

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, JANUARY 4, 2010. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chairman Perry Morris
- Vice Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
- Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
- Commissioner Jason R. Jones
- Commissioner Theron McCabe
- 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
- Arey Grady, representing County Attorney's Office
- Aaron Arnette, representing County Attorney's Office

Following an invocation by Commissioner Sampson and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve minutes of December 21, 2009 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 Tyson and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Health/Maternity/Child Hlth/Family Planning

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-5700-370-08-00	\$5,206.00	101-5700-440-10-02	\$3,778.00
Maternity/Medicaid		Salary	
		101-5700-440-11-01	\$280.00
		FICA	
		101-5700-440-11-02	\$187.00
		Retirement	
		101-5700-440-11-03	\$153.00
		401K	
		101-5700-440-11-04	\$16.00
		Worker's Comp	
		101-5700-440-11-05	\$729.00
		Health Insurance	
		101-5700-440-11-06	\$54.00
		Dental Insurance	
		101-5700-440-11-07	\$4.00
		Life Insurance	
		101-5700-440-11-08	\$5.00
		Disability Insurance	
101-5800-370-11-00	\$5,206.00	101-5800-440-10-02	\$3,778.00
Child Health/Medicaid		Salary	
		101-5800-440-11-01	\$280.00
		FICA	

		101-5800-440-11-02	\$187.00
		Retirement	
		101-5800-440-11-03	\$153.00
		401K	
		101-5800-440-11-04	\$16.00
		Worker's Comp	
		101-5800-440-11-06	\$729.00
		Health Insurance	
		101-5800-440-11-07	\$54.00
		Dental Insurance	
		101-5800-440-11-08	\$4.00
		Life Insurance	
		101-5800-440-11-09	\$5.00
		Disability Insurance	
TOTAL	\$10,412.00	TOTAL	\$10,412.00

Justification: Accounting Tech I position was approved by the County Manager and the Director of Personnel during a meeting held with the Health Director on December 15, 2009. An increase Medicaid revenue will cover salary and benefits. The position will be made available on 1/20/2010(11 pay periods). Position paid out of Maternity (33%), Child Health (33%) and Family Planning (34%).

Health/Maternity/Child Health/Family Planning

101-6400-370-07-00	\$5,362.00	101-6400-440-10-02	\$3,892.00
Family Plan-Medicaid		Salary	
		101-6400-440-11-01	\$288.00
		FICA	
		101-6400-440-11-02	\$193.00
		Retirement	
		101-6400-440-11-03	\$157.00
		401K	
		101-6400-440-11-04	\$16.00
		Worker's Comp	
		101-6400-440-11-06	\$751.00
		Health Insurance	
		101-6400-440-11-07	\$56.00
		Dental Insurance	
		101-6400-440-11-08	\$4.00
		Life Insurance	
		101-6400-440-11-09	\$5.00
		Disability Insurance	
TOTAL	\$5,362.00	TOTAL	\$5,362.00

DSS 7291 Mandated/DSS 7231 TANF

101-7291-349-16-00	\$259,238.00	101-7291-450-39-17	\$259,238.00
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			
TOTAL	\$259,238.00	TOTAL	\$259,238.00

Justification: Funding authorization from the Division of Child Support; remainder of allocation for Smart Start Subsidy and Admin funding received. No County match required.

Tax Releases

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

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET#	AMOUNT
A P REALE & SONS INC CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091424	\$19,345.28
AFLAC DISTRICT OFFICE CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091590	\$153.66
AIKEN, SCOTT DWELLING REMOVED	2009-0000395	\$177.93
BARWICK POELSTRA LLC BILLED INCORRECT OWNER	2009-0003151	\$106.86
BARWICK POELSTRA LLC APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0003152	\$282.53
BASS, THOMAS & BRYAN, FRANCES FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0003244	\$7.14
BEAVERS, CHRISTOPHER CRAIG MIL-HIS NAME DD214-5/8/93-7/31/09 OK	2009-0091196	\$1,260.28
BRICES CREEK MINI STORAGE LLC APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0091437	\$324.69
BRUNNER, DANIEL C DECEASED – UNCOLLECTABLE	2009-0007158	\$58.58
CHURCH-GUIDFIELD MISSIONARY B PROPERTY VACANT	2009-0010430	72.00
DUNCAN, RYAN SHERRILL RELEASED TO PENDER COUNTY	2009-0091228	\$40.06
EASTERN PLUMBING CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091461	\$106.69
EDWARDS, THOMAS JR & EVELYN FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2005-0017183	\$17.87
ELAM, JIM BOAT NOT IN NC	2009-0091410	\$744.81
FARMERS INSURANCE DOUBLE LISTED ACCT 72588	2009-0018140	\$55.34
FOUNTAIN, JOSEPH KAHN CLERICAL ERROR	2009-0091657	\$25.81
HAWKINS, MICHAEL DOUBLE BILLED ACCT #76707	2009-0091244	\$822.93

JAMES ARTHUR CONSTRUCTION INC CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091607	\$686.26
JONES GROCERY CORRECTED TMA APPRAISAL	2009-0091493	\$1,739.27
LILLY, JOHN H ET-AL DWELLING NOT OCCUPIED	2009-0034258	\$36.00
LITTLE ITALY PIZZA TMA DISCOVERY NOT IN CRAVEN COUNTY	2009-0091502	\$2,983.37
MIDDLETON, DARLENE FORECLOSURE – LIEN EXTINGUISHED	2009-0038607	\$23.79
MILLS RADIO & TV INC CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091514	\$200.41
MONTES MOTORS LLC CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091609	\$424.89
MORRIS, NORMAN DOUBLE LISTED ACCT #42514	2009-0091419	\$50.07
PRECISION REMODELING AND VINYL RELEASED TO PITT COUNTY	2009-0091642	\$70.32
PURDIE, COREY NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2009	2009-0091613	\$438.14
PURPLE PASSION TATTOO SPA CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091614	\$923.23
REDDOCH, JAMES D & LINDA W APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0046842	\$32.83
SODEXO MANAGEMENT INC CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0052475	\$3,868.97
STREET SOUNDS CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091558	\$1,261.37
THE INTERNET HOUSE OF COFFEE CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091562	\$1,200.61
WILD HAIRZ SALON CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091626	\$27.26
33 – CREDIT MEMO (S)		\$37,569.25

PETITION OF CITIZEN – CRAIG HEARNE

Mr. Craig Hearne of 3445 Old Airport Road presented a petition to the Board on behalf of Croatan Church of Christ. He stated that his church has been refused a permit; however, there are three other churches allowed to exist in the same zone where his church is proposing to build. He inquired why the same rules do not apply and that the Mixed Use Zone Ordinance does not specifically prohibit churches. Attorney Arey Grady stated that unless the ordinance specifically allows a use, it is prohibited as a conditional use. The ordinance itemizes some uses that are strictly and unconditionally prohibited. Commissioner Tyson recommended that Mr. Hearne go through the appeals process with the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Jones agreed. Chairman Morris stated that some of the other churches that are currently listed in the zone were

either pre-existing or received permits by misrepresentation, which is being addressed. Mr. Hearne was directed to instructions for mounting an appeal that our outlined in the ordinance. Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, stated that the Zoning Board of Adjustment meets when needed, but has not met in four to five years. Members will need to be re-oriented. Commissioner Tyson directed staff to inquire of Airport Director, Tom Braaten, if there is any indication from the FAA on possible funding repercussions for allowing such a permit.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, presented a copy of a proposed Listing Agreement Extension with the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina to sell the St. Luke's property. The agreement renewal is for one (1) year and all other terms of the agreement remain the same. The Preservation Foundation continues to market this property, but there has been very little interest shown by prospective buyers, and the current economic climate has not helped sell the property. The requirements for preserving the architectural and historical significance of the building make it even more difficult. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the Listing Agreement Extension with the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Jones stated that Spring Garden Road repairs being done by the Department of Transportation (DOT) have been a larger project than anticipated, and DOT has run out of money. He asked for support of a letter to DOT requesting that some funding extensions be considered. Commissioner Jones moved to draft a letter to Mr. Conti at the DOT and copy Neil Lassiter and the Legislative Delegation, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried. He also stated that the western part of the County on the Craven/Lenoir line does not have high-speed internet service and he asked the Chairman to make an inquiry.

Commissioner Sisk wished everyone a Happy New Year. She congratulated the New Bern 300th Committee for the success of First Night and congratulated Shirley Willis, Tryon Palace Baker, who was featured in "Our State Magazine".

Commissioner Allen wished everyone a Happy New Year and hopes that the economy continues on an upward path.

Commissioner McCabe announced that he attended the 300th Celebration kick-off and presented buttons to Commissioners and staff as mementos. He recommended that more security cameras be placed in the Convention Center.

He stated that Pine Cliff Road is still in need of upgrades. Funding is needed for moving three to four light poles. Carteret-Craven Electric will pay half of the total amount, \$4,043.93, and the State has provided money for the road paving. He asked that the County contribute to the cost by matching Carteret-Craven Electric. Commissioner Allen moved to defer consideration until the Board's next meeting; however, the motion died without a second. Commissioner McCabe moved to approve the allocation, seconded by Commissioner Sampson. The motion failed, there being three (3) "Ayes" from Commissioners Allen, McCabe and Sampson and four (4) "Nays" from Commissioners Jones, Morris, Sisk and Tyson.

Commissioner Tyson congratulated Beth Atkins and Janet Lamb, who co-chaired New Bern's First Night, on its success.

Commissioner Sampson wished everyone a Happy New Year. He announced his attendance at the unveiling of the "Bearon VonGraffenreid" bear at Union Point and community prayer service on January 2. He predicted that 2010 will be a prosperous tax year for the County, and encouraged volunteers to continue. He announced upcoming census jobs and asked staff to contact the census office to find out the status of staffing the positions.

Commissioner Morris reported on his participation at the community prayer service during the kick-off of New Bern's 300th Anniversary. He announced a wildlife public hearing in the Craven County Courthouse on January 20 at 7:00 p.m., and asked that the Board consider adoption of a resolution that was adopted by Dare County opposing the shifting of roads to Counties. Staff was directed to research whether Craven County has already adopted such a resolution.

Commissioner Sampson announced a community meeting he has scheduled for January 21 at 7:00 p.m. to inform the community on the revaluation.

Chairman Morris presented a plaque to Chairman Jones for his dedicated service as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the past two years.

At 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Allen moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

Chairman Perry Morris
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board