELANG, JOHN M & BETTY L INCORRECT SITUS – SHOULD BE 6-H	2008-0090151	\$420.69
DENEST, DAVID M ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090153	\$49.62
ENGBLOM, ERIC E & CLAIRE J INCORRECT SITUS –SHOULD BE 8N	2008-0090155	\$112.67
ERICKSON, CHRIS ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090156	\$183.20
ERIKSSON, LEIF F & SHIRLEY ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090157	\$68.75
EVANS, CONNIE BAXTER ANNEXATION – RELEASE 1 MONTH SSD	2008-0090159	\$.10
EVANS, CONNIE BAXTER ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090158	\$21.22
EWANCHEW, JOSEPH EUGENE ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090161	\$206.30
FESAK, MATTHEW ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090162	\$222.00
GARRAWAY, WAYNE & LYNNE ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090163	\$41.22

GARRAWAY, WAYNE & LYNNE ANNEXATION – RELEASE 1 MONTH SSD	2008-0090164	\$.18
GARY, JOHN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090165	\$24.81
GODFREY, STEVE ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090166	\$15.71
GOODELL, MARTHA C ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090167	\$366.44
GRAY, CHRISTIE PAMELA ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090168	\$384.60
GRAVAU, SALLY ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090169	\$239.31
HACK, JOSEPH F ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090170	\$161.11
HANES, THEODORE L & MONA T ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090171	\$166.98
HANES, THEODORE L & MONA T ANNEXATION – RELEASE 1 MONTH SSD	2008-0090172	\$.74
HANNON, JOHN D ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090173	\$182.69
HASSELL, LEWIS ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090175	\$324.78
HINES, LARRY ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090176	\$127.94
HOLMES, ELAINE R ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOST OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090177	\$105.05
HOOD, JOHN C III ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090178	\$12.15
HUGHES, ROBERT G & MARILYN J ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090179	\$212.46
HUNTER, JEANETTE E; LANE, JACQU ANNEXATION – RELEASE 1 MONTH OF TOWN OF BRIDGETON	2008-0090180	\$873.25
JACOBSON, LINDA J ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090182	\$56.10
JENKINS, JOHN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090183	\$153.53
JENKINS, JOHN ANNEXATION – RELEASE 1 MONTH SSD	2008-0090184	\$.68
JENSO, JOHN F & MILDRED M ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090185	\$32.80

KELLUM, DALTON ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090186	\$265.98
KIMREY, RANDALL D ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090187	\$9.29
KIMREY, RANDALL D ANNEXATION – RELEASE 1 MONTH SSD	2008-0090188	\$.04
KLEIN, KENNETH ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090189	\$555.54
LEATHER, JEFF ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090191	\$27.48
LEWIS, CECIL O ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090182	\$50.84
LINDSEY, BRIAN EDWARD & TAMMY ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090193	\$176.28
LISTER, MARSHALL BRENT & MARY ANNEXATION - RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090194	\$167.66
LITTLETON, BEN G ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090195	\$42.09
LUCY, SEAN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090196	\$1,367.47
MAGGIO, ROBERT P & KELLY C ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090199	\$26.71
MCCLURE, JAMES ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090201	\$108.95
MCCORMICK, GAIL ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090202	\$47.41
MCKAY, NORM VALUE ADJUSTED PER COURT VALUE	2007-0091659	\$266.55
MICHEL, TAD & PAMELA BROWN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090204	\$33.58
MONROE, GRAHAM A & VIRGINIA G ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090205	\$52.09
MORRISON, BRUCE AUTSIN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090206	\$10.69
MOUTON, ROBERT R & DAVIES, PA ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090208	\$339.73
NEWMAN, EDWIN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090209	\$295.28
NICHOLSON, ROBERT M ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090210	\$45.30
PARKER, ALBERT W ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090211	\$137.83

POTTER, TIMOTHY G ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090213	\$145.91
PRICE, HERBERT W ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090214	\$233.65
PURCELL, DAVID ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090215	\$29.85
QUIDLEY, ELTON ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090216	\$50.45
RANDALL, RICHARD D ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090217	\$89.29
RATHBUN, WILLIAM J ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090218	\$40.04
RICE, RICHARD N & DEBBY G ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090219	\$34.64
RICHARDS, EDDIE W ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090220	\$27.50
RICHARDS, JAMES K & CAMILLE A INCORRECT SITUS-SHOULD BE 8J	2008-0046941	\$32.82
SAAP, HENRY ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090222	\$14.99
SCHROCK, RANDY ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090223	\$102.93
SCHULZ, FREDERICK PETER & GERA ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090224	\$31.00
SEBALD, SEAN ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090225	\$227.06
SIMONS, CHRISTOPHER M ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090226	\$20.30
SMITH, GLORIA D DID NOT OWN 01/01/2003	2003-0046324	\$4.46
SMITHEY, CHRIS EDWARD ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090227	\$53.61
SPONG, DAVID L & SYLVIA S ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090228	\$54.96
THORNTON, ROBERT F ANNEXATION - RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090230	\$80.67
TYNDALL MARINE ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090233	\$966.84
WADE, J B ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090235	\$169.87

WALTER, ROBERT C ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090236	\$121.83
WHITFORD, EDDIE ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090237	\$21.46
WILBERT, JOHN F & DEBRA M ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090238	\$43.09
WILLIAMS, GEORGE S ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS	2008-0090239	\$341.03
WOODARD, FRED A JR ANNEXATION – RELEASE COUNTY & 11 MOS OF TOWN OF BRID	2008-0090242	\$24.30
104 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$23,177.35

Subdivision for Approval

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

Swift Creek Plantation, Section I – Final: The property, owned by Swift Creek Plantation, LLC and engineered by Thomas Engineering, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1440 (Streets Ferry Road). The subdivision contains 19 lots on 47.76 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

E-911 Center Contracts

The Planning Board requested authorization for the Chairman to execute contracts with Embarq for ANI and Selective Routing services, which is part of the overall conversion of vendors for E-911 services. Commissioner McCabe moved to authorize the Chairman to execute contracts with Embarq, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Health Fee Adjustments

At the Board of Health meeting on August 11, 2008, it was recommended that the following fee adjustments in Child Health Immunizations and Home Health be made in order that charges be equal to or greater than rates paid by Medicaid and Medicare. The new fees would be effective as of July 1, 2008. Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the following fee adjustments, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

<u>Procedure Code/Description</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Medicaid Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
<u>Child Health Immunizations</u>			
90471EP/Administering Code (initial)	\$27.72	\$17.25	\$20.00
90472EP/Administering Code (per unit)	-	\$9.71	\$10.00
<u>Procedure Code/Description</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Medicaid Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Physical, Speech & Occupational Therapy	\$125.00/visit	\$130.00/visit	\$130.00/visit
Skilled Nursing	\$120.00/visit	\$125.00/visit	\$125.00/visit

8:30 A.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

At 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Sisk moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, to receive public input on a request for a conditional use permit at 610 Airport Road. The current use is a private recreational club/gym/spa. The proposed use is for a 65’x80’ expansion to an existing building. Commissioner McCabe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. There were no speakers from the public and Commissioner McCabe moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Morris and

unanimously carried. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the request for a conditional use permit for the parcel located at 610 Airport Road, owned by Michael Hawkins. Commissioner Sisk seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EASTERN CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS UPDATE

Executive Director of the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments, Larry Moolenaar, presented an update on the Council's status and programs. He provided population growth projections for the period 2008-2030 and explained the dues calculation structures for county members. He briefly informed the Board of the various programs and the different departments of the COG.

PRESENTATION BY NEW BERN CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Nelson McDaniel, Chair of the New Bern 300th Anniversary Committee and Bill Naumann, Chair of the New Bern Celebration, presented a request for an appropriation from the County of \$250,000 towards the 2010 Tercentenary Celebration of the City of New Bern. The Board was advised that with the assistance of the Tourism Development Authority, the projected economic benefit to the County for this year of celebration in 2010 had been calculated very conservatively at \$12 million, along with \$200,000 of potential sales tax to Craven County and \$160,000 in occupancy tax. He emphasized that the appropriation, should the County choose to honor the request, would not be considered a donation but an investment, with the expectation of a specific economic return. He further emphasized that a commitment by the City and County is critical to seeking State and private funds. The Board took the request into consideration.

RECREATION REQUEST

In follow-up to an April 21 presentation made to the Commissioners by Janice Allen of the Coastal Land Trust, Recreation and Parks Director, Jan Parker, requested that the Board authorize the transfer of two tracts of land owned by the Whitehurst family, totaling 133 acres, to the County upon closing, which is scheduled by August 31. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the transfer of the tract from the Coastal Land Trust to Craven County once the closing occurs with the Whitehurst family, for use as a nature park, with a directive to staff to deliberate on how to incorporate the County's name in the naming of the Latham-Whitehurst Nature Park. Commissioner Tyson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Ms. Parker informed the Board that after the closing the County would be eligible to apply for a grant to develop nature trails with the value of the land providing the match. Commissioner Morris advised the Board that the family's bid to retain the timber rites to the property was ultimately negotiated out of the contract.

APPOINTMENTS

Health Board

The Board received the resignation of Ivy Heath who served as the Veterinarian representative to the Health Board. Commissioner Allen nominated Dr. Larry Paul for appointment. There were no additional nominees and Dr. Paul was appointed by acclamation.

Upcoming Appointments – September

The Board was advised that terms are due to expire on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board, The Firemen's Relief Fund and the Regional Aging Advisory Committee. These appointments were deferred until next month.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT*Craven County Noise Ordinance*

County Attorney, Jim Hicks, submitted a memorandum regarding the County's Noise Ordinance as a result of his research directed by the Board following a request from Mr. Tom Glasgow that the Board review the noise ordinance. Mr. Hicks stated that the current ordinance is detailed enough to accomplish what it needs to accomplish; however, the issue is with enforcement. The Board's consensus was to leave the ordinance as it is.

Closed Session

Mr. Hicks advised the Board that a closed session would be needed at the end of the meeting pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3).

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant County Manager, Ray Moser, advised the Board that the lease with the State Employees Credit Union for the ATM machine that is located at the Human Services Annex is due to expire on November 31, 2008. He stated that, as a result of numerous parking issues and damage to vehicles in the parking lot where the ATM machine is located, County staff had determined that the lease would not be renewed unless the Board objects. There was no objection from the Board.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Tyson commented on the upcoming annual conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and celebration of the Association's 100th Anniversary, which is bringing the Association back to New Bern where the impetus was provided for its formation. In addition, he stated that those who were requesting the appropriation for the New Bern's 300th Anniversary deserve an answer soon. He recommended having the Board consult with staff, including Sandy Chamberlin, to determine the realistic numbers for the projected economic benefit, and the staff was so directed.

Commissioner Sisk asked the Board, while deliberating on the New Bern Celebration request, to consider that she, Commissioner Sampson and Commissioner Jones have considerable constituents who reside in New Bern and to consider the fact that New Bern is Craven County's county seat. She observed that gas prices are \$.21 less in Goldsboro than in New Bern. She also commented on an accident that occurred recently at an intersection in River Bend where she has been lobbying for traffic signalization.

Commissioner Allen announced the upcoming Chili Festival that will be held in Havelock and commended the Chairman for a superb presentation during the dedication of the Iraq and Afghanistan War Memorial. He commented that the County's 300th Anniversary is approaching in the year 2012 and Havelock will celebrate an anniversary in 2009.

Commissioner McCabe asked that staff send a get well card to Commissioner Sampson who was hospitalized.

Commissioner Jones commented on his attendance at the 105th Anniversary of St. John Church in Christ in Dover. He also emphasized that he has constituents living within the City of New Bern and stated his belief that the County would receive back every dollar appropriated to the New Bern 300th Anniversary.

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Allen moved to go into closed session after a ten minute recess, as requested by the County Attorney, pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(3), seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

At 10:25 a.m. the Board returned to regular session. County Attorney, Jim Hicks, stated that the Board had engaged in discussion under the attorney/client privilege and that no action had been taken. The Board continued in a study session to review 2008-2009

budgetary expenses. Commissioner Morris inquired what measures are asked of the department heads in preparing the budget. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, indicated that in normal times the department heads are requested to ask for what they need; however, in tight budget years they are asked not to consider new positions unless absolutely critical, not to ask for personnel that would increase salaries, to maintain frugality in travel requests and to restrict capital spending. Commissioner Morris observed that the Commissioners should be willing to take the same steps that the department heads are asked to take. Commissioner Tyson inquired how the operation of the new jail will impact the budget. Mr. Blizzard responded that the architect will help with the transition planning, including staffing. He indicated that it would be desirable not to add staff, but that is unlikely. A new position of Jail Administrator has been created, which should, in time, result in greater efficiency and cost savings. He further stated that the utilities at the new jail would be above and beyond the current expenditures. In response to Commissioner Tyson's inquiry relative to gas increases, Mr. Blizzard indicated that the staff is currently studying the impact of gas increases in the new operation and stated that information may be available by the Board's next session. Commissioner Allen commented that the expected expansion of military families and those returning from deployment could possibly create revenue to off-set some of the growing expenses. Chairman Jones inquired if there had been any new information concerning the potential of adjusting work schedules. Mr. Blizzard responded that Wayne County has just implemented a four day work week, but has not been operating in that mode long enough to provide any results. He stated that the savings appeared to be more for employees as gas savings; however, he stated that he will continue to monitor that potential. Chairman Jones inquired if there are any potential savings in billing for water by-monthly. The County Manager indicated that existing delinquencies could be exacerbated extending the billing period, by causing confusion and further delinquency. Commissioner Tyson asked staff to try to provide information on sales tax for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2008 from the Division of Tourism.

At 10:58 a.m. Commissioner Sisk 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