

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN RECONVENED ITS REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 1, 2009 ON JUNE 4, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO CONDUCT A BUDGET WORK SESSION.

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

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sampson, the Board began the budget review.

DEFERRED ITEMS

Down East RPO: County Manager, Harold Blizzard, contacted the Down East Rural Planning Organization and found that they had not sent a letter of request. They have since submitted a request in the amount of \$9,516. This is the highest share among participating counties, including Onslow, which has a Municipal Planning Organization (MPO) for Jacksonville, and that population is excluded. Local Transportation Committee projects for TIP coordination now must go through the RPO. The Down East RPO will be prepared to come before the Board for an update in the near future. It was the consensus to include this appropriation in the budget to continue participation.

Promise Place: Commissioner Sampson recommended that \$20,000 be appropriated to Promise Place. It was the consensus of the Board to include a \$20,000 appropriation in the budget for Promise Place and to arrange a private meeting with the Executive Director to address some specific areas concerning operating procedures.

Havelock Parks & Recreation: Commissioner Allen commented that he would like to increase the appropriation for Havelock Parks & Recreation for playground equipment from \$15,000 to \$20,000, which is the same as received last year. It was the consensus of the Board to appropriate \$20,000 to Havelock Parks & Recreation.

Bridgeton EMS: County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, distributed a spreadsheet indicating the number of calls answered by three paramedic squads, showing that Bridgeton's calls have gone down, while Twp. 7 and Vanceboro have increased. Vanceboro's percentage of fees collected has remained essentially the same. Twp. 7 has increased and Bridgeton's has declined. It was the consensus that there be no change in the recommended appropriation.

Dover Town Park: Commissioner Jones announced that he went to the Dover Town meeting on June 3. The town is asking the County for support of the park in the amount of \$2,000 for playground equipment. It was the consensus to include a \$2,000 appropriation in the budget.

Ambulance Billing Debt Set-Off Program: Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, asked for clarification, stating that the company needs to know how far back to go. It was the consensus to begin the Dept Set-Off Program July 1, 2009.

MILITARY FAMILY OF THE QUARTER RESOLUTION

The Board was requested to adopt a resolution recognizing the family of Gunnery Sergeant David Graziano as Military Family of the Quarter. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY OF GUNNERY SERGEANT DAVID
GRAZIANO AS MILITARY FAMILY OF THE QUARTER**

WHEREAS, Gunnery Sergeant David Graziano joined the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Marine Unit Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC in the year 2007; and

WHEREAS, GySgt Graziano has held the highly demanding jobs of an Avionics Instructor, Operations Chief and Adjutant and Family Readiness Officer; and

WHEREAS, he volunteers countless hours as a basketball coach and t-ball coach for the Cherry Tree House Youth Sports League, as well as assisting with the New Bern Habitat for Humanity to ensure the well being of the community; and

WHEREAS, his wife, Patricia, habitually dedicates her time as a Family Readiness Assistant ensuring the well being of all the members assigned to CNATT MarUnit and their families. She is also active in the Catholic Sunday School Program at the Marine Corps Air Station Base Chapel and participates in the Parent Teacher Association and Tutoring Program at Gurganis Elementary School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners recognizes Gunnery Sergeant David Graziano for his dedication to the United States Marine Corps and devotion to making his community a better place for all to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners congratulates him and his wife on being selected Military Family of the Quarter.

Adopted this the 4th of June, 2009

At 5:50 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