

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, JULY 6, 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
- Jack B. Veit, III., 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 Allen moved to approve minutes of June 21, 2010 regular session and May 24, May 25 and June 9, 2010 reconvened sessions, seconded by Commissioner Sampson and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tax Releases

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following tax releases 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 |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| BARBEE, HELEN REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090146 | \$24.00 |
| BEST, EDWARD WILLIE & SHIRLEY REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090147 | \$12.00 |
| BRYAN, SUE DECEASED – HOME DESTROYED 1/1/2009 | 2009-0007304 | \$42.20 |
| BRYANT, CARRIE REBILLING SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090148 | \$12.00 |
| BRYANT, CHARITY E REBILLING SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090150 | \$12.00 |
| BRYANT, JUANITA JO SOLD MOBILE HOME 08/SEE ACCT 79449 | 2009-0007468 | \$92.39 |
| CARTER, STEVEN BOYD RELEASED TO CARTERET COUNTY | 2009-0009498 | \$135.59 |
| COOK BUILDING COMPANY INC NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2009 | 2009-0090390 | \$117.58 |

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| COOK BUILDING COMPANY INC BUSINESS CLOSED 1/1/2008 | 2008-0090358 | \$127.54 |
| COOK BUILDING COMPANY INC BUSINESS CLOSED 1/1/2007 | 2007-0090346 | \$136.46 |
| DAWSON, L F JR & LILLA REBILLING SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090154 | \$46.00 |
| DILLAHUNT, MICHAEL & DORETHA REBILLING SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090155 | \$46.00 |
| DOWNES, MARY LEE REBILLING SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090156 | \$56.00 |
| DUNCAN, MATTHEW AARON MIL-HIS NAME LES 09 ECC-11/3/11 TX | 2009-0016215 | \$51.06 |
| FERNANDEZ, JOHN BOAT SOLD IN 2008 | 2009-0091233 | \$190.56 |
| FLYIN' HIGH WIRELESS LLC NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2009 | 2009-0090484 | \$212.88 |
| FOUNDATION REHAB INC BUSINESS NEVER OPENED | 2007-0090467 | \$216.67 |
| FOUNDATION REHAB INC BUSINESS NEVER OPENED | 2008-0090437 | \$200.11 |
| FOUNDATION REHAB INC BUSINESS NEVER OPENED | 2009-0019499 | \$167.62 |
| FRANGIONE, GWENDOLYN REBILLING SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090161 | \$12.00 |
| GEORGE, JOSEPH GRAYSON REBILLING SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090162 | \$24.00 |
| GODETTE, JEFFERSON REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090163 | \$36.00 |
| GREGS AUTO SALES DOUBLE BILLED – ACCT#83067 | 2010-0090019 | \$57.39 |
| HARBOUR CARE INC NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2009 | 2009-0024185 | \$11.18 |
| HAWKINS, RUFUS A JR REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090164 | \$56.00 |
| HEATH, VIRGINIA NOBLES REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090165 | \$12.00 |
| HUMPHREY, RENA F REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090167 | \$36.00 |
| JONES, DAVID COLUMBUS REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090168 | \$46.00 |

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| JONES, JOSEPH E & JOYCE REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090169 | \$12.00 |
| JONES, JULIUS DOUBLE BILLED – SEE ACCT #66781 | 2009-0091257 | \$3,602.47 |
| JONES, SYLVIA B M REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090171 | \$12.00 |
| KING, ADRIAN PRORATION PER BILL OF SALE | 2009-0091260 | \$380.26 |
| LANCASTER, HATTIE E REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090173 | \$12.00 |
| LAWRENCE, MARGARET REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090174 | \$56.00 |
| MATTHEWS, RACHAEL REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090175 | \$12.00 |
| NATHAN, WILHELMINA V REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090177 | \$12.00 |
| NINOS DOUBLE BILLED – ACCT #81280 | 2010-0090032 | \$4,212.06 |
| NOLAN, ELIJAH HEIRS REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090178 | \$12.00 |
| PETRONIS, ROSALIE K REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090179 | \$12.00 |
| PUGH, DORA DEAN GREEN REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090181 | \$24.00 |
| RAMIREZ, RAMIRO C DID NOT OWN MOBILE HOME 1/1/2008 | 2008-0091414 | \$47.13 |
| RAMIREZ, RAMIRO C DID NOT OWN MOBILE HOME 1/1/2009 | 2009-0046564 | \$43.13 |
| RICHARDSON, ARMENIA HRS REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090182 | \$46.00 |
| RICKS, HELEN LOUISE REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090183 | \$12.00 |
| ROUSE, LUCILLE & LLOYD, DERRIC REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090184 | \$12.00 |
| SIMMONS, MARY K REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090185 | \$24.00 |
| SPENCER, HAZEL WILLIAMS REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090186 | \$12.00 |
| STALLINGS, MYRTLE C CRAIN REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTED RECYCLE | 2010-0090187 | \$12.00 |
| STEVENSON, ROBERT EARL & MARY REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTED RECYCLE | 2010-0090188 | \$12.00 |

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| TOLER, WILLIAM ROBERT DOUBLE LISTED – SEE ACCT 79936 | 2009-0090052 | \$51.67 |
| TRIPP, IRENE ELIZABETH REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTED RECYCLE | 2010-0090189 | \$12.00 |
| U-HAUL COMPANY DOUBLE BILLED – ACCT #83067 | 2010-0090044 | \$199.02 |
| VAILES, MELISSA S REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090192 | \$12.00 |
| WASHINGTON, DAVID K & LASHONE VEH PLATED/LISTED PERS. MILITARY | 2009-0059144 | \$28.08 |
| WHITE, MARION L REBILLED SCE – ADJUSTING RECYCLE | 2010-0090194 | \$12.00 |
| WIGGINS, ANNIE R REBILLED SCE – ADJUST RECYCLE | 2010-0090195 | \$12.00 |
| WILLIAMS, EDNA UNOCCUPIED SINCE 2005 | 2009-0061753 | \$38.07 |
| 57 – CREDIT MEMO (S) | | \$11,133.12 |

Budget Amendments and Ordinance Update

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

Health – Maternity

| REVENUES | AMOUNT | EXPENDITURES | AMOUNT |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 101-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance | \$205,000.00 | 101-5700-440-73-01 C/O \$5,000 | \$205,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$205,000.00 | TOTAL | \$205,000.00 |

Justification: To appropriate Medicaid Maximization funds for software replacing HIS. Medicaid Maximization of \$813,020.50 was received on 6/30/10 and rolled into fund balance.

Recreation

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| 371-0000-399-01-00 Fund Balance | \$6,000.00 | 371-0571-400-97-01 transfer to general fund | \$6,000.00 |
| 101-8001-366-07-00 From reserve | \$6,000.00 | 101-8001-460-73-02 C/O other improvement | \$6,000.00 |

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| 371-0571-400-97-01 Transfer to general fund | \$6,000.00 | 371-0000-101-00-00 Cash | \$6,000.00 |
| 101-0000-101-00-00 Cash | \$6,000.00 | 101-8001-366-07-00 From reserve | \$6,000.00 |

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| TOTAL | \$24,000.00 | TOTAL | \$24,000.00 |
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Justification: Appropriate additional funds for paving at West Craven Park. Three lanes required by DOT.

Planning

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| 277-0000-366-01-00 | \$90,000.00 | 277-4078-430-76-28 | \$90,000.00 |
| From general fund | | rehab county costs | |
| 277-0000-377-02-00 | \$850,000.00 | 277-4078-430-76-04 | \$67,352.00 |
| Grant CDBG | | Drainage | |
| | | 277-4078-430-76-20 | \$47,300.00 |
| | | Clearance | |
| | | 277-4078-430-76-21 | \$157,500.00 |
| | | Relocation assistance | |
| | | 277-4078-430-76-0 | \$285,200.00 |
| | | Rehabilitation | |
| | | 277-4078-430-76-50 | \$195,520.00 |
| | | Road | |
| | | 277-4078-430-76-63 | \$ 56,953.00 |
| | | Water/sewer improve | |
| | | 277-4078-430-76-70 | \$ 40,175.00 |
| | | Administration | |

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| 101-0567-430-97-04 | \$90,000.00 | 101-0000-101-00-00 | \$90,000.00 |
| Transfer/CDBG match | | cash | |
| 277-0000-101-00-00 | \$90,000.00 | 277-0000-366-01-00 | \$90,000.00 |
| Cash | | from general fund | |
| TOTAL | \$1,120,000.00 | TOTAL | \$1,120,000.00 |

Justification: Budget amendment needed to accept and expend county match and grant funds received under CDBG FY 08 James City Community Revitalization CDBG.

Ordinance

**CDBG FY 08 James City
Fund 277**

This ordinance is hereby approved in the following amounts for expenditures to the CDBG FY 08 James City Revitalization.

Expenditures:

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| Rehab – County Costs | \$ 90,000.00 |
| Drainage Improvements | \$ 67,352.00 |
| Clearance | \$ 47,300.00 |
| Relocation | \$157,500.00 |
| Rehabilitation | \$285,200.00 |
| Street Improvements | \$195,520.00 |
| Water Improvements | \$ 56,953.00 |
| Administration | \$ 40,175.00 |
| TOTAL | \$940,000.00 |

The following revenues are hereby estimated for the CDBG FY 08 James City Revitalization.

Revenues:

| | |
|--------------|------------------|
| County Match | \$ 90,000.00 |
| CDBG Grant | \$850,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$940,000.00 |

This ordinance is hereby approved this 6th day of July, 2010.

Subdivision for Approval

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

Robert V. McGovern, Jr. & Katrina B. McGovern Division – Final: The property, owned by Ilene Adams and surveyed by James C. Simmons, Jr. is located within Twp. 5 off of SR 1707 (Salter Harris Farm Road). The subdivision contains 1 lot on 1.280 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and an individual septic system.

Resolution Approving Administrative Guidelines and Policies for the FY 2008 CDBG Community Revitalization Grant (James City)

The County was awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$850,000 from the 2008 Community Revitalization category. The board was requested to adopt the following resolution approving Administrative Guidelines, as itemized below:

**CRAVEN COUNTY
RESOLUTION APPROVEING ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES AND POLICIES
FOR THE FY 2008 CDBG COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Craven County wishes to carry out its FY2008 CDBG program in accordance with established state and federal administrative guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Board of Commissioners hereby collectively adopts the following resolutions, guidelines, plans and policies, and resolves that they be utilized during the administration of the County’s FY2008 CDBG program:

1. Project Budget Ordinance
2. Housing Assistance Policy
3. Rehabilitation/Demolition Contract Award Policy
4. Citizen Participation Plan
5. Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan
6. Local Economic Benefit for LMI Persons (Section 3) Plan
7. Equal Employment and Procurement Policy
8. Policy Concerning Code of Conduct
9. Fair Housing Policy
10. Section 519 Policy (Prohibiting Use of Excessive Force)
11. Resolution Approving Project Advisory Committee
12. Temporary Relocation Policy
13. Designation of Labor Standards Enforcement Officer

Adopted this 6th day of July, 2010.

Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the Resolution, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Eastern Carolina Behavioral Health Consolidation Agreement and Resolution of Consolidation

The Board was asked to approve the final consolidation agreement and to adopt a resolution which allows the ten counties of AMHC to join Eastern Carolina Behavioral

Health. The resolution allows ECBH to own real property in those ten counties. Commissioner Sampson moved to approve the consolidation agreement and adopt the following resolution of consolidation, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CONSOLIDATION
WITH ADDITIONAL COUNTIES AND
THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY
BY EAST CAROLINA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

WHEREAS, Albermarle Mental Health Center, Developmental Disabilities, Substance Abuse Services (“AMHC”), is a Local Management Entity as that term is defined by N.C.G. S. § 122C *et. seq.*, serving a catchment area comprised of the Counties of Camden, Chowan, Hyde, Pasquotank, Tyrrell, Currituck, Dare, Martin, Perquimans, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, AMHC shall dissolve effective July 1, 2010 and the counties within its catchment area propose to consolidate with East Carolina Behavioral Health (“ECBH”) a Local Management Entity as that term is defined by N.C.G.S. §122C *et. seq.*, serving a catchment area comprised of the Counties of Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Gates, Hertford, Jones, Northampton, Pamlico and Pitt; and

WHEREAS, AMHC proposes to transfer its interest in three (3) parcels of real property, situate in Camden County, Perquimans County and Currituck County, to ECBH in consideration of the terms of the consolidation.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the counties within AMHC’s catchment area shall consolidate with ECBH, effective July 1, 2010.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 122C-147(c), ECBH be, and hereby is, authorized to accept and hold title to AMHC’s interest in that certain real property situate in Camden County, Perquimans County and Currituck County.

Adopted this the 6th day of July, 2010.

Health Fee Adjustment

The Board of Health, at its meeting on June 14, recommended the following schedule of adjustments to fees in the dental clinic, requiring charges to be 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, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

| Procedure Code/Description | Medicaid Rate | Proposed Rate |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Dental Clinic | | |
| D2932/Prefab. Resin crown | \$169.52 | \$175.00 |
| D2933/Prefab. Stainless steel crown | \$189.05 | \$195.00 |
| D2934/Prefab. Esthetic coated stainless | \$189.05 | \$195.00 |

Set Public Hearing for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP)

CARTS requested that a public hearing be set for 7:00 p.m. on August 2, 2010 to receive public input on the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP). Commissioner Sampson moved to set a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on August 2, 2010, as requested, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Landon Holland, Holland Consulting Planners, presented the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. He stated that the plan is intended to address structural and policy mitigation

standards, and explained that mitigation strategies are more detailed in the update, which comprises most of the major changes.

At 7:12 p.m. commissioner Sampson moved to go into public hearing, as advertised, seconded by Commissioner Tyson, to receive public comment on the plan. There were no speakers from the public and at 7:13 p.m. Commissioner Sampson moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Allen and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Daisy English

Ms. English appeared before the Board concerning the James City Community's request for a "Welcome to Historic James City" road marker, and asked the Board of Commissioners to support a resolution that states the following:

1. Craven County recognizes James City as a community with the County of Craven
2. Supports the James City Community in its endeavor to request NCDOT to install "Welcome to James City" signs
3. Upon installation of the "Welcome to James City" signs, when these signs need maintenance it will be the responsibility of the James City Community to maintain

These are requirements from NC Department of Transportation in order for the DOT to erect "Welcome to James City" signs.

DOT required the County to approve a community map that recognizes the boundary of James City. Ms. English indicated the community's agreement with a map of the James City Community prepared by the Planning Department, which depicts James City as consisting of Meadowsville, Brownsville, Leesville and Graysville. Ms. English indicated that she and other citizens of James City have studied the recommended boundary map and agree. In addition, she stated that Steve Hamilton of DOT estimated the cost of the signs. Residents agree to pay for signs and have raised half of the funds, and also agree to being responsible for maintenance. Commissioner Allen moved to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION BY THE CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Craven County's proud history includes the establishment of James City during the Civil War as a community of freed slaves; and

WHEREAS, residents of the James City Community are willing to fund the cost of signs to be erected by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, welcoming the traveling public to Historic James City; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the James City Community have also committed themselves to be responsible for providing ongoing maintenance of the signs and grounds under and around the signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports the request of the James City Community that the North Carolina Department of Transportation erect highway signage recognizing the community of Historic James City, such signage to be erected at the cost of the residents.

This, the 6th day of July, 2010.

George Wetherington

Mr. Wetherington made a request to receive information about the County’s funding history with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He asserted that the organization was serving only about 1% of deserving children per County of its service area, on average.

Hal James

Mr. James addressed the Board about the FY 2011 County budget. He spoke on behalf of Coastal Carolina Taxpayers Association, asserting that the budget was set up on false expectations of sales tax receipts. He advocated for reduction of taxes and no funding of charities.

Nancy Masters-Pils

Ms. Masters-Pils addressed the Board asking why the County is not concerned that the County’s Dangerous Dog Ordinance is not in compliance with the State statutes, why the Board has not answered her questions or met with her and why she was not granted three days to lodge an objection to the designation of her dog.

FY08 CDBG-COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION SELECTION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING CONTRACTOR

On June 14, 2010 Requests for Proposals for Professional Engineering/Surveying Contractor Services were sent to five engineering firms from Eastern North Carolina, and also advertised for engineering services in the *Sun Journal*. The Planning Department also had six additional engineering firms respond to the advertisement and each was forwarded proposals. The proposals were rated as follows:

| Rating Factor | Max Pt | Firms | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | | Wooten Co. | McGill Assoc. | McDavid Assoc. | Withers & Ravenel | Lamm Eng. Asso |
| Local Government Engineering Experience | 55 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| CDBG Engineering Experience | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 5 |
| Professional Staff Qualifications | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Efficiency/Workload | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Qualifications of Resident Inspector | 25 | 20 | 20 | 25 | 20 | 15 |
| Hourly Rates | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| TOTAL POINTS | 120 | 75 | 75 | 90 | 65 | 75 |

| Rating Factor | Max Pt | Firms | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Appian Eng. | Avolis Eng. | Thomas Eng. |
| | | 55 | 45 | 40 |
| | | 10 | 0 | 5 |
| | | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| | | 25 | 15 | 25 |
| | | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL POINTS | *110 | 70 | 70 | 70 |

Staff recommended award of the contract to Appian Engineering in Rocky Mount. Their fee proposal was not the most competitive, but experience and qualifications were rated very highly. They are currently providing services for the County under Holland Consulting Planners’ work relative to the zoning ordinance. The hourly rates among bidders range from \$45/hr. to \$140/hr, with Appian being \$85/hr. Commissioner Sisk moved to authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Appian Engineering, as

recommended, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS

Airport Authority

The terms of Bill Naumann and Harry Blott are expiring on the Airport Authority. Commissioner Sampson nominated both for reappointment. There being no other nominees, Mr. Naumann and Mr. Blott were reappointed by acclamation, for three year terms.

NCACC Voting Delegate

The Board was required to designate a voting delegate to the NCACC Annual Conference. Commissioner Sampson moved to nominate Chairman Morris, seconded by Commissioner Sisk.

Upcoming Appointments

The Board was advised that terms will expire at the end of July on the following boards: ABC Board (Jimmy Whitford); Eastern Carolina Council of Governments (James Jackson); Fire Tax Commissioners (William Laughinghouse); River Bend Board of Adjustment – ETJ (Kelly Forrest); River Bend Planning Board – ETJ (Thomas Zak).

The Chairman asked that these appointments be deferred until the Board's next meeting, which may not occur until August 2. It was agreed that there is no urgency and the appointments were deferred.

Commissioner Sampson moved to cancel the second monthly meeting in July, due to the attendance of several Commissioners at the NACo Annual Conference, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Child Support Program

County Manager, Harold Blizzard, reported that the County has received a Certificate of Occupancy for the renovated space at the St. Luke's building and PSI began operating the Child Support Program for Craven County from that location on July 1 as planned.

Rhems Volunteer Fire Department Apparatus Purchase Re-Approval

A formal proposal was presented on behalf of Rhems Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a fire truck, to be financed by First Citizens Bank. On May 17, the Board had been advised of the Department's intent to make the purchases based on a verbal commitment of the bank to finance the purchase amount of \$165,000 to \$175,000 at 1% above prime. The Board was requested to formally re-approve the purchase in the amount of \$174,347 to be financed and repaid over ten years with monthly principal and interest payments of \$1,807.90. Commissioner Allen moved to give formal approval for financing of the Rhems Fire Department apparatus purchase, seconded by Commissioner McCabe and unanimously carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Tyson stated that he was glad to hear that St. Luke's renovation has come to fruition, and congratulated Assistant County Manager, Jack Veit, for doing such a good job getting it done so quickly. He commended the James City Community and City of New Bern for their Fourth of July festivities.

Commissioner Sisk commented on the success of the River Bend July 4 celebration on July 3.

Commissioner Allen commended all of the communities for their July 4 activities and thanked those who participated.

Commissioner Jones announced the Dover Reunion being held July 16-18 in the Town of Dover, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 16, ending at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, July 18. Any excess proceeds from this event will go toward assisting needy Dover residents, such as those who need weatherization, sewer connections, etc.

Commissioner McCabe stated his regrets for having missed community July 4 activities, due to a family reunion.

Commissioner Sampson reported on the West Street – J.T. Barber homecoming held during the July 4 weekend and asked for citizens to continue protesting high gas prices.

Commissioner Morris recognized County Attorney, Jim Hicks, who was recently named Citizen Lawyer by the North Carolina Bar Association. He announced that Anthony Wright who retired from pro football last year, bought Pat's Soda Shop in Vanceboro, which is scheduled to open Friday, July 10 at 12:00 noon. He commented that the revaluation has been a big topic and the value on one of his properties increased by \$470,000. He stated that he feels the pain also, but understands how it works.

Commissioner Tyson stated that he would like to see a written opinion from the County Attorney relative to the Dangerous Dog Ordinance. Commissioner Jones commented that maybe a call needs to be made to Nancy Masters-Pils and arrange for her speak to whoever she needs to.

At 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Sampson 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