

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, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009. 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:

- Ray H. Moser, Assistant County Manager
- Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer
- Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
- Jim Hicks, County Attorney
- Aaron Arnett, County Attorney's Office

STAFF ABSENT:

- Harold Blizzard, County Manager

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of September 8, 2009 regular session, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Road Addition Request

The Planning staff received a request to add Hilda Drive, Laura Drive, Mickey Court, Mom Lane, Durwood Court and Allie Drive to the state maintenance system in the Forest Run Subdivision located within Twp. 7 and to adopt a standard SR-2 Road Addition resolution. Commissioner Sampson moved to adopt the resolution to add the requested roads to the state maintenance system, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Health Fee Adjustments

At its meeting of September 14, 2009, the Board of Health recommended the following adjustments to fees in various clinics, to set charges equal to or greater than the rates paid by Medicaid and Medicare in order to receive full reimbursement for services. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the following fee adjustments, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

New Fee Recommended:

<u>Procedure Code/Description</u>	<u>Medicaid Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
<u>Maternity</u>		
96372/Admin Fee for Betamethasone	\$18.72	\$19.00

Reason for Addition:

Additional services being added
 Betamethasone is used to prolong preterm labor.

This addition will become effective September 1, 2009.

Rate Decrease Recommended:

<u>Procedure Code/Description</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
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Immunization

90658/Influenza \$31.00 \$29.00

This decrease will become effective September 14, 2009/

Reason for Decrease

Competitors are charging for influenza

Dental Rate Increase Recommended:

Code	Description	Fee	Fee	Difference
D0220	Periapical 1 st PA	\$ 16.00	\$ 19.00	19%
D1203	Fluoride varnish	\$ 19.00	\$ 20.00	5%
D1204	Topical Fluoride, adult	\$ 19.00	\$ 20.00	5%
D1206	Topical Fluoride varnish	\$ 19.00	\$ 20.00	5%
D2390	Resin-base composit crown Anterior	\$182.00	\$ 190.00	4%
D2393	Resin-base composite-3 surface	\$152.00	\$160.00	5%
D2394	Resin-base composite-4+surface	\$185.00	\$190.00	3%
D4355	Full mouth debridement	\$ 71.00	\$ 85.00	20%
D7210	Surgical extraction	\$115.00	\$125.00	9%
D7250	Surgical removal-residual root	\$125.00	\$130.00	4%
D7270	Tooth reimplantment, accident	\$222.00	\$230.00	4%
D9110	Palliative treatment	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	22%

Budget Amendments and Ordinance Update

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

Health/BT Preparedness/Response

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-5010-348-00-00	\$622.00	101-5010-440-32-40 Other Supplies	\$622.00
TOTAL	\$622.00	TOTAL	\$622.00

Justification: When the budget was originally submitted, it was unknown how much the state would award CCHD in bioterrorism funds. The state budget has been certified and CCHD was awarded an additional \$622 in funds. These extra funds will be used to purchase any miscellaneous supplies needed for FY 2009-2010.

Health/H1N1 Planning

101-5017-348-67-00	\$74,200	101-5017-440-24-00	\$3,000.00
State Revenue		Meeting Expenses	
		101-5017-440-32-40	\$8,000.00
		Other Supplies	
		101-5017-440-40-0	\$6,200.00
		Contract Services	
		101-5017-440-40-50	\$38,000.00
		Contract Employee	
		101-5017-440-73-01	\$6,000.00
		C/O over \$5,000	
		101-5017-440-73-02	\$10,000.00
		Other improvements	
		101-2017-440-25-0	\$2,000.00
		Travel/Training	
		101-5017-440-25-02	\$1,000.00

Mileage reimbursement

TOTAL	\$74,200.00	TOTAL	\$74,200
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Justification: CCHD had been awarded \$74,200 in state funds in order to plan and prepare for a second outbreak of the H1N1 flu that is expected to occur this fall. Meeting expenses to coordinate and communicate with agencies, providers, etc. (3,000), travel/training and mileage reimbursement expenses incurred during the planning and training of this activity (\$3,000), Sanitizers, clipboards, paper, etc. (\$8,000), Trans-Verse, Inc., (\$6,200), temporary staff (\$38,000), commercial refrigerator (\$6,000) and remaining will go towards upgrading the Board Room with a smart podium, automatic projector screen and ceiling mounted projector (\$10,000).

Health/H1N1 Enhanced Surveillance

101-5018-348-67-00	\$5,800.00	101-5018-440-40-00	\$5,800.00
H1N1 State Grant		Contract Services	
TOTAL	\$5,800.00	TOTAL	\$5,800.00

Justification: CCHD has recently been awarded \$5,800 in state funds. These funds will pay Trans-Verse, Inc. to provide training that will address CDC H1N1 guidances, enhance Epi Teams, cross-train the Health Dept. staff and others, and develop/update/revise epidemiologic response plans, as well as provide surge capacity to investigate cases and clusters within our community in regards to H1N1.

Recreation & Parks

101-8001-336-02-00	\$1,201.00	101-8001-460-32-40	\$1,201.00
Donations		Other supplies	
TOTAL	\$1,201.00	TOTAL	\$1,201.00

Justification: Donations received from the New Bern Sunday School League and the Girls Babe Ruth League for batting cage net and accessories for Creekside Park.

Sheriff's

114-0000-399-01-00	\$3,100.00	114-2011-410-21-00	\$1,600.00
Seized property fund balance		Rents	
		114-2011-410-23-0	\$800.00
		Utilities	
		114-2011-410-22-0	\$700.00
		Phone	
TOTAL	\$3,100.00	TOTAL	\$3,100.00

Justification: Airport office for additional two months that were not anticipated.

Sheriff's

101-2005-377-03-00	\$13,109.00	101-2005-410-32-40	\$26,217.00
Grant/Bulletproof Vest		Other Supplies	
101-2005-366-14-0	\$13,108.00		
From Fd 114			
114-0000-399-01-00	\$13,108.00	114-2001-410-97-01	\$13,108.00
Fund Balance		To General Fund	

Journal Entry

114-2001-410-97-01	\$13,108.00	114-0000-101-00-00	\$13,108.00
101-0000-101-00-00	\$13,108.00	101-2005-366-14-00	\$13,108.00

Justification: Funds awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the purchase of bulletproof vests.

Ordinance:

Fibre Optic Project

This ordinance is hereby amended in the following amounts for expenditures for the Fibre Optic Project

Expenditures:

Contractual Service	\$1,518,699.00
Administration, Permits, Engineering	\$ 97,369.00
Technology	\$ 489,782.00
Corning Change Orders	\$ 61,702.00
TOTAL	\$2,167,552.00

The following revenues are hereby approved for the Fibre Optic Project.

Revenues:

Loan Proceeds	\$2,167,552.00
TOTAL	\$2,167,552.00

This ordinance is hereby adopted this 21st day of September, 2009.

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 McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
ALBAUGH, DONALD DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #57172	2009-0000454	\$75.75
BALL, DENNIS W CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR ON BOAT	2009-0002488	\$31.45
BECK, WILLIAM E & DAPHNE G APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0003721	\$156.10
BECKERMAN, JEFFREY CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0003733	\$112.55
BLAKE, ANGELA D DOUBLE BILLED ACCT #24542	2009-0004896	\$141.16
BROWN, SHIRLEY LEE DID NOT OWN 1/1/09	2009-0007091	\$48.15

BRYANT, CARRIE DID NOT RECEIVE ELDERLY EXCLUSION	2009-0007352	\$190.45
BUETTNER, DAVID FIRE TAX NOT ADJ FROM 9/1 CREDITS	2009-0007757	\$18.28
CALLAN, STACY A REBILLING-SITUS S/B 1-C	2009-0008404	\$74.89
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP CORRECTION OF APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0011153	\$317.99
COASTAL MARKETING & DEVELOP BUILDINGS TORN DOWN PRIOR TO 1/1/09	2009-0011149	\$15.46
COXE, WILLIAM L & PATRICIA A M SITUS IN 2A-FAIRFIELD HARBOR	2009-0012599	\$354.19
CRAVEN COUNTY EXEMPT PROPERTY	2009-0012698	\$36.00
CRAVEN REGIONAL MEDICAL AUTH HOME VACANT SINCE 2008	2009-0012744	\$36.00
CRAVEN REGIONAL MEDICAL AUTH HOME VACANT SINCE 2008	2009-0012745	\$36.00
DEICHMANN, GEORGE LEWIS III & DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0014733	\$2,302.69
DEICHMANN, GEORGE LEWIS III & DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0014734	\$2,419.34
DYER, JOHN B III & RHODA SENIOR EXEMP APPLIED WRONG PARCEL	2009-0016665	\$12.00
DYER, JOHN BENJAMIN QUALIFIES FOR VETERANS EXCLUSION	2009-0016667	\$326.40
FILLINGAME, CARSON CORRECTING FIRE TAX	2009-0018570	\$12.81
FLYNN, MICHAEL STEVEN SR FIRE TAX CORRECTION FROM 8/24/09	2009-0019100	\$1.37
GREENBERG, BRENT J MIL - ½ VAL-LES 09/11/28/2011 CO	2009-0022914	\$127.79
GRIFFIN, AMY DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #74538	2009-0023012	\$51.40
HASSELL, LEWIS DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0025396	\$94.91
HAWKER, JEFFREY J DID NOT OWN 1/1/2008	2008-0025490	\$11.42
HAWKER, JEFFREY J DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0025553	\$9.61

HUMPHREY, ALLEN LOUIS & DEBRA QUALIFIES FOR VETERANS EXCLUSION	2009-0028278	\$433.50
KANE, WILFREDO DID NOT OWN 1/1/09	2009-0031113	\$123.16
KING, BERTRAM FRANKLIN DID NOT OWN 1/1/09	2009-0031773	\$133.35
KOONCE, LINSTER JUNIOR MOBILE HOME NOT BILLED-REBILL	2009-0032400	\$66.77
LAUGHINGHOUSE, NINA HARRIS DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #3959227	2009-0033286	\$12.00
MAIN STREET NATIONAL BANK DID NOT OWN 1/1/09	2009-0035678	\$13.38
MCCOY, MARION W & MARY R DOUBLE LISTED GARAGE PID 3-024-026	2009-0037225	\$93.72
MCILWEAN, JOAN B HOME VACANT 1 ½ YEARS	2009-0037722	\$36.00
MCILWEAN, JOAN B PARCEL ON DEED CORRECTION	2009-0037721	\$54.26
PABST, KEVIN C & KAY L MIL-HIS NAME ONLY LES 09/FL/6/18/13	2009-0043286	\$10.95
PARKER, DOROTHY BLOUNT MOBILE HOMES VACANT SINCE 2006	2009-0043563	\$36.00
PEGRAM, SHELIA CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0044137	\$8.24
PIAS MEDITERRANEAN FOODS INC CORRECTED VALUE AND LATE LISTING	2009-0044743	\$44.45
QUINN, GRAHAM & BECKY F TO REBILL IN SEPARATE NAMES	2008-0091402	\$146.04
QUINN, GRAHAM & BECKY F TO REBILL IN SEPARATE NAMES	2007-0045195	\$159.19
QUINN, GRAHAM & BECKY F TO REBILL IN SEPARATE NAMES	2006-0043769	\$135.81
RMICO LLC DID NOT OWN 1/1/09	2009-0047963	\$124.86
RODRIGUEZ, GEORGE A DID NOT OWN 1/1/09	2009-0048379	\$53.44
SALTWATER LAND COMPANY LLC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0049400	\$129.75
SANDERS, STEVE BILLED INCORRECT OWNER	2009-0049564	\$413.83
SAPPELT, THOMAS ANTHONY III PRORATE PER BILL OF SALE-REBILLED	2009-0049675	\$181.89

SCHACK, MELANIE RENA DOUBLE BILLED-SEE ACCT #79787	2009-0049862	\$21.13
SCOTT, RONNIE M CORRECTION OF CREDIT FROM 9/1/09	2009-0050316	\$36.00
SIMPSON, RENEE PHILLIPS REBILL-SHOULD BE CITY OF NEW BERN	2009-0051409	\$60.70
T & T PIZZA INC CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0054695	\$523.14
TEMPLE, DAPHNE M DOUBLE BILLED – ACCT # 29669	2009-0055424	\$2,416.67
THOMPSON, JACKIE O & ANDREA B CORRECTING APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0055959	\$256.19
TOEWS, TRAVIS D OUT OF BUSINESS	2009-0056243	\$694.83
TYLER, PAUL & AMY J HOME UNDER REPAIR-VACANT	2009-0057324	\$36.00
WALDEN BOOK COMPANY INC #1622 LATE LISTING CHARGED IN ERROR	2009-0058488	\$0.00
WASTE INDUSTRIES, INC LATE LISTING CHARGED IN ERROR	2009-0059161	\$217.32
WHITE, VICKIE BRETHERA MOVED FROM TOWNSHIP 1C TO 8N	2009-0060853	\$149.53
	58 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$13,836.26
<i>Refunds</i>		
BLAKE, ANGELA D DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #24542	2008-0004873	\$146.72
BLAKE, ANGELA D DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #24542	2007-0004775	\$164.16
BLAKE, ANGELA D DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #24542	2005-0090087	\$173.99
BLAKE, ANGELA D DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #24542	2006-0090208	\$166.87
DAWSON, ANGELA DENISE DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #41457	2009-0090019	\$115.08
KELLUM, NORMAN B JR & RUTH SITUS 8 T NOT 8 N – REBILL	2009-0031341	\$68.53
THINGULDSTAD, ARTHUR M REBILLING FOR CORRECT TOWNSHIP	2009-0055621	\$84.01
	7 – REFUND (S)	\$919.36

Holiday Schedule

Craven County Human Resources Director, Joan Harrell, submitted the following proposed 2010 Holiday Schedule for Craven County employees. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the 2010 Holiday Schedule, as presented, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**2010
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
Friday, January 1, 2010**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY
Monday, January 18, 2010**

**GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 2, 2010**

**MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 31, 2010**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
Monday, July 5, 2010**

**LABOR DAY
Monday, September 6, 2010**

**VETERANS' DAY
Thursday, November 11, 2010
Friday, November 12, 2010**

**THANKSGIVING
Thursday, November 25, 2010
Friday, November 26, 2010**

**CHRISTMAS
Thursday, December 24, 2010
Friday, December 25, 2010**

TWIN RIVERS OPPORTUNITIES

Executive Director, Cynthia Dixon, explained that Twin Rivers Opportunities is a Section 8 – Housing Program, which services Jones, Pamlico and Craven counties. Sandra Watkins, Finance Officer and Section 8 Supervisor, stated that the agency has eligibility for 800 units; currently 790 are occupied. The agency is currently recruiting landlords. Commissioner Tyson inquired about the formula for payment. She responded that income limits are determined by H.U.D., which apply to mobile homes, apartments and houses at the same rate, based on income and the number of bedrooms. Commissioner Sampson inquired if there are any standards concerning the condition of the units. She responded that units are monitored and if the units are not left in at least as good condition as when rented, eligibility is rescinded. She announced that there will be a landlord workshop soon. She stated that landlords are encouraged to inspect units every month initially, then decreasing to quarterly, semi-annually and annually if the units are in satisfactory condition. Commissioner Allen inquired as to the meaning of “low income”; however, an income scale was not available at the meeting.

Victor Smith, Weatherization Coordinator, stated that guidelines from the Department of Energy are based on the household size. He stated that the weatherization program provides for inspection of doorways, insulation, combustion heater safety, ceilings, and windows. He indicated that the agency is geared to provide weatherization services for twenty heating units, and applications are being sought for stimulus funds. The agency

was awarded \$1.8 million in stimulus funds to improve 405 houses. There is no charge to homeowners; however, the fee for landlords is \$275, which cannot be passed along to tenants. In addition, the landlord pays 50% of a new unit if replacement is needed. The program does not include roof work. Commissioner Sampson inquired how the program is advertised, and Mr. Smith responded that inserts are placed in the mailings of the utility companies, and distributed at senior and community centers. It was suggested by Commissioner Sampson that the opportunities be publicized more aggressively.

VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (VAD)

Wyatt Whitford, Chairperson of the Craven County Agricultural Advisory Board, presented a Policy and Procedures document submitted by his board, which was prepared to guide the enrollment of lands into the VAD Program. The recommended policy provided for an enrollment fee, to include recording of the land, purchase and placement of signage and minimal operational costs. The Advisory Board learned, after preparation of the Policy and Procedures that the recording fees associated with the Register of Deeds must be paid directly by the property owner enrolling in the program. Mr. Whitford advised the Board that the proposed enrollment fee would, therefore, need to be reduced to exclude recording.

By consensus, the Board deferred action to approve the documents until a revised fee is established.

EASTERN CAROLINA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Tammy Childers, Director of Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board, presented information on the agency's activities. Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board is one of 24 across North Carolina, and serves Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenior, Onslow, Pamlico and Wayne Counties. The Board oversees all federal funds received for workforce development and provides employment and training opportunities. She stated that unemployment in Craven County went from 5% to 10.1% in the last year, and that there are currently 300 citizens in Craven County participating in workforce development programs.

The agency received \$900,000 from the Military Growth Task Force to target veterans and spouses who wish to remain in eastern North Carolina. The ARRA allocation was \$2.6 million and funds will expire June 30, 2011. In Craven County 111 are participating in stimulus programs and 190 in year-round programs. All are being held to higher standards for stimulus funds. The training program access is through Employment Security Commission and Joblink centers. The agency partners with Craven Community College with most training initiatives and with the Small Business Center at the community college to help those interested in becoming entrepreneurs.

EMERGENCY SERVICES MATTERS

Director of Emergency Services, Stanley Kite, presented plans of several rescue and EMS squads, as follows, to pursue Department of Insurance (DOI) grants, which, if received will require a County match. The Commissioners normally match these grants on a 50/50 basis, with the maximum grant amount being \$50,000 this year. Half of the match for the County would not exceed \$25,000 per provider.

- Vanceboro Rescue – Equipment purchase
- Number 7 Township EMS – Equipment purchase – new vehicle
- New Bern Craven Rescue – Equipment purchase
- Ft. Barnwell Rescue – Equipment Purchase

Mr. Kite stated that he had not received a request to be placed on the agenda from Cove City EMS; however, he indicated that he had heard that they intend to solicit Department of Insurance grant funds. There was no request for Board action to approve the matches at this time, as the squads will not know of the grant awards until December 15.

TAX MATTERS

Settlement of 2008 Taxes

Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, presented the settlement of 2008 taxes, and pursuant to GS 105-373, requested that the Board accept this settlement and enter it into its minutes. He stated that last year's collection rate was 98.23%, compared to this year's rate of 98.10%. Vehicle tax collections have had a negative impact on the total rate; however, the legislature is addressing this issue with a measure requiring that taxes be paid at the time of vehicle registration.

**CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

General Fund Original Levy	\$	41,888,931.50
Fire District Original Levy		<u>1,545,631.73</u>
Total Original Levy	\$	43,434,563.23
Add:		
Afterlists	\$	1,231,192.33
Additions		4,185.60
Plus Adjustments		<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$	44,669,941.16
Less:		
Write-offs	\$	25,500.56
Adjustments		0.00
Releases		<u>664,606.22</u>
Net Levy	\$	43,979,834.38
Collected	\$	43,144,650.36
Uncollected as of June 30, 2008	\$	835,184.02

Percentage of 2008 taxes collected-----98.10

Net taxable valuation--\$6,937,1637,570

**ANNUAL REPORT OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES
CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

General Fund Original Levy	\$	5,234,259.09
Fire District Original Levy	\$	<u>205,072.69</u>
Total Original Levy	\$	5,439,331.78
Add:		
Additions	\$	394.74
Plus Adjustments		<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$	5,439,726.52
Less:		
Write-offs	\$	21,769.30

Adjustments		0.00
Releases		<u>517,037.68</u>
Net Levy	\$	4,900,919.54
Collected	\$	4,445,855.58
Uncollected as of June 30, 2009	\$	455,063.96

Percentage of 2008 taxes collected-----90.71

Net taxable valuation---\$775,507,104

**ANNUAL REPORT OF REAL PROPERTY, CERTIFIED VALUATION AND
PERSONAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN REGISTER MORTO VEHICLES
CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

General Fund Original Levy	\$	36,654,672.41
Fire District Original Levy		<u>1,340,559.04</u>
Total Levy	\$	37,995,231.45
Add:		
Afterlists	\$	1,231,192.33
Plus Adjustments		0.00
Additions		<u>3,790.86</u>
Total	\$	39,230,214.64
Less:		
Write-offs	\$	3,731.26
Adjustments		0.00
Releases		<u>147,568.54</u>
Net Levy	\$	39,078,917.84
Collected	\$	38,698,794.78
Uncollected as of June 30, 2009	\$	380,120.06

Percentage of 2008 taxes collected-----99.03

Net taxable valuation---\$6,161,660,466

Commissioner Sisk moved to accept the foregoing settlement of 2008 taxes, as requested, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

Charge for Collection of 2009 Taxes

The Board was requested to adopt the following order required by NCGS 105-321(b), authorizing Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, to collect 2009 taxes. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the charge to the tax collector, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

TO THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Craven County Tax Collector and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise

therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Craven, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayer, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 21st day of September 2009.

Commissioner Jones announced that Mr. Antry had reviewed the revaluation process with him, and he encouraged the other Commissioners to visit Mr. Antry and his staff to get a thorough explanation also. He expressed his intentions to host an informal meeting in the western part of the County to address citizens' questions concerning revaluation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Hicks reported that he and County Manager, Harold Blizzard, met with the Sheriff regarding enforcement of the County's Noise Ordinance after the Board's last meeting. The Sheriff plans to address the Board at the next meeting with an update.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Sisk commented that gas was \$2.42 in Vanceboro and \$2.39 in Greenville during the past weekend.

Commissioner Morris announced that West Craven High School is hosting a band competition again this year.

Commissioner Tyson reported on the Highway 70 Corridor work session held at Brinson Memorial School on September 10. He stated that businesses in attendance were concerned about overpasses and Williams Road and felt that it would hurt their businesses. They recommended putting overpasses at Taberna and Carolina Colors instead.

Commissioner Sampson commented that gas was \$2.29 in Elizabeth City during the weekend. He announced that the flu vaccine for H1N1 is expected in October, and school children will be targeted first. He encouraged youth to avail themselves of the vaccine.

Commissioner Allen commented that the H1N1 vaccine has not yet been proven or tested. He also noted that he was a keynote speaker at the base chapel aboard MCAS Cherry Point last week.

Commissioner Jones commended a citizen contributor to the *Sun Journal's* Letters to the Editor for retracting comments regarding his misunderstanding tax issues referenced in the Board's last meeting, and the *Sun Journal* for its prompt follow-up. He stated that he met with Stanley Kite and fire & rescue personnel in the western part of the County concerning their operational difficulties and budgetary constraints. He said he will be meeting with them again and will come to the Board with a plan to propose. He also discussed the revaluation process and reported that the Hwy 55 West re-paving and re-surfacing has been completed. He thanked the Board for their support in getting this accomplished.

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

Chairman Jason R. Jones
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board