

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009. 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 Allen and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of August 17, 2009 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
ABRAHAM, LOUIS P & PLUMMER, BR CORRECTED VALUE ERROR ON DISCOVERY	2009-0090057	\$260.54
ANDERSON, LISA THOMAS HOUSE INCOMPLETE – NO RECYCLE YET	2009-0001230	\$36.00
ARMSTRONG, SARAH JANE LAWRENCE MOBILE HOME MOVED BEFORE 7/1/2009	2009-0001538	\$36.00
BAUER, RON NO TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2008-0003415	\$1,194.59
BAUER, RON NO TAX SITUS IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2009-0003408	\$1,046.76
BEASLEY, JAMES H & WANDA S DID NOT OWN 1/1/09	2009-0003646	\$4,131.70
BELL, GENE O & MARY T CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0003982	\$180.55
BODY, JOHN STANLEY BOAT NOT IN NC IN 2009	2009-0005292	\$986.37

BOTTS, RONALD J & CAROL A ADJUSTED VALUE FROM BILL OF SALE	2009-0005593	\$38.44
BRYANT, GENE O & LATESHA O DWELLING BURNED IN 2006 & REMOVED	2007-0007220	\$636.89
BRYANT, GENE O & LATESHA O DWELLING BURNED IN 2006 & REMOVED	2008-0007361	\$587.58
BRYANT, HOLLY A & RONALD WAYNE BOAT MOVED OUT OF STATE IN 2007	2009-0007448	\$8.59
BUETTNER, DAVID CORRECTED CLERICAL ERROR	2009-0007757	\$179.89
CANNON, SABRALENA DOES NOT OWN MOBILE HOME	2009-0008689	\$89.68
CANNON, WILLIAM E & PAMELA J MOBILE HOME STORAGE ONLY	2009-0008697	\$36.00
CHERRY BRANCH LTD CITY ACCEPTED STREET 2/11/08	2009-0010209	\$48.46
CHERRY BRANCH LTD CITY ACCEPTED STREETS 2/11/08	2009-0010207	\$49.93
CHERRY BRANCH LTD CITY ACCEPTED STREETS 2/11/08	2009-0010206	\$34.78
CHERRY BRANCH LTD CITY ACCEPTED STREETS 2/11/08	2009-0010210	\$39.90
CHURCH-CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHUR EXEMPT PROPERTY NCGS 105-278.3	2009-0010419	\$382.18
CSI LEASING INC CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0013293	\$1.59
DAPO, ADAM ROBERT MOBILE HOME LISTED ON ACCT #81016	2009-0013843	\$47.41
DAVIS, ALTON LEE CORRECTED ELDERLY EXCLUSION	2009-0014033	\$180.13
DAVIS, CAROL WOOD BILLED WRONG OWNER	2009-0014069	\$144.70
DAVIS, JAMES R JR EXECUTOR VACANT SINCE 2007	2009-0014163	\$36.00
DAVIS, ROBERT A MOBILE HOME LISTED AS REAL #77491	2009-0014278	\$441.37
DILLOW, TOMMY DEAN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0015227	\$25.07
DIXON, JESSE JR & ELDINE G MOBILE HOME MOVED BY 7/1/2009/3539	2009-0015428	\$36.00
DUNN, PHILLIP DURWOOD & LINDA ANNEXATION TO CITY OF NEW BERN	2009-0016509	\$54.39

ECKLER, MELISSA S MOBILE HOME & LAND SOLD IN 2008	2009-0016914	\$43.31
EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN DOUBLE WIDE DOUBLE LISTED #71926	2009-0017639	\$275.27
FILLINGAME, CARSON DOUBLE LISTED – SEE PID #1-052-12001	2009-0018570	\$333.07
FILLINGAME, RODNEY H JR DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #2304001	2009-0018613	\$108.20
FLYNN, MICHAEL STEVEN SR CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0019100	\$34.94
FUGATE, ROBERT SERVIER JR DID NOT OWN IN 2009	2009-0020142	\$17.83
GEORGE, BERTHA TO CORRECT ELDERLY EXCLUSION	2009-0021438	\$165.64
GOLDCRAFT INC OUT OF BUSINESS BEFORE 1/1/09	2009-0022211	\$23.16
HAVELOCK – CITY OF EXEMPT PROPERTY	2009-0025541	\$91.20
HIGGINS, JAMES PATRICK BILLED IN INCORRECT SITUS AREA	2009-0026550	\$84.67
HOLLAND, PHILLIP MICHAEL DOUBLE BILLED – ACCT #42676	2009-0027284	\$60.94
HUDSON, ETHEL C HOME VACANT SINCE 1999	2009-0028078	\$36.00
JACOBS, RONALD & MAROLINE D NEVER OWNED BOAT	2009-0029208	\$117.86
JENKINS, JAMES ALLEN CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0029526	\$62.31
JOYNER, BENJAMIN F & ALICE L MOBILE HOME TORN DOWN 2007	2009-0030969	\$43.19
JOYNER, BENJAMIN F & ALICE L MOBILE HOME TORN DOWN 2007	2008-0030941	\$46.72
KING, BEECHER JAY DOUBLE LISTED PARCEL 1-055-3-002	2009-0031771	\$427.58
KSOR, HYOR DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0032613	\$41.55
LYTTLE, ARLENE D BILLED IN INCORRECT TOWNSHIP	2009-0035363	\$146.50
MALLISON, JOSEPH WHITE JR HOME VACANT FOR 3 YEARS	2009-0035791	\$36.00

MANNING, BRYAN MOVED FROM COUNTY 08/PERMIT 3434	2009-0035890	\$42.10
MCCONNELL, FREDERICK LEE & BOAT AT DIFFERENT SITUS -8T-REBILLED	2009-0037059	\$60.49
MCCRACKEN, STEPHEN JOSEPH MILITARY EXEMPTION	2009-0037332	\$27.70
MERKEL, JR EDWARD ALLEN CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0038397	\$35.23
MILLS, HAZEL SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED ELDERLY EXCLUSION	2009-0038960	\$193.49
MITCHELL, DELMORE JR & RUBY LE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED ELDERLY EXCLUSION	2009-0039217	\$307.72
MITCHELL, JOHN H II & BARBARA TRAILER NOW TAGGED	2009-0039291	\$17.66
NEAL, WILLIAM R JR & ERIN CLERICAL ERROR	2009-0041303	\$692.82
NELSON, LARUE W PROPERTY BILLED INCORRECT ACREAGE	2009-0041466	\$875.70
NEVELS, JOE LEWIS MOBILE HOME USED FOR STORAGE ONLY	2009-0041640	\$36.00
REBELLO, MARIO JR & SANDRA LOCATED IN TOWNSHIP 2	2009-0046819	\$97.00
RICHARDSON, BRUCE H & BETTY JR CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0047415	\$28.37
ROWE, MARLENA HOME NOT OCCUPIED 7/8-6/9/09	2009-0048849	\$36.00
SACZYNSKI, MICHELLE D CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0049287	\$204.35
SANDERS, WILLIAM H MOBILE HOME SOLD/NOW NEW & REAL	2009-0049568	\$252.99
SCOTT, RONNIE M DOUBLE BILLED AS REAL & PERSONAL	2009-0050316	\$162.35
TRYON PALACE COUNCIL OF FRIENDS VACANT PROPERTY SINCE 2008	2009-0057085	\$36.00
VANCEBORO HARDWARE LLC LISTED IN WRONG NAME – REBILLED	2009-0057871	\$33.18
VANCEBORO – TOWN OF EXEMPT – BILLED IN ERROR	2009-0057877	\$71.12
WARD, CHARLES F & JANET U LEE CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0058870	\$32.25
WATERS, CHARLIE C & SUSAN B CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0059182	\$40.58

WHITE, MARY HELEN MCCOY DWELLING VACANT SINCE 2006	2009-0060742	\$36.00
WHITEHURST FAMILY LIMITED LIAB APPROVED FOR USE VALUE	2009-0060929	\$174.95
WILLIAMS, CARL H & SUSAN T DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0061687	\$47.42
WILLIAMS, DARRELL R & SUSAN E TAX SITUS CRAVEN COUNTY 1/1/09	2009-0061718	\$104.66
WILLIAMS, MARION GAIL & WILLIAM DID NOT OWN 1/1/2005	2005-0091089	\$151.97
WILLIAMS, MARION GAIL & WILLIAM DID NOT OWN 1/1/2006	2006-0058511	\$136.72
WILLIAMS, VANESSA UNOCCUPIED FOR OVER ONE YEAR	2009-0062102	\$36.00
WOOTEN, SHIRLEY H VACANT SINCE 1994 NO RECYCLE FEE	2009-0063066	\$36.00
YORK, LEE FRANKLIN & KATHY UNOCCUPIED SINCE AUG 2005	2009-0063476	\$36.00
YORK, LEE FRANKLIN & KATHY VACANT SINCE JUNE 2007	2009-0063477	\$36.00
82 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$17,246.25

Refund

MIRON, NIEVES GOMEZ DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #80233	2008-0038977	\$74.17
1 – REFUND		\$74.17

Subdivisions for Approval

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

Southshore Properties – Final: The property, owned by Southshore Properties, LLC and surveyed by Atlantic Survey and Design is located within Twp. 7 off of SR 1113 (Old Cherry Point Road). The subdivision contains 2 lots on 3.94 acres and will be served by existing community water and City of New Bern sewer.

Mary C. Shields Division – Final: The property, owned by Brenda Parrella, Samuel A. Parrella, Maryann Johnson, Alton Johnson and Beth Shields and surveyed by Terry Wheeler, is located within Twp. 2 off of SR 1620 (Spring Hope Church Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 2 acres and will be served by existing First Craven Sanitary District Water and an existing septic system.

Linwood E. Morris Division – Final: The property, owned by Linwood Morris and surveyed by Hugh A. Sorrell Land Surveying, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1400 (River Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 1.75 acres and will be served by community water and an individual septic system.

Thomas Hall, Jr. & Wife Ashley I. Hall Division – Final: The property, owned by Joseph C. Lockett and surveyed by Kendall Gaskins, is located within Twp. 2 off of Hawk Road. The subdivision contains 1 lot on 2.278 acres and will be served by a private well and an existing septic system.

Sammy Lilly Division – Final: The property owned by Sammy Lilly and surveyed by Kendall Gaskins, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1447 (Campbell Road). The subdivision contains 2 lots on 5.10 acres and will be served by community water and existing septic systems.

Bradley Forrest Division – Final: The property, owned by C. Bradley Forrest and surveyed by Kendall Gaskins, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1476 (Wilmar Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 0.46 acres and will be served by community water and an existing septic system.

Area Service Person of the Quarter

The Board was requested to adopt a resolution honoring Petty Officer Second Class Stanley D. Ponder as Area Service Person of the Quarter. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS
STANLEY D. PONDER
AS AREA SERVICE PERSON OF THE QUARTER**

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Second Class Stanley D. Ponder serves as a Religion Program Specialist aboard MCAS, Cherry Point, and;

WHEREAS, PO2 Ponder, through his leadership and efforts as an education assistant, has helped to enable nine City of Havelock youths to attend college; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a Local Director for Angel Food Ministries, he volunteers his nights and weekends, spending over 40 hours a month feeding more than 100 families throughout Havelock, New Bern and Morehead City; and

WHEREAS, PO2 Ponder's volunteer involvement includes development of a vacation bible school curriculum for his local church, serving as a chaperone during the Havelock High School Prom, assisting with the highway clean up in Havelock and sending care packages to Marines and Sailors at OIF/OEF; and

WHEREAS, during his tour in Iraq, he began working with Operation Iraqi Children, supplying two Iraqi schools with school materials, as well as participating in several events and engagements which significantly increased cross cultural understanding and good will.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners recognizes Petty Officer Second Class Stanley D. Ponder for his volunteer activities in support of Marines, Sailors and civilians to the betterment of their lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners congratulates him on being selected Area Service Person of the Quarter.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2009.

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 Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Planning

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-4002-349-36-00	\$37,350.00	101-4002-430-40-00	\$49,800.00
Hazard Mitigation State Grant		Hazard Mitigation Contractual Services	
101-4002-369-49-00	\$6,226.00	101-4001-430-15-37	\$(6,224.00)
Hazard Mitigation Municipalities		Planning Professional Services	
TOTAL	\$43,576.00	TOTAL	\$43,576.00

Justification: Budget amendment to set up line item to be able to receive grant funds and shared match funds for the update of the Craven County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Health/Childhood Lead

101-3133-399-08-00	\$1,253.00	101-3133-420-20-00	\$200.00
Carryover Balance		Postage	
		101-3133-420-32-40	\$1,053.00
		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$1,253.00	TOTAL	\$1,253.00

Justification: When budget was originally submitted, it was unknown that all funds would not be expended by the fiscal year end. Carryover balance is a combination of unspent donations and last year’s carryover balance. Balance will be used to cover postage and to purchase other supplies needed for the childhood lead program.

Health/Tick Control

101-5902-399-08-00	\$1,005.00	101-5902-440-40-50	\$1,005.00
Carryover Balance		Contract Employees	
TOTAL	\$1,005.00	TOTAL	\$1,005.00

Justification: When the budget was originally submitted, the department was unaware that it would receive \$15,000 from the NC Dept of Environmental and Natural Resources for Tick Control. The revenue from the NC Dept. of Environmental and Natural Resources was not received until June 2009; therefore, all expenses could not be reached by year end. The department requests that carryover balance be used to pay for the tick virus contract with NCSU.

Health/March of Dimes

101-5703-399-08-00	\$3,000.00	101-5703-440-32-40	\$3,000.00
Carryover Balance		Other Supplies	
TOTAL	\$3,000.00	TOTAL	\$3,000.00

Justification: Carryover balance requested in order to spend all the grant money awarded by the March of Dimes. Grant period ends December 31, 2009. Carryover funds will be used to teach, purchase brochures, etc. for high risk maternity patients who are experiencing pre-term labor.

Health/Healthy Carolinians

101-6604-399-08-00	\$1,582.00	101-6604-440-24-00	\$200.00
Carryover Balance		Meeting Expenses	
		101-6604-440-40-0	\$1,382.00
		Contract Service	
TOTAL	\$1,582.00	TOTAL	\$1,582.00

Justification: When the budget was originally submitted, it was unknown that the Kate B. Reynold’s grant would not be expended by the fiscal year end. Carryover balance is a combination of unspent meeting expenses and contractual services.

Economic Development

101-4401-367-35-00	\$5,000.00	101-4401-430-47-02	\$5,000.00
NCs Eastern Region		Per Drahtzug Stein	
TOTAL	\$5,000.00	TOTAL	\$5,000.00

Justification: Budget \$5,000 performance grant from North Carolina’s Eastern Region. This funding is to assist Drahtzug Stein who has met employment and investment goals.

DSS 7211 Inc Maint./7201 Admin.

101-7211-349-19-00	\$4,293.00	101-7201-450-40-50	\$4,293.00
Inc. Maint Staff/Overhead		Contractual Employees	
TOTAL	\$4,293.00	TOTAL	\$4,293.00

Justification: Funding for Low Income Energy Assistance Program temporary workers was slightly higher than original state estimates; 100% federal money, no County match required.

DSS 7231 TANF

101-7231-349-23-00	\$(2,400.00)	101-7231-450-40-00	\$(2,400.00)
TANF Staff & Overhead		Contract Services	
TOTAL	\$(2,400.00)	TOTAL	\$(2,400.00)

Justification: Funding for the Work First Functional Assessment program is less than original state estimates. Funds are 100% federal, no County match required.

DSS 7291 Mandated

101-7291-349-42.00	\$490.00	101-7291-450-23-42	\$490.00
Share the Warmth		Share the Warmth	
TOTAL	\$490.00	TOTAL	\$490.00

Justification: Initial allocation has been received for the Share the Warmth Program. Funds are 100%, no County match required.

Libraries

101-0000-399-01-00	\$(37,705.00)	101-8149-460-96-61	\$(15,000.00)
Fund Balance		NB-Craven Library	
		101-8150-460-96-61	\$(9,884.00)
		Havelock Library	
		101-8151-460-96-61	\$(6,830.00)
		Cove City Library	

		101-8152-460-96-61	\$(5,991.00)
		Vanceboro Library	

TOTAL	\$(37,705.00)	TOTAL	\$(37,705.00)
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Justification: Craven appropriation of \$37,705 for purchase of computer server contingent upon all three member counties funding their share. Carteret County did not fund their portion. Craven County is relieved of this commitment.

Schools

101-0000-399-01-00	\$135,077.00	101-8500-480-37-01	\$135,077.00
Fund Balance		Current Expense	

TOTAL	\$135,077.00	TOTAL	\$135,077.00
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Justification: The state just released the rate increases for state employee retirement and hospitalization. Need to budget an additional \$135,077 to cover these increases. During the budget process, the County agreed to adjust when the new rates were released.

Sickle Cell Month Proclamation

The Board was requested to adopt the following proclamation proclaiming September as “Sickle Cell Awareness Month” in Craven County. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**PROCLAMATION
OF
SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH
IN CRAVEN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder that causes pain, infection disability, economic strain and even death among African Americans and other groups; and

WHEREAS, about one of every 294 African American North Carolinians is born with sickle cell disease and one out of every 10 has sickle cell trait, meaning that he or she carries the gene for this condition. No cure for this disease exists, though treatment is available to help those with sickle cell lead more productive and rewarding lives; and

WHEREAS, since 1973, the North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program has provided quality services throughout the State. Provision of services is a collaborative effort between regional educators/counselors, community-based programs, major medical centers, local health departments and the State Laboratory of Public Health. Services include screening of all newborns at birth, general screening by request for the public at local health departments, education, genetic counseling, service coordination, medical reimbursement and social support for affected persons; and

WHEREAS, support for research on the treatment and management of this disorder is vital to improving the health and quality of life of persons with sickle cell disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Board of Commissioners proclaims September 2009 as “**SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH**” in Craven County, and urges our citizens to recognize and support this observance.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2009.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Bill Wrought

Mr. Wrought addressed the Board concerning a football field at Creekside Park. He stated that he is not a spokesman for the Craven County Jaguars team but addressed the Board solely in his capacity as a parent. He thanked Commissioners, Allen, Morris and Tyson for the response to an earlier request for accommodation of the football team at

Creekside Park, and the Recreation Department for making the accommodation so quickly. However, he stated that a dedicated football field is still needed.

Ray Griffin

Rev. Griffin addressed the Board concerning the “Take Back America” advocacy, and he criticized the administration of President Obama.

Charlie Simmons

Mr. Simmons addressed the Board in opposition to the location of the Craven County Judicial Center and rebutted Ray Griffin’s remarks.

SWINE FLU UPDATE

Health Director, Scott Harrelson, presented the latest information relative to the Swine Flu virus. He reported that nurses in Craven County have seen an increase in the seasonal flu and H1N1 among school aged children, and stated that target groups for H1N1 are more diverse than for the seasonal flu. A County vaccine distribution plan was explained, which will be implemented based on the number of doses received. Tips for reducing risk of exposure to flu viruses were discussed. It was noted that the treatment is the same for H1N1 and seasonal flu. Mr. Harrelson confirmed reports that the H1N1 virus is not as severe as originally thought and the death rate is not as high as feared.

RECREATION MATTERS

Recreation Director, Jan Parker, presented a request on behalf of the Harlowe Youth Football Association. The Craven County Recreation Department will remove some baseball field fencing at Farm Life Elementary School, which the County no longer needs, and which is in fair to poor condition. Mr. Will Woods, President of the Harlowe Youth Football Association, requested that the County donate the fence to the Harlowe Community Center to be used around the perimeter of the football field to help the community keep dogs, vehicles and ATV’s off of the playing field. It will also keep the field area separated from an adjacent neighbor. Ms. Parker indicated that Harlowe volunteers will load, transport and re-install the fencing. She explained that it is not enough fencing to enclose the entire field at Harlowe, but it will provide a partition next to the residences. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the request for donation, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried. Ms. Parker announced that a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant was received in the amount of \$500,000 for the Whitehurst property. She stated that Craven County was one of twenty awards given from among eighty five submissions. No matching funds are required because the land value is used as a match. Commissioner Morris asked Ms. Parker to bring the Board up to date on the widening of the road into West Craven Park and improvements at Spring Garden Boat landing. She responded that the widening of the road in front of the park, and extending down to West Craven High School is on DOT’s agenda for April. Design for the project has been completed and utilities are scheduled to be moved during fall and winter, with grading and paving scheduled to begin in April. The Wildlife Resources Commission is making improvements to Spring Garden Landing. Permitting is completed and construction is scheduled to begin in February or March of 2010. The public will be notified of the closing during construction, which is expected to take about eight weeks, depending on weather and water level.

APPOINTMENT – PROMISE PLACE

The Board was informed of the recommendation by Promise Place of Linda Little to fill a vacancy on their board. Commissioner Sampson nominated Ms. Little. There being no other nominations, Ms. Little was appointed by acclamation.

ELECTIONS GRANT

Erin Burrige, Elections Director, apprised the Board of a State Health and Human Services grant in the amount of \$43,609.20, which has been awarded to Craven County in

order to make all polling places accessible to voters with a full range of disabilities. She stated that 23 out of 24 polling places had accessibility issues during the last election. The grant will purchase traffic cones, signs, and curbside alerts. No County match is required; however, equipment will need to be stored, and she stated that additional maintenance staff time will likely be required for equipment transport at election time. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the grant and a budget amendment in the amount of \$43,609.20, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried. Ms. Burridge reminded citizens that One-Stop early voting will start next Thursday, September 17.

Elections

101-0602-348-00-00	\$43,610.00	101-0602-400-32-40	\$43,610.00
Access imprv state grant		Access imprv other supplies	
TOTAL	\$43,610.00	TOTAL	\$43,610.00

Justification: Elections was awarded a \$43,609.20 state grant to make all polling places accessible to voters with the full range of disabilities.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

At its August 3, 2009 meeting, the Commissioners received information about citizens experiencing noise problems in the Epworth community, and indicated they would like to investigate the possibility of strengthening the County’s Noise Ordinance. The County Attorney submitted a memorandum dated August 7, 2008, regarding the County’s Noise Ordinance, stating that the current Noise Ordinance is detailed enough to accomplish what needs to be accomplished; however, the issue lies with enforcement. Mr. Hicks reviewed with the Board again his conclusions regarding the current Noise Ordinance as presented in his August 7, 2008 memorandum. The Board reached consensus that the current ordinance is acceptable, but identified a need to confer with the Sheriff and his staff concerning enforcement.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

Bear Town Bears

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, indicated that Weyerhaeuser is looking for another permanent location for their Bear Town bear, and that in all fairness to all sponsors who have been approved to place these bears on County property, the requirement to insure the bears has been dropped. The County’s insurance will cover any liability claims. There was no objection from the Board.

State Budget Impact

Mr. Blizzard explained the impact state budget cuts are expected to have on Craven County’s budget. In the current year, the State’s budget will cost Craven County an estimated \$1.4 million. Next year it is expected to cost Craven County approximately \$1.6 million. The following budget amendments were requested, as they were included in the adopted budget and will require appropriation of \$435,862 of fund balance at this time to replace the lost funds. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the following budget amendments, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

During discussion it was noted that 2015-2016 was the original projection for having enough money for a new high school; however, that projection must now be delayed for another two years.

Jail – Other

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-00-341-00-0	\$(117,000.00)		
Beer & Wine State			
101-2008-349-17-0	\$(250,000.00)		
Board State prisoners			
101-2008-349-40-0	\$(12,000.00)		
Inmate health			
101-00-399-01-0	\$379,000.00		
Fund Balance			

Justification: Budget fund balance to replace state revenue lost with general assembly passage of NC’s 2009-11 biennium budget. State will hold two-thirds normal local beer and wine distribution. State permanently eliminated inmate housing payments and health reimbursements.

DSS 7211 Income Maintenance

101-7211-349-35-0	\$(79,306.00)		
State Aid Co IM			
101-00-399-01-0	\$79,306.00		
Fund Balance			

Justification: State aid to counties funding has been suspended by the State for fiscal year 09/10 and fiscal year 10/11.

DSS 7221 Adult Services

101-7221-349-22-0	\$(5,876.00)		
Services Staff & Overhead			
101-00-399-01-0	\$5,876.00		
Fund Balance			

Justification: Funding has been reduced due to the requirement implemented by the State holding funding to 84% of the spending for Fiscal Year 08/09. This funding is state and funds services staff salary and benefits.

DSS 7231 TANF

101-7231-349-23-0	\$(13,506.00)		
Staff & Overhead			
101-00-399-01-0	\$13,506.00		
Fund Balance			

Justification: Funding has been reduced due to the requirement implemented by the state holding funding to 84% of the spending for fiscal year 08/09. This funding is 100% state and funds services staff salary and benefits.

DSS 7231 TANF

101-7231-349-28-0	\$(17,912.00)		
CPS Staff & Overhead			
101-00-399-01-0	\$17,912.00		
Fund Balance			

Justification: Funding for IVE CPS has been reduced by \$17,160 due to the requirements implemented by the state holding funding to 84% of the spending for fiscal year 08/09. This funding is 100% state and funds services staff salary and benefits.

Special Permanency Planning funding was overstated by \$752 in the budget preparation due to a typographical error. This funding is federal and also funds services staff salary and benefits.

DSS 7291 Mandated/DSS 7231 TANF

101-7291-349-16-00	\$(242,436.00)	101-7291-450-39-17	\$(242,436.00)
Day Care Smart Start		Day Care Smart Start	
101-7231-349-38-0	\$(20,121.00)		
Smart Start Admin			
101-00-399-01-0	\$20,121.00		
Fund Balance			
101-7291-349-10-00	\$1,343,045.00	101-7291-450-39-26	\$1,343,045.00
Day Care Combined		Day Care Combined	
101-7231-349-26-0	\$78,859.00		
CCDF Admin			
101-00-399-01-0	\$(79,859.00)		
Fund Balance			
TOTAL	\$1,100,609.00	TOTAL	\$1,100,609.00

Justification: Funding authorization from the Division of Child Development for Smart Start Subsidy and Admin funding less than budget estimates; allocation for Regular Subsidy Day Care funding is more than original budget estimates.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Sampson stated that he does not think finances are as bad as they seem for Craven County, compared to other counties in North Carolina and other states. He commented that gas prices are still too high. He stated the opinion that President Obama is doing a good job, considering what he has been given.

Commissioner Allen reported on the NCACC Annual Conference in Hickory. He announced that Kenneth Edge of Cumberland County was elected to 2nd Vice President, and his appointment by the NACo President as Vice-Chair of the NACo Health Steering Committee. The new NCACC President, Mary Accor, was appointed to the NACo Board as a member-at-large.

Commissioner Tyson reminded citizens of a public information meeting being held at Brinson Memorial School on September 10 concerning Highway 70 retrofit at 5:00 – 6:00 for business owners and 7:00-8:00 for general public.

Commissioner Morris presented a request on behalf of Fairfield Harbour for access to County property for its Deer Depredation Program to allow hunting on the property, and to allow recovery of wounded or killed animals. He recommended approval only of the request to allow recovery. He moved that the County grant permission to enter County property for the recovery of wounded or killed animals, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Sisk congratulated Commissioner Allen on his appointment as Vice Chair of the NACo Health Steering Committee. She reminded citizens that the County's property revaluation team is currently reviewing neighborhoods.

Commissioner McCabe echoed agreement with Commissioner Sampson's remarks and Commissioner Allen's conference report.

Commissioner Jones presented a recent letter to the editor concerning an alleged enactment of a 33% increase in property tax, and his response. He explained that revaluation is mandated at least every eight years. The tax rate has not been increased

and, in fact, the fund balance has been tapped for about \$1.5 million this fiscal year to avoid raising the tax rate.

He shared correspondence from the NC Department of Transportation directed to Mr. Ralph Potter, stating that his request for designation of an I-440 highway to the coast will not be considered. It was stated that the proposed road does not meet the criteria and that making these changes would require extensive work and costs. He indicated that Mr. Potter would like for the Board to adopt a resolution of support anyway; however there was no interest expressed in doing so.

At 8:26 p.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