



At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Tyson moved to go into closed session concerning potential litigation pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), seconded by Commissioner Jones.

At 10:38 a.m. the Board returned to regular session and was declared in recess.

At 10:53 a.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

*Sheriff's Vehicles*

The majority consensus was reached to keep the number of replacement vehicles at ten.

*Cove City Rescue*

It was the consensus of the Board to leave the budget as it is.

*Health Department Family Planning LPN*

There was not sufficient consensus to fund the Family Planning LPN position.

*NC Symphony*

It was the majority consensus to continue the \$5,000 appropriation to the NC Symphony.

*Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT)*

A new request of \$7,500 was considered from ACT. It was the consensus of the Board that they would like to support the request, but would like to see the budget. Consideration was deferred.

*Dover Reunion*

It was the consensus of the Board not to fund the request.

*NC 20*

There was concern from the Board that NC eastern counties will lose clout in redistricting without such an organized lobbying effort. There was consensus to budget an appropriation, but not to disburse it unless other entities fund it in their respective proportions.

*Cove City Park*

The Board received a report on a cost estimate for a water fountain (\$1,860.00) and sink (\$895) or hose bit (\$415) installation at Cove City Park. The total for the fountain and hose bit is \$3,300-\$4,200 and for the fountain and sink is \$3,700. If \$2,000 is used from budgeted signage, only an additional \$2,200 is needed to pay for a water fountain and hose bit. It was the consensus of the Board to budget for the additional \$2,200.

*New Bern Library Chiller*

The Board discussed the need for a new chiller at the New Bern Library. The cost would be \$85,000, which was budgeted. County Manager, Harold Blizzard, stated that New Bern was asked to participate and he is awaiting a response.

*Fire Department Requests*

Commissioner Morris recommended that no funding be taken out of fund balance for the requested grant matches unless it is out of the fire departments' respective fund balances or raised from their respective fire tax rates to cover the costs. Commissioner Jones spoke on behalf of Twp. 3 Fire Department and in support of their receiving a match. The request failed to receive a majority consensus of the Board to fund grant matches.

Commissioner Morris stated that departments were told two years ago that matches for grants would have to cease due to rising funding levels.

At 12:20 p.m. the Board moved to recess.

At 1:20 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

### *ACT*

Discussion of the ACT budget resumed. Commissioner Jones recommended a \$4,000 appropriation. Commissioner Tyson asked for a better breakdown on the budget. It was the majority consensus to fund ACT at \$7,500.

### *School Bond Issue*

Mr. Hemphill stated that a school bond issue in the amount of \$2,163,000 would result in an additional repayment of \$16,000 per year. The School Board has agreed to decrease capital outlay (\$200,000) for two years for funds to go toward debt service for the bond, leaving \$700,000 in capital reserve.

It was the consensus of the Board to endorse the Resolution Approving the Application for Qualified School Construction Bonds adopted by the Board of Education, with a memorandum of understanding concerning the capital outlay concession. .

Mr. Hemphill reported that COPS borrowing projects are all completed except the purchase of land, for which there is \$750,000 remaining. A total of \$1,032,000 can be set aside for the purchase of land or debt service. He stated that putting it into a debt service fund would allow for covering the shortage of ADM money being withheld the State, which is gone for certain in the coming year, possibly indefinitely, and which would necessitate finding an additional \$1 million per year to service existing debt. It was the consensus of the Board to put the \$1,032,000 in debt service, except for \$26,000 which will be used for cabinets at J T Barber Elementary School.

Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the following Resolution in Support of Siting the Joint Strike Fighter F35B at Cherry Point, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

## **RESOLUTION**

### **IN SUPPORT OF MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) CHERRY POINT, FLEET READINESS CENTER (FRC) EAST, AND THE STATIONING OF THE JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER F-35B**

**WHEREAS**, MCAS Cherry Point and the Navy FRC East directly impacts North Carolina's economy by contributing at least \$2,179,000,000 annually to the regional economy; and

**WHEREAS**, MCAS Cherry Point and the FRC East jointly employ approximately 10,000 active duty military personnel and 5,000 civilian personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 10,000 military and civilian personnel have retired to the four counties surrounding MCAS Cherry Point; and

**WHEREAS**, these active duty, retired personnel, and civilian employees support approximately 30,000 family members; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Marine Corps published in May 2010 a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the deployment of 13 squadrons of Joint Strike Fighter F-35Bs to be home based at a combination of MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina or MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the F-35B is the Marine Corps version of our Nation's future jet fighter fleet and is designed with short takeoff/vertical landing (or STOVL) capability and can achieve a speed of 1,200 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the F-35B will replace the AV-8B Harrier and EA-6B Prowler squadrons presently stationed at MCAS Cherry Point; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marine Corps has requested comments from the local community by no later than July 12, 2010, concerning issues that should be addressed in the final EIS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marine Corps is considering four alternative basing scenarios that divide the squadrons in a variety of ways between MCAS Cherry Point and MCAS Beaufort wherein the Marine Corps' draft preferred alternative places three operational squadrons and two training squadrons at MCAS Beaufort and eight operational squadrons at MCAS Cherry Point; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critically important for the Marine Corps to be informed about the extent of community support for MCAS Cherry Point as the principal home base location for the F-35B; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic and environmental conditions at MCAS Cherry Point are superior to those at MCAS Beaufort.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Craven County endorses MCAS Cherry Point as the principal home base location for the Joint Strike Fighter F-35Bs and urges the Marine Corps to give full consideration to the unwavering, long-term support of Craven County and larger community to MCAS Cherry Point and the U.S. Marine Corps.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Craven County urges the Marine Corps to reject Alternative 1 and change its preferred alternative to Alternative 2 wherein MCAS Cherry Point will receive eleven F-35B operational squadrons.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Craven County pledges to assist the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps in planning for the necessary community infrastructure, facilities and services in support of the deployment of F-35B squadrons at MCAS Cherry Point.

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

At 2:10 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to go into closed session to discuss Performance of Personnel, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Perry L. Morris  
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
Clerk to the Board