

**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, FEBRUARY 15, 2010. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 8:30 A.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  
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board  
Jim Hicks, County Attorney

**STAFF ABSENT:**

Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer

Following an invocation by Commissioner Jones and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2010 regular session, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chairman sought consensus to add an item to set a public hearing for CARTS Community Transportation Program on March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

*Subdivision for Approval*

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivisions for the Board's approval. Commissioner Allen moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote. Commissioner Tyson asked about the intention for use of the John Hardee subdivision, and asked that Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, contact him.

Phillip M. Lewis Division – Final: The property, owned by Phillip Lewis and surveyed by Southern Boundaries, is located within Twp. 8 off of SR 1225 (Clarks Road). The subdivision contains 3 lots on 6.69 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems.

Marvin L. Wright Estates Division – Final: The property, owned by Christine Wright and surveyed by Kirby Braxton, is located within Twp. 2 off of SR 1447 (Campbell Road). The subdivision contains 2 lots on 1.97 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and Lot 1 has an existing individual septic system and Lot 2 is proposed to be served by an individual septic system.

Gregory S. Miller Division – Final: The property, owned by Gregory S. Miller and surveyed by Gaskins Land Surveying, is located within Twp. 1 off of SR 1436 (Winn Circle). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 0.71 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an existing individual septic system.

John R. Hardee Division – Final: The property, owned by John R. Hardee and surveyed by Terry Wheeler, is located within Twp. 7 off of SR 1111 (Old Airport Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 5.96 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and City of New Bern sewer.

*Budget Amendment*

Craven County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, submitted the following budget amendment for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Allen moved for its approval, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

***DSS 7291 Mandated***

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
101-7291-349-42-00 Share the Warmth	\$500.00	101-7291-450-23-42 Share the Warmth	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

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

*Tax Releases and Refunds*

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

***Credits***

<b>TAXPAYER NAME</b>	<b>TICKET#</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
ALBEMAN, BEN MIL-HIS NAME LES 10 ECC-000 (03) FL	2009-0091187	\$313.00
ATLANTIC HELICOPTERS GROUP LLC EXEMPT AS INVENTORY GS 105-275 (34)	2009-0001891	\$2,469.59
BROOME, JOSEPH D MIL-HIS NAME LES-10 ECC-00 MAJ FL	2009-0006730	\$111.28
BROWN, JAMES DALTON SR DOUBLE BILLED-SEE ACCT 895970	2009-0006898	\$61.99
CHAN MYE ASIAN MART CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2010-0090005	\$308.49
CHRISTENSEN, HAROLD CORRECTED APPRAISAL ERROR	2009-0091213	\$232.10
COVE CITY SERVICE CENTER CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091453	\$191.38
CURLIN, MARY BRIDGET MORGAN TAGGED VEHICLE	2009-0013390	\$48.68
DICKERSON, RICKY E CORRECTED LISTING ERROR	2009-0091011	\$68.94
EL TACO LOCO CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091599	\$720.23
FIRST CAPITAL COMPUTERS INC CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091466	\$327.79

FITZGERALD, TIGH E MIL-HIS NAME LES-08/ECC-1/16/11 WI	2009-0018919	\$113.78
FOYE, DEBORAH PERRY REPOSSESSED	2009-0019595	\$185.29
GARDEN OF EDEN HEALTH OUT OF BUSINESS 2009	2009-0090498	\$125.73
GREEN CHERRY TRANSPORTATION CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091602	\$31.03
HAIR STOP CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091603	\$264.97
HARVEY, AMARLYLLIS L & WILLIAM TITLE CHANGED 7/11/08	2009-0025311	\$129.37
HUNTING, MICHAEL L MIL-HIS NAME LES-10 ETS-00 (04) TX	2010-0090073	\$836.88
IMAGINE WIRELESS OF NEW BERN I OUT OF BUSINESS IN 2008	2009-0090572	\$111.08
IPOCK, GRACE N DID NOT OWN 1/1/2009	2009-0091017	\$22.41
LAVALLE, LAWRENCE TAX SITUS NOT IN USA – CANADA	2009-0091267	\$357.83
LEE, GRAHAM E & WOODCOCK, TERE DID NOT OWN 1/1/09	2009-0091024	\$22.41
MABRY, JOSEPH EARL & ANNETTE A BILLED INCORRECT OWNER	2009-0035396	\$342.90
MCNEAL, MICHAEL K & AUDRA E MIL-HIS NAME ECC-000 CAPT FL	2009-0038008	\$52.71
MOORE STUCCO & PLASTERING CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2010-0090027	\$87.23
NEW HORIZON BOAT RENTALS LLC BUSINESS CLOSED 1/1/2009	2009-0041828	\$94.02
NEW HORIZON BOAT RENTALS LLC BUSINESS CLOSED 1/1/2009	2009-0041829	\$46.10
OKIS RESTAURANT CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2010-0090033	535.69
OLIVER, DAVID SEAN & RACHELLE INCORRECT OWNER-SEE ACCT 6957650	2009-0042835	\$103.76
PEOPLES BEAUTY SUPPLY CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2010-0090034	\$592.97
PHILLIPS, ROBERT THOMAS MIL-HIS NAME LES-09 ECC-9/14/11 WV	2009-0044712	\$27.58
ROCKYS MATERIAL & SALVAGE CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2010-0090057	\$421.79

SCHELL, JOHN LISTED IN CARTERET CO FOR 2009	2009-0049901	\$90.81
SMART, BEVERLY CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091551	\$171.74
SMITH, TAMALA K SIMPSON DWELLING REMOVED FROM PARCEL	2009-0052295	\$6.05
SOUTHEASTERN WATERFRONT MAR CORRECTED TMA DISCOVERY	2009-0091619	\$79.31
TRAVIS, ROBERT W DOES NOT OWN THIS MOBILE HOME	2010-0090087	\$49.14
TROTTER, CHARLES S MIL-HIS NAME LES 10 ETS-00 (04) TX	2004-0051369	\$68.43
TROTTER, CHARLES S MIL-HIS NAME LES-10 ECC-00 (04) TX	2005-0090930	\$66.61
TROTTER, CHARLES S MIL-HIS NAME LES-10 ECC-00 (04) TX	2006-0053651	\$53.14
TROTTER, CHARLES S MIL-HIS NAME LES -10 ECC-00 (04) TX	2007-0055396	\$42.93
TROTTER, CHARLES S MIL-HIS NAME LES-10 ECC-00 (04) TX	2008-0091881	\$36.69
TROTTER, CHARLES S MIL-HIS NAME LES-10 ECC-00 (04) TX	2009-0057029	\$35.12
WARD, LYDIA RENEE WETHERINGTON UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2001	2009-0058946	\$36.27
WHITE, GREGORY WAYNE MOVED OUT OF COUNTY IN 2008	2009-0090962	\$10.51
WHITFORD, EDWARD	2009-0091340	\$188.18
	46 – CREDIT MEMO (S)	\$10,293.93
<b><i>Refunds</i></b>		
ALBRECHT, ALLAN INCORRECT SITUS – RELEASED TO PAMLICO	2009-0000467	\$148.19
ALBRECHT, ALLAN INCORRECT SITUS – RELEASED TO PAMLICO	2008-0000469	\$155.99
ELLIS, EDWARD B & VERONICA INOCRRRECT SITUS – S/B 7G NOT 8N	2009-0017414	\$323.30
EVERETT, ROY N & LYNN G RELEASED TO GASTON COUNTY	2009-0017901	\$614.35
MCLAWHORN, ROBERT DOUBLE BILLED-SEE ACCT 11218	2009-0091152	\$90.59

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SMITH, TAMALA K SIMPSON DWELLING REMOVED 5 YEARS AGO	2009-0052295	\$94.59
STATEN, SHELIA VEHICLE TAGGED	2007-0051860	\$52.32
STATEN, SHELIA TAGGED VEHICLE	2008-0052560	\$55.07
STATEN SHELIA VEHICLE TAGGED	2009-0053296	\$52.32
TAYLOR, ZACHARY & JUDY A BUILDING INCOMPLETE 1/1/09 81.5%	2009-0055326	\$1,373.52
	10 – REFUND (S)	\$2,960.24

*Set CARTS CTP Public Hearing for March 1*

CARTS Director, Phyllis Toler, requested that the Board set a public hearing on the Community Transportation Program. Commissioner Allen moved to set a public hearing for March 1 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**EAST CAROLINA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REPORT**

Area Director, Roy Wilson, provided highlights of the operations, reporting that ECBH decreased from four counties to three, and is now made up of nine counties. He stated they are in the process of acquiring ten more counties from the now defunct Albermarle area agency. The current contract with the Albermarle terminates in July, and hopefully a permanent merger will occur at that time. The service population with the merger would be approximately 700,000. Each of the Albermarle counties must make an independent decision concerning the merger. Commissioner Tyson expressed concern that this LME may be compromised in a merger by a weaker Albermarle district which has been poorly managed. Mr. Wilson stated that most of the management issues with the Albermarle area have been addressed. Assistant Finance Director, Patty Joyner, reviewed the fiscal monitoring report with the Board.

**HIGHWAY 17 ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

Marc Finlayson, Executive Director, provided an update on the progress and status of Highway 17, in which he stated that the new bridge over the Tar River in Washington is nearing completion.

He reported that the Highway 17 Association is working with county tourism agencies to have the entire length of Highway 17 in North Carolina designated as a Heritage Highway, and that three additional counties, Brunswick, Camden and Pasquatank, have joined the Association as financial members. He announced that Mike Alford of Jacksonville has been appointed as the Division 3 Board member of DOT.

**APPOINTMENTS**

*Nursing Home Advisory Committee*

The Board was advised that the terms of Alvia Hearren, Kathleen Sbarra and Shirley Selepes have expired on the Nursing Home Advisory Committee and the term of Brinda Moore is due to expire. Commissioner Jones moved to reappoint Mr. Hearren, Ms. Sbarra, Ms. Selepes and Ms. Moore, seconded by Commissioner McCabe. There being no additional nominations, all were reappointed by acclamation.

*Adult Care Home Advisory Committee*

The Board was advised that the terms of Minnie Carmichael, D.J. Disosway, Charles Gupton and Chris Matthews have expired on the Adult Care Home Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sisk moved to reappoint Ms. Carmichael, Ms. Disoway, Mr. Gupton and Ms. Matthews, seconded by Commissioner McCabe. There being no additional nominations, all were reappointed by acclamation.

*Down East RPO*

The Board was requested to make an appointment of a municipal elected official to the Transportation Advisory Committee to replace Tom Bayliss, former New Bern Mayor, and an alternate for this position. It was the consensus of the Board to defer this appointment and contact Mayor Bettis concerning municipal appointments.

*Military Growth Task Force*

The Board was advised of the expired term of Marvin Raines on the Military Growth Task Force. Commissioner Sampson moved to reappoint Mr. Raines. There being no additional nominations, Mr. Raines was reappointed by acclamation.

*Upcoming Appointments – Fire Tax Commissioner*

The Board was advised that the term of Casesell Martin as a Twp. 5 Fire Tax Commissioner is due to expire. This appointment was deferred.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Arey Grady, of the County Attorney's office, presented the highest bid on the proposed timbering of a portion of the Craven County Industrial Park. The initial offer was for a total sum of \$39,290.00 (the total being comprised of a fixed fee clear-cutting contract of \$37,640.00 and a thinning contract estimated at \$1,650.00). As required by NC law, this bid was advertised for upset bids, and several were received. The upset bid period for the last bid received (from Rankin Timber Company for a total sum of \$57,737.00, comprised of a fixed fee clear-cutting contract of \$55,560.00 and a thinning contract estimated at \$2,175.00) has expired. The Board was asked to vote (i) to accept this last and highest bid and (ii) to authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to execute and deliver such instruments as may be necessary in the opinion of the County Attorney to finalize the timber cutting bid with Rankin Timber. Commissioner Sisk moved to award the bid to Rankin Timber Company for a total sum of \$57,737 and to authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to execute the necessary documents, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

In December the Board authorized the County Manager to solicit informal lease proposals on approximately 156 acres of land at the Industrial Park, Judicial Center and Cove City Park, as well as a ½ acre lot in the Harlowe Community. The ½ acre lot in Harlowe adjoins the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church which leased the property last year as parking for \$50. The church indicated its interest in renewing the lease of the property for 2010. Knowing no other interested parties, the County renewed the lease with the church for another year. Notices were posted at the Cooperative Extension Service bulletin board, the FSA office, and in the Extension Service newsletter to solicit proposals to lease land at the other three sites. Following is a summary of offers received to lease the property.

**SUMMARY OF LAND LEASE PROPOSALS**  
**February 10, 2010**

	<u>Industrial Park</u> (22 ac.)	<u>Industrial Park</u> (85 ac.)	<u>Cove City</u> (16ac.)	<u>Judicial Center</u> (33 ac.)
Ipock, Glenn	\$46	\$46		
McCoy, Ward			\$52.50	
Nobles, Kenneth				\$45
Parker, David	\$35	\$35		
White, Alfred	\$75	\$75	\$75	\$75
Wood, Patrick	\$58	\$58		\$58

Mr. White stated that he is willing to reimburse the farmer who had been farming the Cove City tract for preparatory work previously done if he is awarded the bid. Commissioner Jones commented that the highest bidder is not a Craven County farmer, whereas the other bidders are. He expressed the preference to lease to a Craven County taxpayer. The majority consensus was to make the award to the highest bidder. Commissioner Sisk moved to award the bid to Alfred White, seconded by Commissioner Allen, there being five (5) "Ayes" and two (2) "Nays" from Commissioner Jones and McCabe. County Manager, Harold Blizzard stated that next year and going forward ads will be placed for renewal of these leases in November so that leases may be finalized in January.

Mr. Blizzard responded to Commissioner Tyson regarding the use of the lot in the John Hardee division that was approved in the beginning of the meeting, stating that it is to be used for residential lots.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

*Commissioner Sisk* announced that she had attended the dedication of the Semper Fi bear at the airport.

*Commissioner Sampson* commented on the high gas prices and stressed the importance of volunteers in Craven County.

At 9:35 a.m. Commissioner McCabe moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

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Chairman Perry Morris  
 Craven County Board of Commissioners

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Gwendolyn M. Bryan  
 Clerk to the Board